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"To proclaim liberty to the captives and the opening
of the prison to them that are bound."

Isaiah 61:1

"PROCLAIMING LIBERTY"

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The Personal Wake-up Call

It is 6:00 in the morning and the buzzing sound is not coming from the refrigerator as a call to appeal to the early morning appetite. The buzzing is actually coming from a much smaller box by the side of the bed offering a resounding declaration; **it's time to wake up.** Wake-up calls are not something that happen only through alarm clocks bringing an end to a good nights' sleep. Wake-up calls are something that each person experiences at specific times and places when God, in His divine care, intervenes to take us to a new place of hope, a new sphere of purpose, a new realm of spiritual life or other place for our highest good.

The individuals we work with in our 9 month discipleship program are here because they responded to a wake-up call. It may have happened when they were first brought into the prison and were faced with the harsh reality of life in total confinement behind bars. It may have happened as they found themselves coming to the end of their rope while sweltering in a cell that is 110 degrees from the summer heat. Some share that it happened when someone gave them a Bible and in their cell they began to search for real answers. Others will say it happened when chaplains like Bud Roda met with them or when they attended the "Every Man's Battle" class or other classes offered in prison. Wake-up calls are not a once in a lifetime happening. It's exciting to see individuals respond to wake-up calls while going through the ministry here as they recognize their propensity to go back to their old ways but catch themselves and recommit to their journey with God.

The words of Ephesians 5:14 are for both those who are in deep darkness as well as for those who simply lost alertness to God's intentions for them. *Wake up, O Sleeper, Rise from the dead,*

and Christ will shine on you.

Recently I experienced a wake-up call of my own as the Lord showed me my lack of faith for sufficient finances for operating the two Potter's House settings. His intervention was an invitation for me to trust him at a deeper level. Responding correctly to God's wake-up calls will awaken us to be participants in God's plans in ways that lead toward the fullness of life. God has purposes for each one of us can easily be passed over if we are not alert with our spirits and in tune with him. Each of us has been blessed by others that have been awakened in their spirit and have responded to our own personal needs. Please consider how God's plans may include you in reaching out to others through whom you may be His answer to their desperate need. If God lays it on your heart to respond to the needs of this ministry we would be truly grateful and trust the Lord's blessing upon you.

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Dave's Testimony

I found myself once again alone and hopeless in a jail cell in Lancaster County Prison, wondering why I was letting my addiction win at stealing my life from me. I lost my business, friends, family, and every material possession I owned.

I can't even count on two hands how many times in the past decade I have been released from prison with all intentions of changing my life, only to find myself hopelessly addicted to heroin or cocaine again and headed back to prison. It is extremely hard to survive when you are released to the streets

with no money, drivers license, ID, social security number card or birth certificate and no family or friends to help you, and nowhere to lay your head. This is an addicted cycle so many Americans find themselves caught in, which I believe is responsible for well over half of our countries prison population.

I felt much anxiety about being released from prison again, until I gave my life to Christ in 2010. Chaplain Bud Roda came to see me and he told me about Potters House. I chose to come to this ministry and God has opened my life to a whole new, exciting and very promising future. Every hindrance I faced before has been eliminated through this ministry and the support team affiliated.

I have found purpose and meaning for my life, as God is guiding me on a journey to fulfill my new found calling to be a drug and alcohol counselor.

It is two years since I left the old life behind, I look forward to graduating from the program soon and becoming part of the support team. It feels great to not only have my life back, but to

have one that's more exciting and promising than ever. I don't believe I would be able to say " I am a responsible and productive member of society again," had I not made the choice to come to the Potters House. I am full of hope and in such a happy state today, which gives me absolutely no need or desire to want to use alcohol or any mind and mood altering drugs. Therefore, I never have to return to prison again. I thank Jesus every day for saving me. Dave Woods

Praise

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Employment at Joel's Painting,
Donnelly Printing, and Olive
Garden.

Approval of Narcotics
Anonymous meetings at house
Jerome Carter our new House
Manager

Prayer

People to give to the matching
grant

More places of employment
Healthy dynamics in the house
Power over old addictions
Opportunities to share in local
congregations

Needs

Bibles, Christian Literature
Notebooks, paper, pens
Transportation
Bus passes
AC repair

**Dave is available to come to your church,
youth group, business, etc to share his
testimony of what God is doing in his life.**

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