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Mike is working towards a brand new life

“I want to make a difference.”

Twenty years of methamphetamine addiction marked a “slow decline” in Mike’s life, but it never dampened his desire to work. He was making a living remodeling homes, but when his truck and tools were stolen, so were his livelihood... and his hope.

“I became homeless,” Mike recalls. “I couldn’t believe that I had

come to this point. I had always been able to hold things together. I had always worked. I think God humbled me and brought me to The Path.”

Since coming to The Path, Mike admits that he’s thinking more clearly because he has overcome his drug addiction and renewed his trust in the Lord. “I started using drugs 20 years ago when my firstborn passed away. My wife and I used to go to church, but it slowly fell apart,” he remembers. “Today I have Jesus back in my life.”

Mike also has his two surviving sons, now 19, back in his life. “I’m reconnecting with them,” he says. “I’m able to talk to them soberly instead of being numb.”

Attending church and participating in Bible study at The Path made a profound impact on Mike’s recovery. But there’s another important factor that keeps him focused on his future.

“The Path was one of the few places I could go to that would let me

DIRECTIONS

Business as UNusual



DuWayne Sipper, Executive Director

Dear Friend,

During the summer months, many here head north for relief from the heat. But these months are “business as usual” for clients and staff at The Path.

Actually, maybe that should be business as *UNusual*. As you’ll see in this issue of *The Path News*, clients in our work program start every day with group prayer. A typical work day includes off-the-cuff counseling sessions and sharing life lessons. And then there are miracles: lives transformed by the Gospel.

The Path’s rescue mission is “holy ground”, in the words of volunteer Bob Jalovi. Whether they’re out in the fields of The Path Farm or in our bargain stores, men and women work alongside Christ, allowing Him to lead them in a positive new direction.

This summer at The Path will be full of hard work, but the rewards—spiritual growth, renewed confidence and long-term stability—will be great. Thank you for helping to encourage our hurting neighbors along the way!

In His Service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "DuWayne Sipper". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.

—PROVERBS 16:3



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get a job. I like to work. I don't want to just sit in classes, I want to make a difference.”

That's exactly what Mike is doing through his work at The Path's bargain stores. He rides in the truck with Kenny McNeil, our store truck driver, picking up donated furniture and dropping it off at the store.

Mike hopes to soon reestablish his career in working with tile and stone. In the meantime, as a valued member of Kenny's team, he enjoys the connections he's able to make with donors like you. “Personally, I'm just thankful!”



May the favor of the
Lord our God rest on us;
establish the work of our
hands for us—yes, establish
the work of our hands.

—PSALM 90:17




Volunteer Profile: Bob Jalovi


“I've experienced more miracles at The Path than anywhere else I've been,” says Bob Jalovi. Bob had only been volunteering for six months when he shared this with us, so he's probably got a lot more miracles to look forward to!


A retired attorney, Bob started conducting Bible studies at The Path and soon moved into weekly group counseling/mentorship sessions. “It's a forum in which clients can talk about anything,” he says. “We talk about goals. We try to give them the understanding that the real reason why they're here is that this is a divine appointment. Jesus Christ is seeking them and they need to seek Him.”


Volunteering at The Path is another way to seek—and find—Jesus. “This place is definitely holy ground,” Bob says. “You have to experience it. Sometimes we don't want to leave our comfort zone but God gives us amazing gifts and opportunities that will bless others. In the process, we are blessed beyond what we can imagine!”

SUMMER GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

 **Become a monthly partner in our 99 and ONE Club** with easy electronic giving or reminder coupons for mailing. Call Kathryn Sipper at (352) 527-6500 x5.

 **Done with spring cleaning?** Start the summer by donating your gently used items to the Path Shelter Thrift Store. Call (352) 746-9084 for pickups.

 **Donated Cars Needed!** Men and women at The Path are getting jobs and they need your help with transportation to and from work. Call (352) 527-6500 x4 if you have a car to donate.

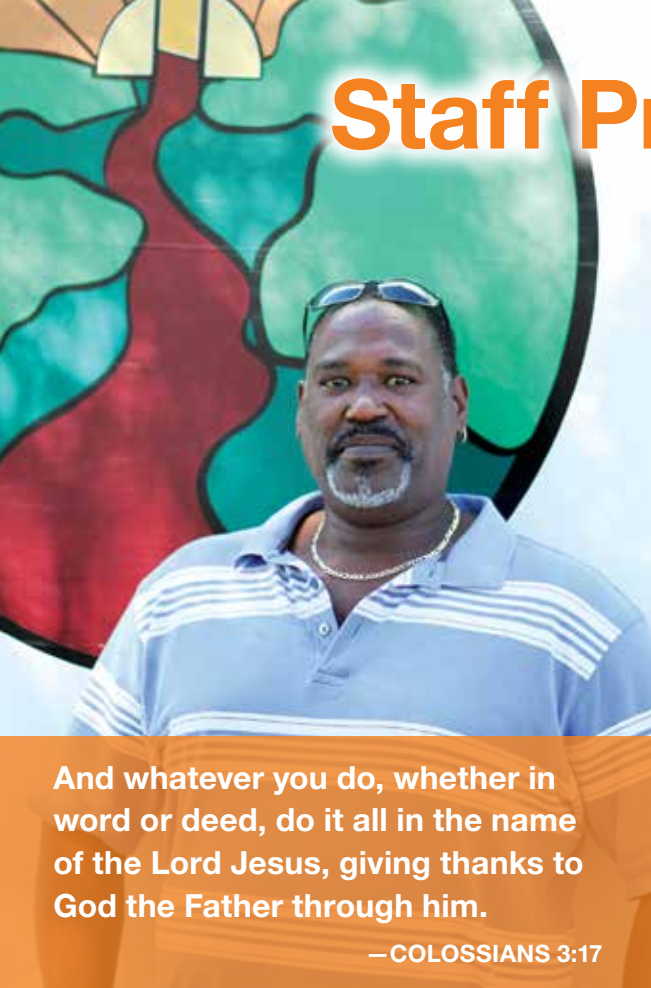
 **Collect needed items:**

- Canned meats, soups
- Toilet paper
- 13-gal. outdoor trash bags
- Deodorant/Anti-perspirant
- Dish washing liquid
- Bug repellent (like Off)
- Bleach & Pine-Sol cleaner
- Laundry detergent
- Sunscreen



Drop items off at our office located at 21 S. Melbourne St. in Beverly Hills or call (352) 527-6500 x9 to arrange a pickup.

Staff Profile: Kenny McNeil



And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

—COLOSSIANS 3:17

When Kenny McNeil accepted the position of store truck driver for The Path's bargain store, the job description didn't include leading his crew in prayer. But that's exactly what Kenny does every morning before they set out to pick up donations. "We all get together and say one thing we're thankful for," he tells us.

Since starting six years ago, Kenny has seen how The Path's work program impacts our clients. After the men have been living in the woods, serving time in jail or being on drugs, he says, "It helps them learn responsibility and get their work ethic back."

Practical skills such as safely lifting furniture come quickly as Kenny's team typically makes five to seven pick-ups each day. The men also learn important social skills. "They see how I greet people and do it exactly like me. They say 'Good morning' or 'Have a blessed day' when they speak to people."

Before working at The Path, Kenny says, "I didn't know we had this many homeless people in the county." Today he appreciates how your gifts make a difference in so many lives. "The donations to the store take care of the men, and our families too, as employees."

Kenny loves working with the men at The Path. "They say you're not supposed to take your work home with you, but I really do enjoy it!"

God's Work... Through You!

June is graduation month, and we'd like to celebrate the achievements of all the men and women at The Path who have completed their classes successfully! Thank you for helping Scotty and Matthew—and everyone at The Path—improve their parenting, employment skills, computer and other academic basics, through your volunteer support.



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Lecanto, FL 34461
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Sat. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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Dunnellon, FL 34431
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