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An unstable childhood led Tracy in the wrong direction. He's now back on track with dreams for the future.

Tracy grew up in an unstable home that deeply affected him. He says he carries those wounds to this day.

He remembers nonstop arguments between his parents, mostly because his father had been unfaithful to his mother with many different women. His mother finally left them, and with her left the family's financial security. His dad lost his job, and they found themselves sleeping in a car with no food.

This terrible instability led Tracy to a life on the streets, abusing drugs and committing crimes. In his late teens, he started using meth and wound up in prison twice on drug charges.

After many years of setbacks, Tracy finally came to the Mission for help and entered our Lighthouse Recovery program. There he

learned coping mechanisms and new ways of thinking and dealing with challenges.

How does he see his future? “I just want a nice, peaceful, happy life with a place to call my own,” he says.

“... you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.”

— PSALM 4:8

Thank you for your compassion toward people like Tracy who are struggling. †

“God Is My Hero”

Through God's power and your support, Guillermo is embracing a future of hope.

Guillermo's childhood was marred by pain and hardship. His stepdad abused him both physically and emotionally, and seeking escape he joined a gang at the age of 13.

Gang life, according to Guillermo, was the only way he could feel that he belonged to something. He quickly began drinking and using drugs. Hating the way he was living, he tried to commit suicide at the age of 16.

When Guillermo's mother finally divorced his abusive stepdad, he left gang life and moved with his mother to Southern California. Unfortunately, he continued to drink and abuse drugs.

In his 20s, Guillermo fell in love. But even the love of a good woman couldn't stop his downward spiral. The relationship ended after 23 years, and that pain drove Guillermo deeper into addiction.

He moved to Las Vegas several years ago.

He landed good jobs but lost them all because of his alcoholism.

One day he decided his life had to change, and he believes God led him to the Las Vegas Rescue Mission. He says faith in God has played a huge role in his recovery.

“I've always believed, but now I'm getting into the Bible here at the Mission. God is my hero.”

When asked about his time at the Mission, he says, “I'm grateful that I'm still alive. Grateful that I wake up in the morning and have a bed I can make. Grateful I can take a shower. Grateful for everything they give me here.”

Most of all, he says he's grateful for a whole new future.

Thank you for helping neighbors like Guillermo find hope and healing on their journey to a hope-filled future! †

“I'm grateful that I'm still alive.”

Guillermo found a place to heal, thanks to friends like you.

Heather's Message of Hope

A Personal Note From the CEO Just for You.



**“ ... with God
all things are
possible.”**

— MATTHEW 19:26

Dear Friend,

The scripture verse to the left reflects wisdom pivotal to our work here at the Las Vegas Rescue Mission. If we only rely on human strength, we can do very little. But with God, all things are possible!

The Easter season is a glorious reminder that new life is available to all through the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ. Here at the Mission, we are privileged to see God's power at work and the Easter promise embraced every day throughout the year.

I hope you enjoy the latest edition of *The Beacon*. You'll read about two men whose lives were transformed, thanks to faith in God and support from caring friends like you.

Your gifts help us provide meals, shelter and so much more. We rejoice in everyone whose lives are transformed by our programs and services.

As you read about Guillermo and Tracy who are on that transformative journey, just know that without you, we wouldn't be able to provide the support system that often leads to true change in someone's life. Thank you for all you do for others.

God bless you for your kindness,

Heather Engle, CEO

I WANT TO HELP MY STRUGGLING NEIGHBORS

YES! I want to bring help and hope to people in need this spring. Here's my gift of:

- \$17.43** to provide **7 meals** and care.
- \$22.41** to provide **9 meals** and care.
- \$34.86** to provide **14 meals** and care.
- \$_____ to provide as much help as possible.

- I'd like to give monthly. My first *Visionary Club* gift of \$_____ is enclosed.
- I've enclosed my check payable to the Las Vegas Rescue Mission.
- Please charge my credit card.



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Thank you!



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