



# FALL 2020 NEWSLETTER

To our friends and supporters:

My name is Jim Ward, and I serve as the Executive Director of Matthew 25, a Nashville nonprofit that has been serving and supporting homeless veterans and men since 1986. As we all know, 2020 has been a year of economic and societal uncertainty. I came on board in February, and I am honored to serve this organization and our men through such trying times. Through the incredible support of our community, we are continuing to move forward every day with our mission of providing **Housing, Help and Hope** to men in need!



While this year has forced us to alter and adapt some operational methods, our mission remains constant. As of today, we have served over **250 men** in the past 12 months, with **76%** of these individuals successfully exiting into permanent and sustainable housing, and **65%** exiting with steady employment. As of October, Matthew 25 will begin providing clinical treatment as a new service within our transitional housing program. This service is made possible through a VA grant, allowing us to provide 16 veterans with substantial treatment for mental health and substance abuse disorders. We will be utilizing our partnerships with the VA and Meharry Medical College to give these veterans access to regular counseling with psychologists, therapists and psychiatrists as needed. We know that this new service will further our ability to provide veterans with hope for a new and better future where they are spiritually and emotionally stable and living successfully in the community.

Matthew 25 also has several new partners in the community, such as Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Zeal Church and the American Job Center of Tennessee. You can read more details on the back about these fantastic groups and their work with us. If you are involved with a business or organization that would like to learn more about partnering with us, please reach out!

Today our mission is more important than ever, and we are so grateful for the congregations, community partners and individuals like yourself that make our work possible. Matthew 25 is a calling and ministry, and our staff is honored to serve these men every day. The generous actions of our community have directly impacted thousands of men's lives over the years, and any way you can contribute today will help us keep the foundation of Matthew 25 secure for many more years to come!

Sincerely,

Jim Ward

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*"...I was a stranger, and you invited me in..."*

**Matthew 25:35**

# NEW MATTHEW 25 PARTNERS

VANDERBILT  UNIVERSITY

MEDICAL CENTER

We are so pleased to announce Vanderbilt University Medical Center as our **2020 Mission Sponsor!** VUMC recently supported Matthew 25 with an extremely generous donation, and our deep ties with this organization extend back to our founding. Dr. Anderson Spickard is Emeritus Professor of Medicine and Psychiatry at VUMC; he is also an enduring Matthew 25 board member and a dear friend to our staff and the men we serve. Sue Spickard, Dr. Spickard's wife, helped found Matthew 25 in 1986, understanding that homeless men needed more than what was provided at night-by-night programs.



Zeal Church actively reached out to see how they could serve our organization and support our mission. What started as talks of an individual gift or act of service quickly developed into a true partnership. They have quickly gone above and beyond to support our men! We are so blessed that they reached out and are proud to call them a partner.

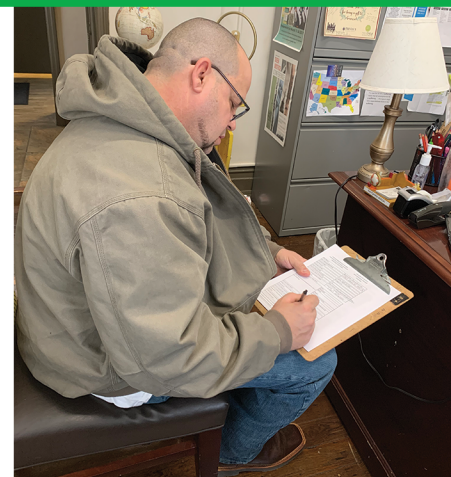


*Zeal Church members shown above giving our facility a new paint job!*

## PROGRAM SUCCESS

***"This is the program that saved my life...  
I feel so indebted to it that I wanted to work  
here and help other people."***

Wilt Goudeax is a Navy veteran who served aboard the USS *Wisconsin* during the Gulf War. He came to Matthew 25 in 2018 after battling an alcohol addiction for several years. This past spring, Wilt graduated our program and signed a lease for his own apartment here in Nashville. He gives back by working weekends at Matthew 25.



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