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

# Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord, the
Maker of heaven and earth. He will not
let your foot slip— he who watches
over you will not slumber; indeed, he
who watches over Israel will neither
slumber nor sleep. The Lord watches
over you— the Lord is your shade at
your right hand; the sun will not harm
you by day, nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life; the Lord
will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.

Ask God to show you something beautiful and let His Spirit within you open your eyes and your heart to see it. We live in the flatlands of Southeast Missouri, and we always watch the most beautiful sunsets. The sky turns a beautiful purple and orange color, and we are amazed. This year we were also blessed with experiencing the Northern Lights for the first time ever. We stand in awe of the Lord and His beauty. He loves us so much that sometimes he just paints us a beautiful picture. Don't miss it. Take time to recognize the works of His hands all around us. If you are driving from point A to point B, you can see a lot of "ugly" in the world...trash on the roads and sidewalks, abandon buildings, junky yards and more. You can also see beautiful clouds, trees budding with all colors of green, flowering bushes, and wildlife. I love to just "Be Still." That's when you can look around and know how grand He is. Don't miss that blessing that He is doing just for you.









My name is **Mike Shepherd**. I'm 64 years old and from St. Louis, MO. As a kid I knew exactly what I wanted to be when I grew up. I wanted to be a professional soccer player, and I played a lot. When I got to high school I got hurt and my dream ended. I had difficultly handling this and resented the other guys who got to play. I felt "less than" because I wasn't playing, but my grades remained good. I started drinking when I was a junior. This took away any shyness or social inadequacy that I had. From the very beginning I drank to get drunk. After my high school experience I was on a mission to prove myself. I got married to the girl of my dreams and at the age of 25 had three children and opened a restaurant with two friends. It was successful and I worked hard and drank hard. Drinking

got the best of me and at 30 I entered the first of many rehab facilities, I managed to open another business during my career, but in the end, I couldn't keep a simple job. Throughout my life when it came to choosing between anything important and alcohol, I chose alcohol, I gave up on my family, left then and lost everything I had several times, I was so prideful that I always thought I could get back up and reattain success. Considering God was the last thing on my mind because I didn't need Him. Finally, the only hope I had left was to try God. When I got my first Bible, I opened it to the Proverbs and read them. It was a rude awakening because I could see myself for who I really was, all I ever cared about was myself and I loved the world, I found a church and started seeking the Lord. I did not totally stop drinking because I was still holding on to some things of the world. I did not want to give them up. I went through a tough time again and ended up at Freedom House, my pastor recommended it to me because one of our church members had gone through the program. Freedom House is a Mission Bible Training Center; the program is meant to point me to Jesus and instill some disciple in my life. I like to call it spiritual bootcamp. My journey in the mission has come with some stumbling along the way. However, I have come to know the Lord and have become a student of His word. I know that He is real because of my experience and that my relationship with Him can be as deep as I want based on my willingness to submit. I have also learned the significance of praise and worship and a prayer life. Being a Christian is hard, but nothing like the hard of being kicked around by the world. I'm grateful for the Freedom House and my prayer is that the Lord will continue to have His way in this place. *Psalm 25:4 Show me the right path, O LORD: point out the road for me to follow.* 

#### **SEPTEMBER NEEDS:**

FRESH PRODUCE, EGGS, OIL, BREAD, 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.

You can also send your donations through our PayPal account... <u>freedomhousembtc@gmail.com</u>

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## Praise Report

More than 150 people received salvation as a result
of the evangelism in the park events this year!
Praise the Lord! Huge thank you to Open Door
Church, Pastor Kenny Burns and all of the other
churches that have worked together to make this
such a success! 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

### BUILDING PROJECT



We have completed the building for Open Door Church!! PTL! We are now moving on with phase 2new living space for the women!

We will be needing the following supplies to complete this project:

10 sets of heavy-duty metal bunk beds, 20 chest of drawers, 20 memory foam twin mattresses. If you would like to be a blessing to this project, please call Dennis 573-305-2997













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