

THE Waysider

Be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only. (James 1:22)

From Gang Member to Peer Support Specialist



Jesus has a way of taking the most unlikely candidates and making them his hands on earth. Consider “Cindy’s” story in her own words. “Laying on a cold concrete slab for the 47th time, I felt completely defeated!!! You see, I was raised in a gambling house. My father was a cocaine dealer and my mother was a prostitute. I was introduced to alcohol at an early age. My parents both struggled with addiction. I never blamed them...it was just normal for me. I became an active gang member by the age of 14. At 16, I joined a foreign gang and traveled with them for several years. By

Cindy has over a year of sobriety now 22, I was serving a three-year prison term, and saw prison two more times after that. The Judge sent me to three different rehabs, but I never lasted more than two weeks and then went on the run for five years, losing all control of my life. The real change came after my heart was introduced to the miracles at Wayside Christian Mission. **I’m proud to say that these days, I’m walking closer to God.** The program at Wayside allowed me to find myself and helped me to get on the path of which I had only dreamed. Since I have graduated the Sober Living Program, I am in school, I am teaching in the recovery classes, (continued on page 2)

“If one of your country men becomes poor and is unable to support himself among you, help him...”

Leviticus 25:35

YOU CAN HELP!

- ✓ Pray
- ✓ Volunteer
- ✓ Be Involved
- ✓ Give

Cash
 Used Autos
 In-Kind Gifts
 (food and supplies)
 Gifts of
 Appreciated
 Assets
 (stock, real estate, etc.)

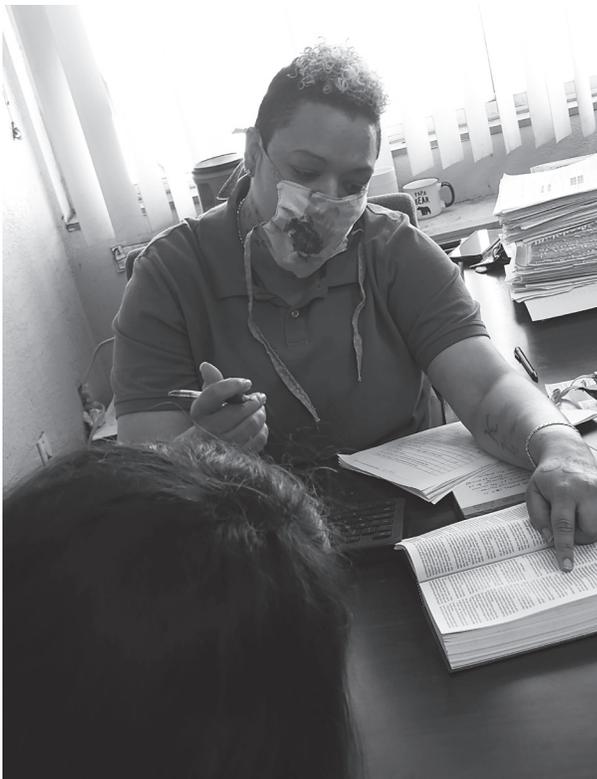
For further information
 call the Mission
 (502) 584-3711

Director's Corner: Holiday News!

Wayside Christian Mission has provided a ministry site for literally hundreds of volunteers every Thanksgiving and Christmas for years. 2020, however, is a year like no other. Due to COVID, we can only use a very limited number of volunteers at each location. Positions include cooking, setting up, serving, cleaning, and helping us take food to the homeless on the streets. If interested, please contact our volunteer coordinator, Kris Gordon, at kris.gordon.wcm@gmail.com, or at 502-345-9030. Some alternative ways to volunteer this year include dropping off holiday desserts at both locations, collecting needed items and donating them (this includes winter coats, socks, hats, scarves, gloves, and blankets), or even sponsoring a family for Christmas. Sponsoring a family entails shopping for the family members, wrapping the presents, and delivering them to the Hotel for distribution. Please contact Kris if you can help us with this.



Due to necessary virus precautions, the holidays will look very different.



Cindy assists other clients at the Mission

Cindy's Journey (continued from page 1)

I have completed Peer Support Specialist training at Bridgehaven, and I assist in case management at Wayside with women and families. I also attend church every Sunday and participate in two choirs. For the past two months, I have been the featured artist in the Wayside Expressions Art Gallery, displaying my paintings. So you see, I have been blessed beyond measure with life-changing opportunities. Today I have a solid support system and everyday I get a little bit stronger and closer to my dreams. Going forward, I am on a journey to give back what has been so freely given to me here at Wayside Christian Mission, and what has allowed me to completely change my life. I have now learned to reach for the stars, and to help other women do the same." If you have a loved one trapped in the chaos of addiction, please point them in our direction. Call 345-9030.

Volunteers Helping the Homeless

The Child Evangelism Fellowship of Kentucky (CEF) recently paid a visit to Wayside Christian Mission to put on a program for the children who live in the shelter. The children had a great time as our volunteers led games, shared the Gospel, and presented gifts of candy, school supplies and hygiene items. One of the most difficult aspects of surviving the pandemic has been the loss of our volunteers, who have traditionally helped in literally every area of the Mission. Some of our volunteers have been creative in staying connected with our clients. Several Bible Study and Chapel groups have continued via ZOOM activities. Others have channeled their efforts in other ways, such as collecting needed goods for the Mission. We look forward to the return of volunteers in 2021.



CEF volunteers enrich the lives of our homeless guests

Many Different Ways to Help

Everyone at Wayside Christian Mission greatly appreciates all that our supporters and volunteers do to help the Mission serve the homeless. Recently Ed Berry, Pastor of Henry Christian Church, presented the Mission with a generous check for support. The Louisville Apartment Association donated 290 backpacks stuffed with T-shirts, snacks, ponchos, and other useful items to be given to the homeless. These would normally have been handed out at the annual Stand Down, which was canceled due to COVID. A group from Valley High School brought four large cartfuls of food to the shelter. All of these acts of love help us to take care of 550-650 homeless men, women and children on a daily basis, sharing not only food and shelter, but God's Love as well. Thank you all for your help.



Louisville Apartment Association delivers backpacks



Find out everything you want to know about Wayside on our NEW WEBSITE!

Keep up with your favorite Wayside activities much easier on our new website.

You'll find it easy to get around with large buttons and clearly labeled links.

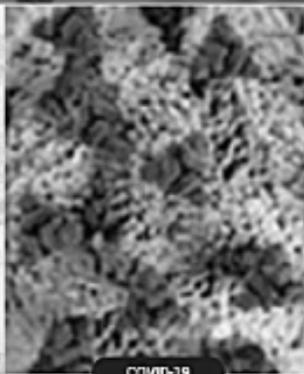
With the holidays coming, visit us to discover:

- * Upcoming events
- * Donation needs
- * Volunteer opportunities
- * Success stories
- * COVID effects on WCM
- * And so much more!



Family Shelter

Family Shelter Stabilizes Lives



COVID-19

COVID19's Effects on Wayside



Recovery

Recovery is a Healing Process

We hope to see you soon!

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The Lifesavers Club makes supporting Wayside Christian Mission easy by providing a monthly reminder of the pledge size which fits your budget. To join simply complete the form below and mail in the enclosed envelope.

Yes, I would like to give monthly \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Did I send that check to the Mission this month?



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Urgent Needs

- Meat & Vegetables
- Razors & Shaving Cream
- Washers & Dryers
- Underwear & Socks
- Cars & Trucks
- Toilet Paper
- Large-sized Clothing
- Cleaning Supplies
- Furniture
- and of course

Volunteers