

# The BREAD

RESTORING DIGNITY & HOPE

Easter 2021

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**Tony is  
celebrating  
HOPE!**

Your support brings hope  
to the hurting this Easter.

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**Bread of Life**  
The Mission in Pioneer Square

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“I’ve grown  
spiritually.  
Now I’m  
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God.”

Tony and his twin brother were inseparable, connected by that extraordinary bond that only twins can know. But when they were nine years old, the boys were torn apart. “My mother gave my brother up to foster care without ever telling me why,” Tony says.

Though he and his brother stayed in touch from time to time, Tony always felt like a part of him was missing. But when he started a family of his own, his love for his children helped fill the emptiness. And when his wife abandoned the family, leaving Tony to raise the children alone, he poured all his energy into loving them. “I was inspired to work hard, happy that I could take care of them,” he says.

But when they grew up and

left home, that old feeling of emptiness returned and Tony fell into depression.

Eventually, he stopped working and began numbing his pain with drugs. “**I realized I needed to refocus my life,**” he says.

It was then he came to the Mission as a Resident Volunteer, helping to maintain our facility.

“**I wanted to give back because they were giving me shelter and food,**” he says. “I immersed myself in the work as therapy.”

But he knew it wasn’t enough. He needed to address the root causes of his depression, so he entered our LifeChange Recovery Program. Through chapel services, Bible studies and one-

on-one counseling, his faith has grown strong and he’s healed from his childhood wounds.

“**I discovered I’d been harboring**

**resentment towards my mother for giving up my brother,**” he says. “After 44 years, those emotions all came pouring out.”

Tony plans to graduate from the program, find work and his own place, and live each day with joy, free of the pain that hindered him for so long.

**Thanks to the blessing of your support, Tony is celebrating Easter with a new lease on life.** “Coming to the Mission has refocused me. It’s changed my life.”



# The backbone of our ministry...



Most men walk into the Mission with just the clothes on their backs. They're homeless, abandoned by friends and family. They have nowhere else to turn.

Our job is to take them into our family and make them feel at home. Feed them. Shelter them. Share the love of Christ.

Thanks to a very special group of people who really have faith in our work here in Seattle, we have the resources to do just that.

These people are members of our monthly giving club - Hope Partners - and I would like to invite you to join them.

To learn more about becoming a member of this extraordinary group, visit our website and click on **What You Can Do**, then **Hope Partner Program**.

Or contact Julie Quinsay at ☎ (206) 682-3579, ext. 106 or ✉ [julieq@breadoflifemission.org](mailto:julieq@breadoflifemission.org).

*"I came that you may have life and have it abundantly." - John 10:10, NASB*



A Message from WILLIE PARISH JR.



## THE MIRACLE OF EASTER *Lives on in you*

Can you imagine what it must have been like to gaze into that empty tomb that Easter morning? To rise from the depths of despair to heart-pounding, indescribable joy... realizing Jesus conquered the grave?

That's the power of the resurrection. And that same power is still transforming hearts and lives today.

Jesus came that we may have life abundantly, and we embrace that as our calling. **We exist to help our neighbors experience life to the fullest, as God intended.**

As we celebrate the miracle of Easter, we also celebrate the miracles God is working in Seattle today. Every chain that's broken...

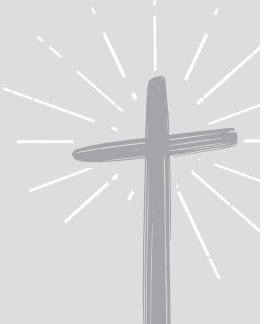
every heart that turns to Him... every life that's restored is a cause for rejoicing.

*And it's all thanks to caring friends like you!*

This Easter, I pray that you will see God move mightily in your own life, just as you have given generously so He can work miracles in the lives of your neighbors like Tony (whose incredible story is on page 3).

May our hearts be as one as we cry out together, "Hallelujah, He is risen!" this Easter.

Willie Parish Jr.  
President



## Celebrate **NEW LIFE** this Easter

It's hard to have hope when you're hungry and homeless. This Easter, we'll warmly welcome our neighbors in need with immediate help like:

- **A hot meal for \$2.33**
- An overnight stay in our shelter
- Clothing, hygiene items & Christ-centered care

**YOU can give even more people the gift of meals and care this Easter.** A nourishing meal, served with love, is often the first step to a new life in Christ!

- ✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.
- ✦ Give online anytime at **BreadofLifeMission.org**.

*Thank you for your support of our Mission guests. Have a blessed Easter!*

*Thank  
you*

**for making a difference  
during COVID-19**

2020 was such a challenging year – but your support and compassion helped so many people find help here at Bread of Life Mission.

## **WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR YOU!**

Thanks to you, we continue to provide the care our community relies on: Food. Shelter. Clean clothing and hygiene items. And special assistance for those struggling through extremely tough times. We do so while following safety precautions to keep our guests, staff and volunteers protected and healthy – and to minimize the impact of COVID-19.

Thank you again, and may God bless your generous heart!

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# **A LASTING LEGACY**

***your gifts will bring help & hope to so many***

Marvin and his wife, Diana, wanted to be a blessing to others. They realized they could make a bigger impact in the lives of those experiencing homelessness by donating a gift of stock to the Mission.

Their heartfelt donation ensured that their legacy of generosity would continue to provide funding to bless their neighbors in need for years to come.

You can join them in helping others with your legacy gift of cash, stocks or other assets. And it's easy to update your wishes at any time.

Ready to talk more about leaving your legacy? Or just interested in learning what's best for you?

Please contact Julie Quinsay, our Office Administrator, who would love to tell you more!

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