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A WORD FROM OUR CEO



Dear Friends,

What a blessing it is to reflect on all the Lord has accomplished this year at our Dade City campus! We continue to see lives transformed, relationships restored, and men discover the freedom and purpose found in Jesus Christ.

Some of our greatest joys have been celebrating the graduations of Charlie, Devin, and Jethro! After completing our 18-month residential discipleship program, they chose to continue into our AfterCare program. Devin and Jethro are continuing to build community, connect with mentors, and prepare for life beyond Loving Hands. Charlie completed the AfterCare program and secured employment with a business in the community.

Discipleship continues among our residents and we are grateful for the dedicated Dade City team. Pastor Dwight Baker, Brian, and Reggie faithfully invest in the men, encouraging them to grow in faith and pursue Jesus wholeheartedly.

Despite unexpected repairs and challenges, we have completed several campus improvements, thanks in part to the men's hard work in preparing for our recent Open House. We have also launched a kitchen renovation campaign, and we look forward to sharing more about this exciting project soon!

To every church, donor, volunteer, and friend, thank you for making this ministry possible. We look forward to celebrating all God has done with you at our upcoming banquet! **Together, we are Saving Our Sons, one life at a time!**

With gratitude,

Ms. Kim

Kimberly Wilson-Dodson
President & CEO

"The Harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few"
Matthew 9:37

You're Invited

TO JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL BANQUET!

Our 2026 Dade City Banquet goal is **$70,000**, helping us continue the daily work of providing a place where men can experience discipleship, restoration, and lasting change.

As you prepare to join us, please prayerfully consider giving your very best gift; one that will help us continue to say YES to the next man God sends our way. Lives are multiplying. Relationships are multiplying. And together, our impact is multiplying.

To learn more about the different ways you can help us reach our Dade City Campus goal, scan the QR code on the back.



DADE CITY
UPDATE

Pastor Dwight Baker

DADE CITY PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Dear Loving Hands Family,

As we approach this season of thankfulness, our hearts are filled with gratitude for all the Lord has done. Looking back over this year, we rejoice in His goodness and the work He continues to do here at our Dade City campus.

What a privilege it is to witness His transforming power as men surrender their lives to Christ and begin walking in the freedom and purpose He has prepared for them. We look forward to celebrating our graduates who have completed our 18-month discipleship program, each one a reminder of God's faithfulness and the lives being restored through His grace.

Through God's Word, prayer, discipleship, and opportunities to minister in local churches, we continue to see men grow in faith, share their testimonies, serve others, and discover God's purpose for their lives.

As we close another year, we are reminded that none of this would be possible without your faithful prayers, generosity, and encouragement. You are valued partners in this labor of love, helping us disciple men whose lives are being restored through Jesus Christ. May the Lord richly bless each of you as we continue working together to Save Our Sons!

Blessings,

Pastor Dwight Baker

CELEBRATING OUR 2026 *Graduates*



Charlie Epperson

Charlie came to Loving Hands feeling hopeless and trapped in addiction, believing he could never change. Through our 18-month residential discipleship program, he discovered the truth of God's Word and found a firm foundation in Christ. After completing our six-month AfterCare program, Charlie secured full-time employment with a local business owner, moved into his own home, and became actively connected with a local church. Today, he continues to grow in faith while maintaining strong relationships with his Loving Hands family. His story is a beautiful reminder that our past does not define us when we find our identity in Jesus Christ.

Devin Rooney



When Devin came to Loving Hands two years ago, he felt broken, empty, and hopeless after trying to live life on his own terms. Through the ministry, Devin surrendered his life to Christ and discovered his identity in Him, experiencing a transformation that has impacted not only his own life but those around him. Today, he is studying at Florida Bible Institute to pursue ministry, has become a present father to his daughter, and is an example of faith to his family and friends. Devin is grateful that God led him to Loving Hands, where he found a new life and purpose through Jesus Christ.



Jethro Nolt

When Jethro came to Loving Hands, he was struggling with identity, depression, anxiety, and feelings of failure that led him back to drugs and alcohol. Through the love and support of the ministry, Jethro has found renewed direction, discipline, and a deeper understanding of God's goodness. Today, he is in aftercare, working part-time, helping at the ministry, and has completed his GED classes while working toward restoring his driver's license. God is also using Jethro's transformation to bring his family closer to Him, and he is grateful for the new direction his life has taken.

PALMETTO
UPDATE

Greetings from the Palmetto Campus!

There was a time when I was the man walking through the doors of Loving Hands needing someone to believe that God still had a plan for my life. Today, I have the privilege of standing on the other side of that journey and walking alongside men who are facing many of the same battles I once faced. I don't take that privilege lightly.

One of the greatest things about serving at our Palmetto campus is watching the small changes that happen every day. A man begins to trust again. He starts taking responsibility. Relationships with family begin to heal. His faith grows. Little by little, you begin to see hope return and eventually, you realize you are looking at a different man. I know firsthand that this process takes time. It takes truth, accountability, prayer, relationships, and people who are willing to stay the course with you. That is what we get to do every day at Loving Hands. As we celebrate this season together, I am grateful for every man God has entrusted to us and for every person who stands behind this ministry. Someone invested in me when I needed it. Today, I get to invest in the next man which is something I will never take for granted.

In Christ's Love,
Ron Erie

"And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others." -2 Timothy 2:2

CELEBRATING OUR 2026 Graduates



Jose Carcano
Jose discovered his identity in Christ and experienced a heart transformation that restored his relationships with his children and sister and gave him renewed purpose.



Hayden Rainbolt
Hayden found freedom from addiction and a renewed identity in Christ, restoring his relationship with his children and embracing a new life of sobriety, purpose, and faith.



Justin Beaver
Justin found his way back to Christ, restored relationships with his son and parents, and discovered renewed purpose as he pursues his calling in worship ministry.



Chad Carr
Chad experienced God's restoring power, rebuilding his family relationships, renewing his confidence, and giving him a fresh start with Jesus at the center of his life.



Nick Dowell
Nick found his identity in Christ and the freedom to forgive, restoring relationships with family and friends and embracing a fresh start rooted in faith.

CELEBRATING OUR 2026 Graduates



Jevon Darrisaw
Jevon experienced the love of Christ, found freedom from addiction, and grew into a leader grounded in faith. Today, he is pursuing a new chapter near Atlanta, continuing to grow in the Lord and establish roots in a new church community.



Coby Pate
Coby found freedom from addiction and a new identity in Christ. Today, he is sharing his faith, serving others, and preparing for an internship as God continues transforming his life and family.

GEORGIA
UPDATE

What a blessed season this has been for our Georgia campus! As I reflect on this year, I am reminded of God's goodness and faithfulness. Restoration is personal to me, and I know what it means for God to meet you in a broken place, rebuild your life, and use your story for His purpose. It is a privilege to walk alongside the men at Loving Hands and witness that same work in their lives.

This year, we celebrated our first two Georgia graduates, which is a powerful reminder that the prayers, relationships, and daily investment are worth it. God is still at work in the men who remain with us and those just beginning their journey. My heart is full of gratitude for all He has done, and I am blessed to have a front-row seat to the life-changing power of His goodness.

Love and Blessings,
Olaf Flinkman

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