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*"Help for the desperate, those willing to seek Jesus Christ for the answers in their lives."*



Thank you to everyone who helped us out with canned goods and produce. We are overwhelmed with the goodness of God through His people. We are also excited to let everyone know that we now have chickens and a new greenhouse. We pray that the Lord will bless this and use it to provide food for the family now and for years to come!!

When we fall in love, we give all of our attention to that relationship. At the beginning, the other person is your first thought of the day and the last person you think about before you fall asleep. You want to put your best foot forward to show what a catch you are and prove that the other person should love you as much as you love them. It should be no different with Jesus. You can't hurry through your Bible reading, devotion time and prayer. If you do- then you are only in habit and not in love. I spent a season of my walk loving Jesus, but not truly being in love with Him. Then I asked Him to show me His love for me. He did just that, through scriptures like 1 John 4:10,11 **"In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."**, and **"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment"** Matthew 22:37,38. When I realized His love for me, I wanted to know Him more and more. He was the first person I wanted to talk to when I woke up. I began to go throughout my entire day talking to Him, and He was definitely the last person I talked to before I went to bed. I can remember longing for a person to share my life with, but I finally got to the place in my heart that if Jesus was all I ever had, I had all that I needed in this life and forever. I realized that the more I fell in Love with Jesus, the easier it is was to serve and obey Him and His commands and the more I served and obeyed, the more I fell in love with Him. To love the Lord is to follow Him wherever He leads, obey no matter what He asks and trust Him through every trial. When you fall in love with Jesus, He will put everything else in your life in its rightful place. Passionately pursue your relationship with Jesus!

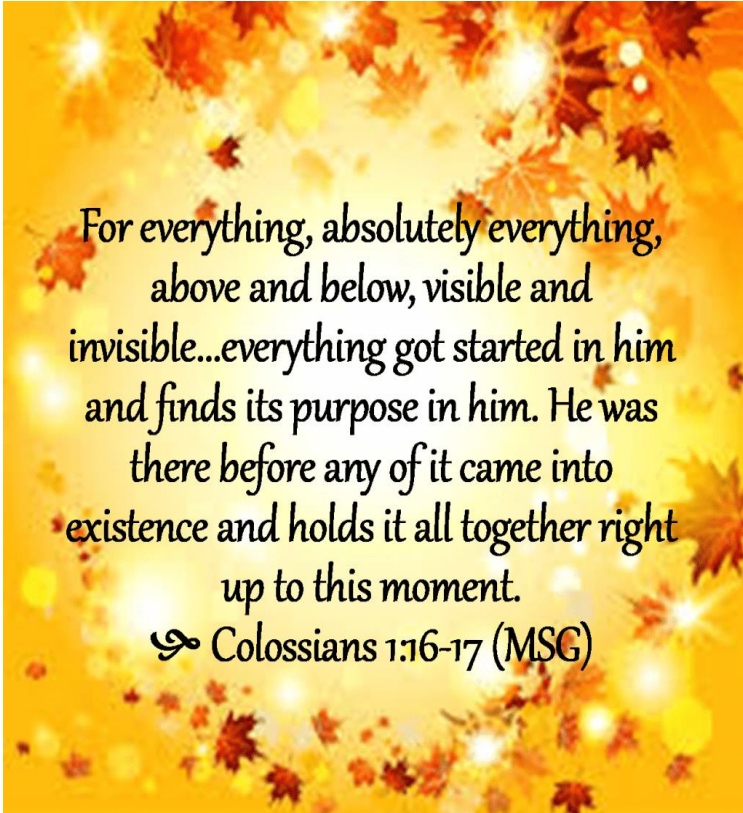
**He deserves your best.**



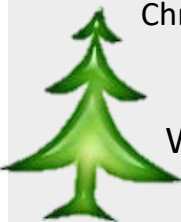
***If you are ready to be delivered from your life-controlling problems, if you are ready for JESUS, then we believe that our program is for YOU. If you are looking for help for yourself or for a loved one, please pick up the phone and call today. 573-371-2020 We will be happy to help or direct you to one of our other 20 Mission Teen centers.***



My name is **Claude Essary**, and I was born on July 27, 1977, in Bartow, FL. My mother was mentally ill, and my father was an alcoholic and a gambler, this made for a rough childhood. As I grew up, I had a lot of hate and anger from my upbringing that affected every part of my life. I just wanted to love people so much, because I didn't want anyone to feel the way I felt inside. In November of last year, I was in jail for the fifteenth time; I was at a point in my life that I had never seen before. I did not have the energy to do anything, and I had given up on everything. In my desperation, sitting in a jail cell, I cried out to the Lord. I needed Him to show me what to do. My prayer was answered through a man named Mr. Godfrey, who I had never met. He told me about Freedom House and helped me get here. He showed me love when no one else did. My lawyer said I could not come right away, but the Lord softened his heart and the judge's heart, and I was out of jail and at Freedom House within a week. God is so good. Since I have been here, I have learned how to work through all of the hate and anger I had built up in my heart from my past. I have found a peace that I have never had in my life. Jesus is my peace! One of the verses that has helped me the most is ***Psalms 46:10 Be still and know that I am God! I will be honored by every nation. I will be honored throughout the world.***



*For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible...everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him. He was there before any of it came into existence and holds it all together right up to this moment.*  
 ☞ **Colossians 1:16-17 (MSG)**



Christmas is right around the corner!  
 Christmas Sponsors Needed

We are currently collecting \$65 per person for purchasing gifts.

For many of the people at Freedom House, this will be the first Christmas in a long time that they will spend sober. For some, this will be the first Christmas celebrating the true meaning ...JESUS! We want to make this holiday a great day for each of them. We let the residents make a list of things they want and then we go out and buy the items with the money that is raised, wrap them up and place them under the tree to open as a family on Christmas.

Please pray about being a blessing to us with a sponsorship

*We have recently started working with several different organizations around the state to help place people (who are ready for change) in Mission Teens centers. Please pray for us as we connect with new places to help the lost.*

**Thanksgiving Talent Show**  
**Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 6pm!**

**Come see us at the Dexter Fall Fest!**  
**Saturday, October 12th 9am – 3pm**  
**We will be selling homemade crafts**  
**Team JESUS!!!**

**OCTOBER NEEDS:**  
 FRESH PRODUCE, EGGS, OIL, CANNED FRUIT AND VEGETABLES, BREAD, JELLY, SALAD DRESSINGS, MILK  
 COTTON MODULES, 5W20 & 5W30 OIL, DEX COOL, POTTING SOIL, FERTILIZER, WASHER FLUID, WHITE OUT, POST IT NOTES, 3 X 5 NOTEBOOKS, 91% RUBBING ALCOHOL, SPRAY BOTTLES, BLEACH  
 13 & 33 GALLON TRASHBAGS

*Please pray and Ask the Lord if He would have you support this ministry with a portion of your giving on a monthly basis.*

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