

The MISSION AT THE CROSS

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**An Encouraging Word From
Mike Shirley, MATC Director**

"Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous." 1 Peter 3:8. With all the bad going on in our country — COVID and social unrest — We are thankful for the awesome year we have spent with Barry Walters. It is always a wonderful opportunity to watch the men come into the Mission, all with one thing in common — a need for Jesus. "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" John 14:6. Barry knew exactly what he wanted when he came to MATC. We watched with awesome wonder as Barry surrendered to Christ and began to walk in newness of life. He was a team player who loved, and continues to love, his Brothers. Barry, we love you so very much. Do not ever back up, let up or shut up about the power and love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Congratulations,

**Barry Walters, for completing the One Year Program at
Mission At The Cross!**

During his time at the Mission, Barry was a positive example of how Jesus can help you persevere, even in the valley. For his vo-tech training, Barry worked at Hellfighters USA Motorcycle Shop where he excelled in sales and customer relations and was known for having a joy-filled and encouraging spirit. Barry will now join the sales team at Headrick Signs & Graphics in the LED department.

"The Vessel to Save My Life"

I came to the Mission defeated and broken, due to selfish decisions on my part and the abuse of alcohol. When I arrived here, my three kids, as well as many other family members, and close friends were not speaking to me. God allowed most of those relationships to be restored, once I finally surrendered my entire life over to Him.

A lot of people say 2020 was a terrible year, but for me, 2020 was one of the best years of my life! Over these past twelve months, I have gotten back in touch with God, which has allowed everything else in my life to fall into place. I do know that there will be many trials and tribulations in the future, but I also know I can trust God to get me through each one.

I would like to thank my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, because without Him none of this would have been possible. Secondly, I would like to thank Richard & Gina Headrick, Mike & Lexi Shirley, Wendell Forrest, Bro. Eric Estes, Bro. Rory Dill, Donny White, Randy Dossett, and all my Brothers in Christ at the Mission. I firmly believe that God used Mission At The Cross as a vessel to save my life. God is good, all the time.

—Barry Walters

"Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." 2 Corinthians 5:17

"I have set the Lord always before me: because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved." Psalm 16:8

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“Being **Humble is the Ultimate Success!”**

“For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?” Mark 8:36.

Before I came to the Mission At The Cross, success was my primary focus. My mindset was to be successful at all costs. It did not matter what I had to do nor who I had to hurt. Money and success were my driving goals. It was all about me, me, me! My drug use became more intense and, eventually, it cost me everything.

January 2017, I checked into The Mission to get clean and sober. Little did I know, the Lord had other plans. April 2, 2017, I asked Jesus Christ into my life to be my Lord and Savior. Christ has humbled me so much. I still have to ask Him daily to keep me humble and remove any pride I may have.

Through these four years, God has allowed me to become the General Manager of Hellfighters USA and a patched member of Hellfighters Motorcycle Ministry. Today, I enjoy growing as a family with my Brothers in the ministry. I have learned that helping others is more of a blessing, than vain success. Has my life been perfect? Not at all, but with Him in my life there is no looking back. I look forward to the humble future and eternity with my King.

— Wendell Forrest



Wendell Forrest,
General Manager of Hellfighters USA

“Congratulations, Wendell. Thank you for all that you have meant to us.” — Men of the Mission

Prayer Requests

- **Jerry French**
(death in family)
- **Jakub Tisdale**
(new resident)
- **Brennon Conner**
(new resident)



Mission Needs

- 1. Restaurant Style Industrial Can Opener**
- 2. Plastic Utensils**
- 3. Laundry Detergent**
- 4. Two 15 - passenger Vans**
- 5. 20oz Foam Cups**