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A WORD FROM OUR CEO



Dear Friends,

What a year it has been at our Palmetto campus!

As we look back on 2026, we're thankful for all the Lord has done in the lives of our men. By the time of our annual banquets, five men will have graduated from our program. Jose and Hayden have returned home and are rebuilding relationships with their children and establishing new lives. Chad and Nick are nearing graduation, while Justin is continuing through AfterCare as he pursues further education and strengthens relationships with his family.

As these men take their next steps, new men are beginning their own journeys at Loving Hands. Our Program Director, Ron, continues to invest in the men through discipleship and daily encouragement along with Ben and Misael, both Loving Hands graduates who chose to stay and serve. Together, with the Lord's help, they are making disciples who are learning to faithfully follow Jesus.

We've also made improvements to our campus, including renovating the chapel restroom and adding much-needed showers. We're grateful for the men who help care for our campus and for the volunteers, teachers, churches, and community partners who support this ministry.

As we look toward this year's Palmetto Banquet, we are excited to celebrate all the Lord has done. We are excited to welcome you to a brand new venue near our Palmetto campus with two special nights to gather with you! We look forward to seeing you and sharing more of what God is doing in the lives of our men. You'll find all the details throughout this newsletter, including ways you can be part of this important season of giving, even if you're unable to join us in person. **Thank you for continuing to stand with us together as we are Saving Our Sons.**

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 Palmetto Banquet goal is **$80,000** to help us continue providing a place where men experience discipleship, restoration, and lasting change.

This year, we're offering two banquet nights, December 1 and 2, giving more people the opportunity to celebrate what God is doing through Loving Hands Ministries.

Please prayerfully consider giving your very best gift to help us say YES to the next man God sends our way. Lives are multiplying, relationships are multiplying, and together, our impact is multiplying.
To learn how you can help us reach our Palmetto Campus goal, scan the QR code on the back.



PALMETTO
UPDATE

Ron Erie
PALMETTO PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Dear Loving Hands Family,

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

CELEBRATING OUR 2026 Graduates



Jose Carcano

When Jose came to Loving Hands in February 2024, he had lost everything, including his relationship with his children and his career. Through the ministry, Jose began discovering his identity in Christ, experiencing a heart transformation and building a deeper relationship with Jesus, even through the loss of his mother. Today, God has restored his relationships with his children and sister, blessed him with a business, and given him a renewed purpose. Jose is grateful for the role Loving Hands has played in his transformation and the new life God has given him.



Justin Beaver

After drifting away from the Lord and searching for identity in the wrong places, Justin found himself struggling with addiction and broken relationships. When he was arrested, he surrendered his life back to Christ, and God began leading him toward a new life through Loving Hands. Since graduating, Justin has experienced the restoration of his relationships with his son and parents and discovered renewed purpose in his walk with the Lord. Today, he is pursuing a worship degree at Southeastern University and working at a Christian retreat, continuing to build a life rooted in faith, humility, and daily commitment to Jesus.



Hayden Rainbolt

When Hayden came to Loving Hands, he was caught in a cycle of addiction, homelessness, and destructive choices, unable to break free on his own. Through our 18-month discipleship program, God began transforming his heart, teaching him to take responsibility for his past and find his identity in Christ. Today, he is approaching two years of sobriety, has his children back in his life, and is sharing his testimony to encourage others. His story is a powerful reminder that no one is beyond the reach of God's grace and that true restoration is possible through Jesus Christ.



Chad Carr

When Chad came to Loving Hands, he had lost so much to addiction, including the trust of his family after years of struggle. After reaching rock bottom, Chad cried out to God, and what followed led him to our program just two weeks later. Through the Lord's work in his life at Loving Hands, Chad has experienced restored family relationships, renewed confidence, and a growing faith. Today, he looks forward to a new chapter, trusting Jesus to lead his future.



Nick Dowell

When Nick came to Loving Hands Ministries in June 2025, he was broken mentally, physically, and spiritually after years of unforgiveness, personal struggles, and alcoholism. Through the ministry, Nick began discovering his identity in Jesus Christ and learning to walk in freedom through forgiveness. As the Lord has worked in his life, Nick has gained the confidence to reconnect with family and friends and embrace a fresh start. Today, he is building a new life rooted in faith and gratitude for the transformation God has brought about in him.

DADE CITY
UPDATE

Hello from the Dade City Campus!

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 found freedom from addiction and a firm foundation in Christ, building a new life through a church community, employment, and independent living.



Devin Rooney

Devin found new life and purpose in Christ, becoming a present father to his daughter and pursuing his calling to ministry at Florida Bible Institute.



Jethro Nolt

Jethro found renewed direction and discipline in Christ, completed his GED classes, and is now in aftercare while working to rebuild his life and strengthen his family's faith.

"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*

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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