

## FAITH MOVES MOUNTAINS

In Matthew 17:20, Jesus says: "Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."



**Greg's** life was in turmoil. He started using drugs in high school, and his addiction heightened throughout his life. He was in and out of rehab centers frequently, but nothing seemed to help. Although he knew God was all around him, Greg kept his distance, only praying when things got tough. Despite this, he knew God was trying to get his attention. Greg's brother brought him to Wayside Cross Ministries (WCM), and at first, Greg didn't think it was the place for him, but he soon learned otherwise.

Through the programs at WCM, Greg learned one of the most significant lessons he felt he needed to learn: humility. As Greg humbled himself to help others, doors began to open. After 16 months, Greg left the walls of WCM and went out to earn his living and help others.

At first, his business was slow to start up but, in time, he became busy enough to hire an employee. God brought him together with Ed, and they've worked together every day for the last two years.



**Ed** came to WCM after serving his sentence at Big Muddy prison and in preparation for leaving there, he sent out over 100 applications to various 'transition' facilities. He prayed over these when sending them out, asking God to be very clear about where he should go. Ed wanted only one option and wanted it to be God's decision because when he made a choice, it was always the wrong choice. Well, out of those 100 letters, he received only one letter back, and it was from Wayside Cross Ministries. Ed entered the program at WCM in July of 2010.

Ed worked in the warehouse for six weeks and then was transferred to work at the front desk. Ed was not comfortable working at the front desk because he wasn't comfortable being the center of attention, but sometimes God pushes us out of our comfort zones, and that's what he did with Ed. Because he was able to interact with others, opportunities came along for Ed.

Ed found his home church at the Oasis Church in Aurora, where he now serves as a deacon. In 2011, through the church, Ed met the owner of a flooring company, who offered him a job working in the warehouse. Ed moved into WCM's Horizon House, in Batavia and was given a vehicle by another church, and continued to receive blessing after blessing.

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Through his stay at WCM, Ed now realizes the importance of structure, going to chapel every day, reading the Bible, getting up and having meals at the same time, being responsible but, most of all, following the rules.

He knows God comes first and he knows the importance of praying and having faith.

Greg and Ed faced many mountains, different mountains, and yet, through each one's faith, were able to move those mountains as they trusted God and His faithfulness.

God brought a brotherhood and friendship together and provided Greg and Ed with the opportunity to help others, by learning a multitude of skills as handymen. Both men never imagined what would happen as they allowed faith as small as a mustard seed to work and grow in their lives. They feel blessed by what God has done, and continues to do every day.

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Wayside was recently introduced to a North Aurora company by one of our board members. That company is RECORA; they manufacture custom electrical Switchmats and flexible pressure sensitive switches. Recently the owner and their three managers came to tour our main campus on East New York Street. They learned about our programs and met some of the residents. They were impressed by what we do and the fact that our residents get second and sometimes third chances here.

They were interested in offering some of our men from the program an opportunity for employment, and Terrell became the first beneficiary.

Last June we featured Terrell in our Impact newsletter. He was working towards his GED,



attending school and getting top grades. All that hard work paid off because in December he became an employee at RECORA. Terrell is delighted with the job and gives all the glory to Jesus Christ.

Terrell wants to give back, especially to the youth. He doesn't want the kids who looked up to him in the past life to continue down the same path as he did. "I don't live on that path anymore; I live the way of the Lord. That's where I want these kids to live, too", said Terrell.

He is still part of the WCM program, and is in Phase IV, which allows him to work and continue to live here. He is grateful for his time at Wayside Cross Ministries, and for those who helped him through his journey, a journey that is just beginning.

**Mission: To honor God by loving and serving the afflicted and powerless through sharing the Gospel of forgiveness and hope in Jesus Christ by empowering them to be disciples of Christ.**

## ELGIN IS ON THE MOVE

A new chapter and a new year, is unfolding in Elgin. We are so blessed and excited to be back in the Elgin downtown area to minister to our homeless friends in need of Hope.

We opened at our new location on January 7th at the Bethesda Community Center, 453 Fremont Street.

A big thank you goes out to all the volunteers who help with the move, we could not have

done it without you. Thank you, to Steve and the Aurora team, who helped get our appliances, furniture and supplies moved to the new location.

We look forward to serving alongside of you and seeing many more people impacted and their lives changed - for Christ's Glory!

Visit us on our FaceBook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/WaysideCrossMinistries/>



Wayside is looking for a donation of a dependable, gently used AWD pickup truck. This will help us to cut costs significantly for snow removal at our Aurora campus, along with providing transportation for our maintenance team. Contact Steve Wise, General Manager of Hope Outreach, 630-723-3434 or [swise@waysidecross.org](mailto:swise@waysidecross.org).



## ELGIN WALK-A-MILE IN MY SHOES

Saturday, February 9th 9am to Noon

The Elgin, Walk a Mile in My Shoes 2019 is fast approaching, mark your calendars!

Join us for Wayside Cross Ministries' Annual Cold Weather Walk, benefitting Wayside Center's work among the homeless in Elgin and DuPage County.

The walk begins at 9:00 am at the House of Restoration Warehouse, 516 Slade Avenue, Elgin. Walkers will proceed one mile to the Center's new location at Bethesda Community Center, 453 Fremont Street, where we will hold our Annual Open House.



**SIGN UP TODAY!!** To register online go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0549aca62fa0fd0-walkamile>  
For questions, call Laura Giersz at (847) 695-4405 or email [elginwam@waysidecross.org](mailto:elginwam@waysidecross.org).  
Visit our Wayside Center Elgin Facebook page.

Hope On Wheels (H.O.W.) has gift certificates! Don't know what to get the person who has everything? Stop in and pick one up! For as little as \$10 for a hand wash or a \$75 full service detail.

H.O.W. has a heated indoor facility where we can wash and detail your car, making it look brand new, even in the below-zero temperatures. Appointments are necessary, so please call ahead 630-723-3438.

### SERVICES WE OFFER:

#### ■ EXTERIOR QUICK WASH - \$10

Includes hand wash, tire shine, interior vacuum, and exterior windows.

#### ■ EXTERIOR WASH & WAX - \$20

Includes hand wash, tire shine, spray wax, interior vacuum, interior/exterior windows & tire pressure check.

#### ■ INTERIOR ONLY - \$40

Includes complete interior detailing, interior windows, vacuum, shampoo carpet and upholstery, vinyl & leather conditioner.

#### ■ FULL SERVICE DETAIL - \$75

Includes hand wash, hand wax, wipe down engine compartment, check fluids, tire pressure check, complete interior detailing, vacuum, shampoo carpet, vinyl & leather conditioning.

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