

HOPE FOR TODAY

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Former Home Remodeler Remodels Himself

Thomas, in his first few days at Hope Rescue Mission.



Thomas R. always relied on his physical strength as his means to make a living, and that has been taken away from him.

Thomas had to have both of his legs amputated above the knees after he was in a fire that burned his pants and severely damaged his legs. He has endured months of pain from his burns and other health complications that require regular treatment. After being discharged from the hospital, Thomas lived with his elderly father, who also has many health concerns.

Staying with his father long-term was not going to work, so Thomas found himself on the streets until a good Samaritan stopped and drove him to the Mission for help.

Thomas says he feels so thankful and hopeful since arriving at the Mission. Little things make him feel refreshed – a warm shower, a fresh haircut and shave, new clothes, and access to healthy meals daily.

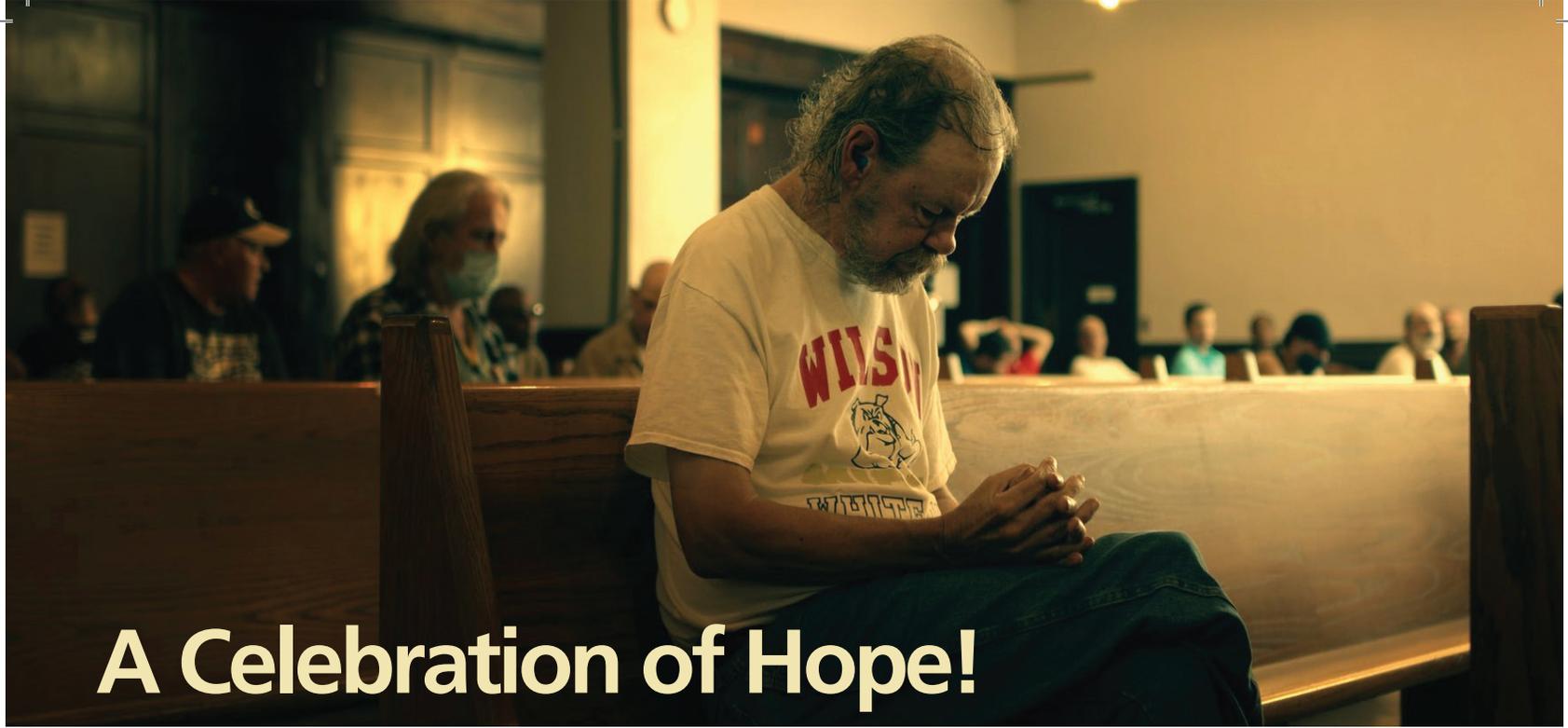
Thomas feels God's presence at Hope, as our Case Managers work with him to arrange transportation to his regular medical appointments and work with him on a plan to transition into suitable, long-term housing.

Thomas attends chapel services daily, which have helped him reconnect to the Christian faith he grew up with. He wants to walk again with prosthetics, but he is not allowing that to cause him stress at this time.



The former home remodeler is focused on remodeling himself inside and out, along with “all the kind people who are helping me at Hope Rescue Mission.”

After his first weekend at Hope, Thomas looks like a brand new man.



A Celebration of Hope!

Join us as we bring our annual banquet to the community to CELEBRATE the HOPE that continues to GROW!
We have created a beautiful video that highlights the Lord's life-restoring work in the lives of men living here.

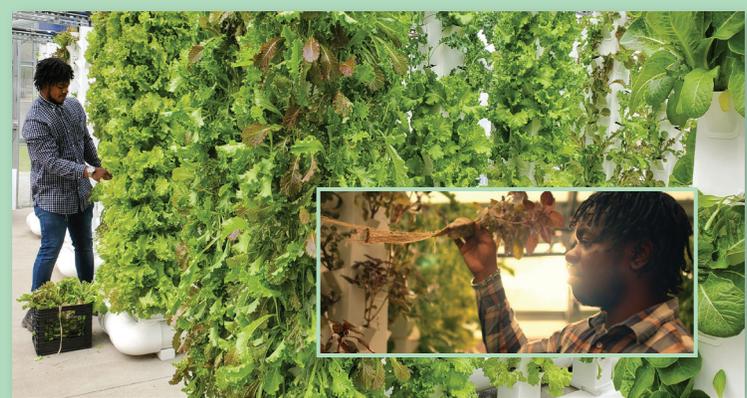
We are asking local businesses, churches, and individuals like YOU to host watch parties and share our social media posts about this event on Facebook and Instagram. Even though we cannot be together for an in-person event, we are

excited about the opportunity to take our banquet into the community!
For additional information, please contact Hillary Detwiler – donate@hopeforreading.org

The Hope Garden of Life Greenhouse

Everyone deserves to have access to healthy food choices. The goal of the **Hope Garden of Life** greenhouse is to promote healthy menu options while providing another key workforce development opportunity on our 4.8 acre property.

An anonymous donor made this dream a reality by providing the funds to build the state of the art aeroponic greenhouse. Since our first harvest, we have been able to maintain enough greens to serve salads for over 100 men at both lunch and dinner. **Charles**, an Army Veteran and a current resident at Hope, maintains the day to day operations of the greenhouse.



“Working in the greenhouse reminds me that I’m still growing in my own spiritual and mental health.”



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