

LIFE IN MOTION

2018 COMMUNITY REPORT



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S LETTER



Have you ever been there? Have you ever been part of something so profound, so significant, and yet so humbling that every day you live in a sense of awed inspiration and sobered realization. As I continue to serve in God's mission for Freedom Life, I have become more and more aware that He is doing something very deep and very special in my heart, the hearts of our staff and volunteers, the hearts of our clients, and the heart of the McDowell community. What started out as a desire to help men and women who have faced incarceration has grown into a movement of opportunity to not only help justice involved individuals, but to help their families and our entire community. God is truly at work and doing extraordinary things in and through Freedom Life.

This has never been truer than in 2018. In the last year we have experienced amazing growth, and have seen God open doors miraculously to new and incredible potential. This exponential growth and potential, however, has also created a significantly increased need for prayer, volunteer, and financial support.

As you read through this year's annual report it is my heart and my hope that you will see the same extraordinary hand of God at work that we do, and join with us in praying for and contributing to His provision for all who are served through Freedom Life. I want to personally thank everyone who is partnered with us in this incredible journey of God's mission to so many with such great need in our community.

DANNY HAMPTON
Executive Director

2018 HIGHLIGHTS

235

men/women committed
or recommitted their lives
to Christ

550

men/women served in
the McDowell County jail

400

men served within
county prisons

220

justice involved individuals
served in the
local community

1440

one-on-one mentoring
sessions held within the
McDowell County jail

25K

25000 transportation
miles provided

25

served through
transition housing

125

mens and women's support
groups facilitated

25000

hours of pastoral
care provided

OVERVIEW OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Freedom Life had an amazing year in 2018. We reached out to men, women and their families in jails, prisons, homes and our office, providing more than \$75,000 in client financial resources while working to spread the hope of Jesus Christ and the positive impact of life change through his Grace, mercy, and love.

FREEDOM LIFE SERVICES

SPIRITUAL LIFE SUPPORT NEEDS

- Spiritual life/need assessment
- Pastoral care/bible-based counseling
 - Discipleship mentoring
 - Bible study
- Church connection (facilitation, partnering, resourcing, support)
 - Spiritual needs resourcing

OUTER PERSONAL LIFE SUPPORT NEEDS

- Case management
- Outer personal life need assessment
- Basic need (food, clothing, hygiene, housing/shelter etc.) resourcing
- Job need resourcing/support (including training, research, recommendations, clothing, tools, etc.)
 - Education need resourcing
- Transportation need resourcing (including transporting, but also dmv/legal need support/resourcing)
 - Medical need resourcing
 - Family need support resourcing
- Community connection networking/resourcing/support

INNER PERSONAL LIFE SUPPORT NEEDS

- Case management
- Inner personal life need assessment
 - Pastoral care
 - Personal counseling (networking, resourcing, support)
- Family/relationship development (networking, resourcing, support)
 - Life plan development and implementation (resourcing, support, accountability)
- Substance misuse/addiction (networking, resourcing, support)
 - Mental health (networking, resourcing, support)
 - Support groups facilitation
- Community connection (networking, resourcing, support)



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Our Vision: True freedom and lasting life transformation for justice involved individuals and their families through Christ's love.

Our Mission: To address needs and provide opportunities for lasting life transformation. For the currently incarcerated, we offer chaplaincy, resourcing, and volunteer support. For individuals and their families who are currently on probation and/or have faced incarceration, we assist the whole person through the utilization of a community network of spiritual and practical support.



SPREADING HOPE THROUGH MUSIC

The Freedom Life musical team Heart Cry ministers in very impactful ways to men and women who are behind prison walls. In addition to special concerts, they also deliver gift bags several times a year to men and women being held within the McDowell County Jail. Heart Cry also provides inspirational concerts in churches and at community events throughout the region to communicate the amazing ways that God is using prayers, volunteer, and financial support to touch and transform lives.

A man wearing a black jacket, sunglasses, and black pants is using a pressure washer to clean a concrete surface at a gas station. In the background, there are gas pumps with 'Ingles' branding, a white car, a red car, and a blue pickup truck. A sign for 'ICE' and a 'pepsi' logo are also visible.

PROVIDING HOPE AND CHANGE FOR LOCAL FAMILIES

Freedom Life provides hope for individuals and families in our community. Lives are being changed, old wounds are healing and families are being reunited through the Grace of God. At Freedom Life, we work tirelessly to help our clients rebuild shattered lives destroyed by patterns of destruction including neglect, physical abuse and addiction. We work with men and women everyday who are breaking the cycle and the chains that have bound them for far too long. One way we are changing lives is through job training with Freedom Pressure Washing (FPW), a Freedom Life subsidiary that serves clients in the region. FPW provides job opportunities for our clients and teaches them valuable life lessons for the future.



AMAZING GROWTH

2018 brought amazing growth in the capacity and reach of Freedom Life. As the information contained in this annual report reveals, God has continued to be faithful in increasing not just the number of lives and families that have been served through Freedom Life, but in community awareness and involvement. In October, over 70 individuals and leaders from over 40 different agencies and organizations within our community came together to launch the community engagement part of the McDowell Reentry Council. Freedom Life has also been serving the needs of several surrounding counties as they move towards creating their own reentry capacities. Freedom Life has also been serving on the State Reentry Council Collaborative to help create changes and opportunities on a statewide level that will directly help justice involved individuals along with their families and communities.

A person wearing a hoodie and pants stands in the center of a tunnel, looking out towards a bright light at the end. The tunnel walls are covered in graffiti, and the floor is made of brick. The person is silhouetted against the bright light, creating a strong contrast. The overall mood is hopeful and transformative.

INCREDIBLE POTENTIAL

One of the most incredible things to happen in 2018 was Freedom Life being the recipient of a “Second Chance Act” grant award. There were only 11 grant awards given out across all 50 states, and as God would have it, Freedom Life was one of the 11. This grant award has taken and will continue to take the potential for life transformation and community impact to a whole new level. Through this grant we will start working with men and women before they are released from incarceration. We will be able to focus on helping the ones who may need it the most, high risk individuals with violent convictions on their records. These men and women will be returning to our community. They truly need our help. God has made an incredible way for us to bring this help to them.



INCREASED NEED

Throughout 2018 Freedom Life has grown substantially in mission scope, capacity, and effectiveness. One of the contributing factors to this growth has been grants God has blessed us to receive. Grants, however, are only temporary funding solutions that eventually need to be replaced with sustainable financial capacity. In order to continue in the cultivation of new ministry capabilities and potential, current grants that will be expiring in 2019 need to be replaced with increased funding capacity. In order to meet this financial challenge, we are seeking to increase our monthly donors/partners within 2019 by at least 400 monthly donors at \$25 per month. Please pray with us concerning this and even consider how God may use you or others you may know to help contribute to this increased need as together we seek to change lives, families, and futures in our community.



COMMUNITY CONNECTION

At Freedom Life, we could not serve our clients without the support of amazing people and organizations within our community. We are blessed to serve with more than 100 local churches, community organizations, and businesses along with many individual partners in serving justice involved individuals and their families. Through their help, volunteer time and financial support, we are helping people break the cycles that are crippling their future. As we seek to make a difference in even more lives in 2019, you can make a difference by joining us in our ministry. To learn more about others who are helping to change hearts and lives in our community or to donate your time and financial support, please visit www.freedomlifeministries.org or call us at 828-559-2224.