

Gracious PROMISE

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Christ centered support for those impacted by incarceration as they seek to rebuild their lives.

Serving Ex-Offenders Amid the Covid Pandemic

Since March 2020, we have been unable to enter the Johnson County jails, other than one hour per week by our President. As a result, we have concentrated our ministry on providing transitional services to prisoners released from jail. Specifically, we provide help with lodging (21 motel nights and 37 Oxford House placements), transportation (4 cars), clothing, work tools, fines, and church connections. We have also supplied 1,112 Bibles

to current and ex-inmates.

Most importantly, we have directed ex-inmates to Bible studies at Share the Hope (see picture), Heartland Church, Anchor Her, House of Hope, ARC, JV Merriam, and New Dimensions Church for a total of 1,854 meeting attendees. In fact, we currently hold a meeting virtually every day of the week for both men and women, separately. James (story on the right) is one of the many whom we have helped.



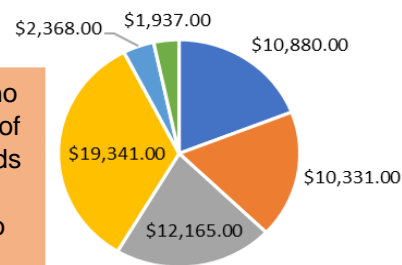
Meet James Williamson



"I once lived a life of drug addiction and street corruption. A criminal lifestyle eventually landed me in prison at age 43. I realized that my bad choices from my addiction to cocaine and meth should have led to my death. While serving three years in prison, I chose to give my life to God. A Gracious Promise volunteer visited me in the Wyandotte County jail and explained how the ministry could help us find jobs, sustain us through bible studies and help us transition back into society.

Twenty months later, on a bus ride with two other ex-inmates on our way to an Oxford House, they told me of a Share the Hope Bible study the next morning at Homer's Coffee House. There I encountered unconditional love and welcome. A man there gave me his brand-new shoes, and another got me a job. A couple gave me breakfast, bought steel toes shoes for work, and took me to my appointments. I participated in Gracious Promise meetings on Saturday and through the week to stay focused on my life in Jesus. Thanks to Jesus Christ and Gracious Promise, I am able to live a spiritually driven, values based, goal orientated life, knowing that my brothers and sisters from Gracious Promise are always there for support when I need them."

OUR RECORD OF EXPENSES (through November)



Led by volunteers and no salaries, only about 2% of donated funds go towards overhead. 98% of donations go directly to meet client needs.

- Lodging
- Transportation
- Bibles & Books
- Client Assistance
- Clothing
- Other Client Support

Will you please consider a generous donation to Gracious Promise at this time?

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