

"BEAR ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS, AND SO FULFILL THE LAW OF CHRIST." GALATIANS 6:2

# Willie Moore

## RESIDENT TESTIMONY

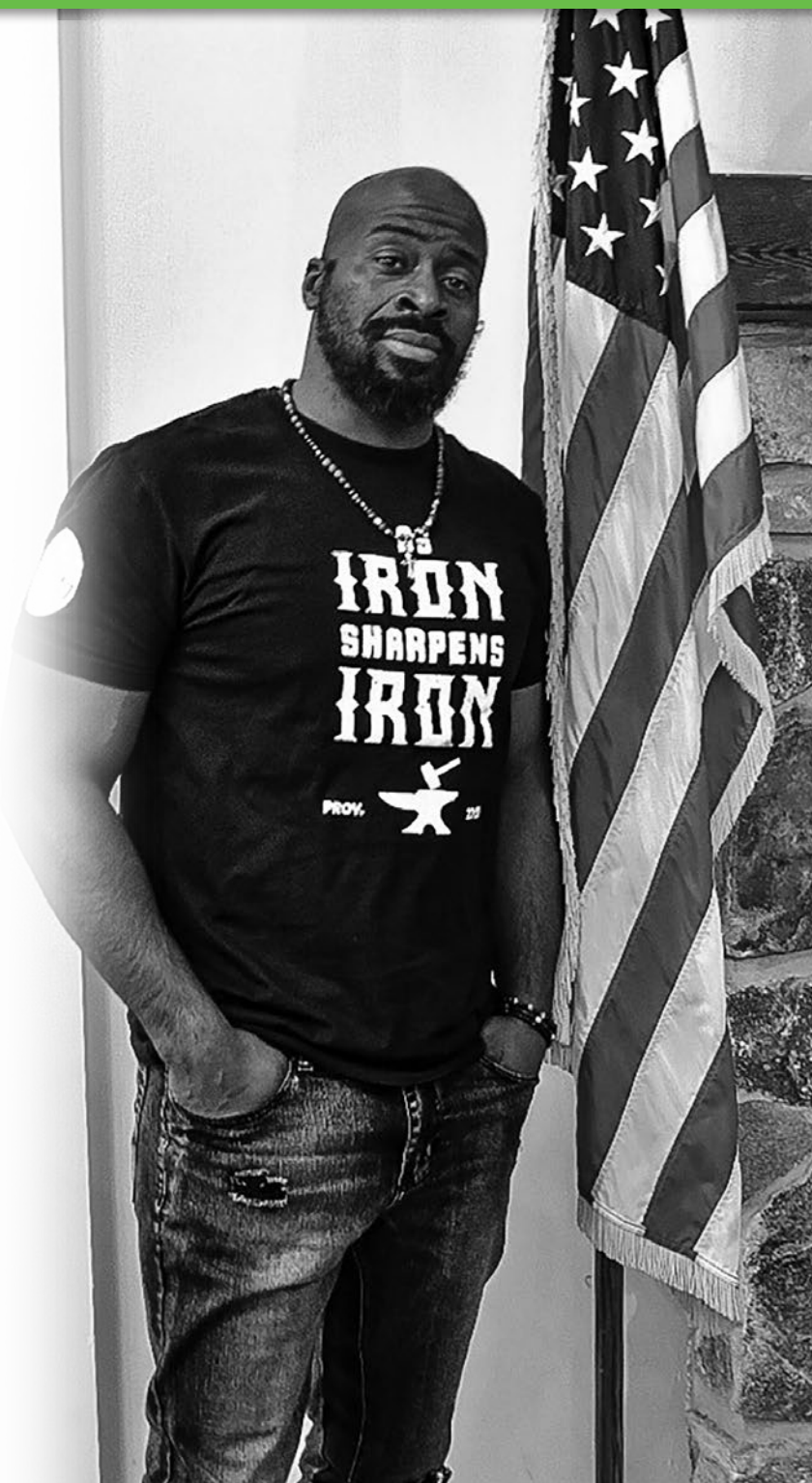
My name is Willie Moore. I was born in Waycross, Georgia, to a 16-year-old single mother. When I was a small child, we moved from Waycross to Florida, where my mother was from. My mother worked hard to finish school, and life was suitable for a while. The stress of raising a child alone at such a young age with limited family support was overwhelming for my mother. She turned to drugs as a way to cope with her life and her past traumas. My mother suffered from some horrific childhood abuse.

Living through the ups and downs of an addiction and moving from town to town and state to state certainly took its toll on me. I consistently found myself being a new student in a new environment. Trying to make new friends was brutal for me. I was always alone. I am an only child.

Sometimes, my mother would stay away from home, and I was left alone. I found an outlet by playing sports, mainly football, and I was pretty good at it. Being good at a sport, you gain popularity amongst your peers. The only form of family that I had were my coaches and teammates. I continued playing football through high school and college. While in college, my addiction itself started to flourish. I began drinking alcohol regularly, and from there, it spiraled out of control. Still, at this point, I thought I didn't have a problem. I went on to marry my high school sweetheart. We had two wonderful boys.

I joined the Army and had a remarkable career for a while. I ended up losing job after job because of addiction. My decision to use drugs cost me to lose my family. My wife divorced me. I still didn't think that I had a problem. At this time in my life, I started having more issues with law enforcement. In and out of jail, there were numerous fees, and I still didn't think I had a problem. At times in my life, I would stop using and drinking for a while to get my head on straight, and then I would start back again. I've attempted recovery several times before, but in

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the back of my mind, I knew that I wanted to use again and that I would. After I spent almost a year in jail, I figured it was time for a change. I could control my addiction, and for a while, my drug use slowed down. I still used occasionally, but certainly not as heavily as before.

I experienced the death of a close loved one, and while grieving heavily, my addiction took a firm hold on me that I couldn't shake. I found myself in a very dark place. I found myself looking at my whole life and feeling disgusted with myself. I was disappointed in myself for the choices and lifestyle I had chosen. I didn't know what to do, so I turned to God. I cried out to God. I asked God to save me from where I was, not knowing how it would happen. God showed up in my life. He brought me to the Rescue Mission.



I remember walking through the doors of the Rescue Mission, a shattered man. And daily, God started putting the pieces of my life back together again. I became the man that I was created to be—a man of God. I took off my mask.

I wiped away my shame. I allowed God to do within me what I couldn't do with myself. I feel good about who I am today. I feel good about what the future holds for me. The relationships I had torn apart are now slowly coming back together again. I'm now able to look at myself and not be ashamed of my identity. I am a new creation in God. I'm ready to serve God and follow His will for my life. I no longer feel as if I'm in bondage. For once, I feel free, which is a true blessing from God.



## Plant Based

We are so excited and grateful for the opportunity to partner with Macon Beets, a local volunteer group of Whole Food Plant Based Eaters, for a 4-day class to learn of the health benefits of a plant-based, whole foods diet. Carol Kimsey and Gail Moulton with Macon Beets have been so kind to teach our residents about healthier eating habits. We had 47 men and women participate in the class. We started this journey in 2022, and thankfully, we are still offering these healthier meals to our residents.



# It is time for a Celebration!

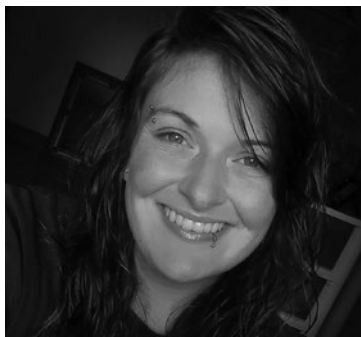


We are so very proud of the 15 men and 9 women who will be graduating in January. Please join us in praying for them as they transition out of our programs.



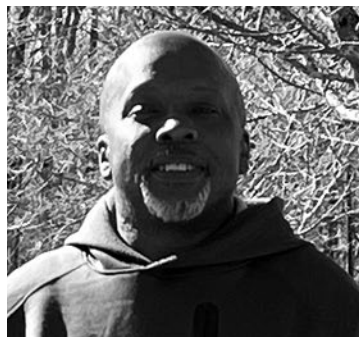
**KWANE**

“Since being at the Rescue Mission, I have learned to renew my mind, heal from past traumas, and become a complete man. I am so thankful for this beautiful place.”



**SAMANTHA**

“The Rescue Mission has been a place that’s shown me love without border and grace without end. I have learned to trust God. I know that He loves me and has my best interest at heart.”



**KARL**

“The Rescue Mission has changed my life for the good. I have learned so much about myself and how to be a better person.”



**STEVEN**

“After completing the classes, I will never look, feel, or think about anything in life in the same way. I have new eyes, a new heart, and spirit by way of Jesus Christ.”



**GENE**

“My life has changed since coming here. God has truly changed my heart and healed me. I pray that he will use me and my story for His glory.”



**AMY**

“The Mission has taught me how to set up guardrails. I now know that I am loved, and I feel free. I have accepted God’s plan for my life because He knows what is best for me, and I will continue to follow Him.”



**EDMUND**

“I have learned so much while in the men’s program. This is a very positive place and God has changed me here. I plan to keep God first in my life.”

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