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God's love. Your help. Life restored.

**"My God always makes
a way for me."**

- Ju Ju

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

*God is our refuge
and strength, an
ever-present help
in trouble.*

— *Psalms 46:1 NIV*

CONTINUED HOPE IN GOD'S UNSHAKEABLE LOVE

Dear Friend,

After a whirlwind 2020, full of so much unpredictability each and every day, I am glad to see the start of a new year — even if we don't know what the new year has in store.

While COVID-19 presented us with a host of challenges last year, one thing that I'm grateful for is that it's brought front-and-center the importance of prayer. Storms may come, troublesome winds may rock against our health and well-being ... but as we pray for those in need and for each other, it is the unshakeable love of God that brings comfort! And that love shines brightly through the support of friends like you, as you help provide for the men, women and children we are called to serve.

Right now, the world is an uncertain and scary place. People need a refuge beyond what they can see. They need a place where they can be reconciled to God, while experiencing forgiveness for their sins and healing for their

brokenness. **Now more than ever, I am reminded of just how *good* the good news of Jesus Christ really is — and what a blessing it is to share it.**

What an amazing calling we have: to minister to our neighbor's needs — both physical and spiritual — while we demonstrate the love of God to them.

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of God that brings
comfort!**

Please know that I am deeply grateful for the hope that you help bring. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus during this crisis!

Patrick H. Vanderburgh, D.Min.
President

HELP STRUGGLING NEIGHBORS FIND SHELTER FROM THE STORM

These are challenging times for neighbors still reeling from the impact of COVID-19. And now that the temperatures have dropped and we find ourselves in the midst of winter, life has become even more difficult for them. Please support those in need through our *Shelter from the Storm Winter 2021 Fund* by visiting milmission.org/januaryshelter. **Thank you!**

SHELTER
FROM THE
Storm

WINTER 2021 FUND

FAITH IN HER FUTURE

“Dear loving wonderful family ... You have been a blessing for me.”

Grateful. That’s how Ju Ju felt writing a letter to Joy House staff after staying at the Milwaukee Rescue Mission’s shelter for women and children. For her entire life, she’s managed to keep a positive attitude, regardless of her circumstances. But life hasn’t always been easy for Ju Ju.

Ju Ju was born and raised in Haiti. Despite the country’s challenges, she was happy there. She ran a successful grocery store, enjoying life with her church friends and family — and, in Ju Ju’s culture,



family is everything. So, when her nephew asked her to leave Haiti to help care for his own family and new baby in Milwaukee, she didn’t hesitate for a moment.

For more than a year, Ju Ju babysat, cooked meals, cleaned the house and helped her relatives ... because “that’s what family does for one another.”

Then, out of the blue, Ju Ju was told she was no longer needed — and, seemingly, no longer welcome. Suddenly, she found herself without shelter, money or support.

“I was sad. I love my family, I love the baby,” she says. Ju Ju was hurt by her family’s rejection — and yet, even in her sadness, she trusted that “God would make a way for me.”

And Ju Ju’s faith did more than comfort her — it led her to refuge. After hearing about Ju Ju’s situation, a church friend told her about the Milwaukee Rescue Mission. Soon after, Ju Ju joined MRM’s life recovery program in Joy House for

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and God bless you all!” – Ju Ju

single, unaccompanied women. Here, she was welcomed not only as a guest — but as family.

“The people at MRM were very nice,” Ju Ju recalls. “They showed me love. They provided me with shelter. And the meals there were very good!”

Through Joy House programming like education, counseling, job search assistance and financial guidance, Ju Ju regained her confidence — and her hope for the future. Since then, she has found a full-time job, secured an apartment and began attending Milwaukee Area Technical College.

Most importantly, Ju Ju has her faith.

“My God always makes a way for me and gives me strength,” Ju Ju says. “I know my future will be well.”

Even after great upheaval and uncertainty, Ju Ju found stability and hope for the future — thanks to the love of Jesus shining through the compassion of friends like you!

SAVE THE DATE

**FACES
OF
HOPE**
Milwaukee Rescue Mission

*annual banquet at
Discovery World
April 29th*

*rappelling event
location to be announced
June 17th*

**OVER
EDGE**



18 HOLES for the
HOMELESS

*annual golf outing at
Westmoor Country Club
August 30th*

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LIVES ARE CHANGED THROUGH YOUR GENEROSITY

Here at the Milwaukee Rescue Mission, we value the friendship of each and every supporter who cares for the precious men, women and children who have fallen on hard times in our community.

The impact of your generosity is far-reaching. Those whose lives have been transformed by your support are also thankful for you!

"People like you have given me a second chance at getting my life back on track. I want to thank you for your donation. God bless you!" – James



"Your contributions are making a difference in this community and are saving lives." – Craig



"I can't begin to thank you enough!" – Jordan



"Since coming to MRM, my life has been blessed. I truly thank all the donors for caring and sharing needed love." – Rongee



God's love and your support are the reason so many lives are transformed.

If you can, please make another generous gift today using the enclosed reply form and envelope.

If you or someone you know is in need, please contact us at (414) 344-2211 — we can help.

We thank God for generous friends like you!

Work at the Milwaukee Rescue Mission!

Have you ever thought of joining the team at MRM? Check out our employment opportunities at milmission.org/employment



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MISSION STATEMENT

Sharing God's love by caring for those who are poor in body, mind and spirit, to see lives transformed through Christ to hope, joy and lasting productivity.



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