

FEBRUARY 28, 2023

Newsletter



CELEBRATING WHAT GOD HAS DONE

God is good. This past November 2022, we had our first major (post-COVID) event since the fall of 2019. One of our supporting churches, Eastpoint Church, welcomed us as we celebrated what God has done with this ministry of helping people who have been in prison to do life differently.

We celebrated the **culture** that has taken hold at the Transformation House, one of brotherhood, sobriety, and most importantly, trying our best to follow **Jesus**.

We have celebrated individual milestones of sobriety including: one year, seven years, and twelve years of **sobriety**. We have celebrated professions of **faith** and **baptisms**. We have celebrated that our first person to complete his 12 months at Transformation House, Josh Umlah, has stayed involved and is **helping other men**.

We celebrated the **community** that is supporting the work of the Transformation Project including **Volunteers, Donors, Pastors Council, Church Partners, and Community Partners**.

We celebrated **Worship**. Our worship nights are now called "Community Nights" to emphasize our focus on connecting people in re-entry with Christian community. We have continued to host worship teams from different partner churches. We have continued our practice of people sharing their **stories of re-entry, recovery, and redemption**. We celebrated people growing with others in **fellowship**, sharing meals, reading the Bible, and **praying together**.

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We celebrated our **Resource Center & Re-entry Ministry**. Meetings were held via Zoom with MCC, CCJ, and Charleston. People were helped with food. People were helped with clothes. People were helped with housing. People were helped with MaineCare. People were helped with Social Security. People were helped with jobs.

Since then, the progress has continued.

Attendance has increased at our weekly Bible study. We have celebrated **30 days sober** and **90 days sober** with new people. The Transformation House Ministry Team has updated our 12-month program. We have refined what we did in the first year and have been working to develop our **discipleship** program. We also had our first female speaker on a Community Night. She reminded us that none of us are beyond **God's grace** with a story of hope and redemption.

It hasn't been all good. There was relapse and heartbreak along the way. This is why we ask for your continued support and prayers. Please pray with us as we continue to lay hold of the Apostle Paul's teaching in Philippians 3:13-14:

"Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, (we) press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called (us) heavenward in Christ Jesus."

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PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISES

We appreciate your continued prayers for our ministry. We specifically ask for prayers regarding:

- Replacing our roof this year;
- Continued strength and sobriety for our residents;
- Building and maintenance volunteers;
- Clarity and discernment for our Board of Directors;
- Continued blessings upon the many lives the Lord has transformed through the work of our ministry; and
- For men and women volunteers at Windham facilities with Prison Fellowship. To volunteer, contact Deborah Jacobs at deborah_jacobs@pfm.org.

PARTNER WITH US

The Transformation Project is a Maine 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to helping formerly incarcerated Mainers live life differently. If you feel called to support our ministry, please consider becoming a monthly donor. When you join us, you will:

- Witness Jesus transforming lives;
- Provide God's children both inside and outside of corrections with opportunities to embrace faith, integrity, sobriety, and health;
- Encourage our community to spiritually mature and grow closer to Jesus;
- Increase our ministry's impact through sustainable and reliable funding; and
- Serve with us for His purpose.

Thank you for your support and partnership!