



Update from **BARRY AND TERRYL BRUCE**



A Living Miracle

Jesse Rubio calls himself a living miracle because Jesus Christ rescued him from years of addiction, homelessness, and despair. Alcohol took complete control of Jesse, until he needed it just to function. Without it, he experienced violent shaking and hallucinations. He cycled through jail and spent nearly twelve years homeless on the streets of Hawaiian Gardens, trapped in addiction and hopelessness, but even in the darkness, Jesse still cried out to God. One day in a riverbed, he cried out to Jesus, "I'm trapped and there's no way out!" Soon after, Terryl Bruce from The Way Out Ministries began reaching out to him, our resource center provided him with food and clothes and he was invited to our weekly Bible study and church. Though he was still drinking, God was reaching out to him.

Everything changed one day when Jesse was found unconscious on the street and rushed to the hospital in critical condition. Doctors thought he would not survive, but while he lay in a coma, Terryl and his friend Davo prayed for him at his bed side. Friends at The Way Out Ministries and The Gathering Church also prayed!

When Jesse woke up, his craving for alcohol was completely gone. He realized that God had miraculously freed him! From that day forward, Jesse's life was rebuilt. He began reading the Bible, attending church, got pastoral counsel, attended recovery groups and helped others struggling with addiction and homelessness.

Jesse regained his driver's license after twenty years, bought his first vehicle and got a job as a driver for disabled veterans. Jesse has learned to treasure his walk with Jesus Christ and has lived in sobriety since December 25, 2015. The Bible passage in Philippians 1:6 has become the foundation of his restored life, which says, "He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Today, Jesse lives for Christ and shares the hope of the Gospel that transformed him. Jesse says, "Jesus Christ is The Way Out!"

Recently Jesse's story was featured in a video produced by The Way Out Ministries. You can view this short story and share it with others by visiting our web page at thewayout.org and selecting "media" in the menu.

ROCK BOTTOM RESET

Paul Davidson came to us a few months ago after years of struggling with addiction. Having recently given his life to Christ, he carried a renewed sense of hope and purpose that was evident to us. While living in an Oxford House in Fort Worth (one of many group recovery homes in Texas), he was eager to share information about the program with others who needed support as they worked to rebuild their lives.

As Paul began looking for employment, The Way Out Ministries was able to assist him in creating a resume, obtaining his food handler's license, applying for jobs, and purchasing slip-resistant work shoes once he was hired. We were rejoicing with him when he was offered a full-time position as a line cook at BJ's Restaurant! Paul has been working hard ever since.

What has been most inspiring is the way that Paul has used his own journey to encourage others. He has shared his testimony with people in his home and neighboring Oxford Houses, telling them about what God has done in his life and the support he has received through The Way Out. Because of his encouragement, many others have reached out for help and hope for themselves.

Paul is a light wherever he goes, and it is clear that God is using him to impact the lives of those around him. We are grateful to have played a part in his journey and look forward to seeing all that God will continue to do through him. Paul says, “ROCK BOTTOM IS A GIFT! It strips away your ego, pride and all the burdens you've been carrying. You're left with nothing but raw possibility; a chance to build from scratch and create something that you thought wasn't possible. Rock bottom isn't the end—it's the reset button to your life!” What a joy it has been for us to be a part of Paul's “reset”! We wanted to share his story with you because your donations to this ministry make you a part of his “reset” too.

BIG SPLASH!

One of our California young adults, Julianna Igama, made a “big splash” by graduating as an Ensign Public Affairs officer in the US Navy on May 15, 2026. Her love for Jesus and care for others radiates where ever she goes. We miss her at The Gathering Church and in fellowship, but our prayers go with her as she makes her new home on the USS George Washington (CVN-73)—currently deployed in the Philippine Sea. Please pray for her with us and her proud parents and family. Please continue to pray for all of our service men and women.

MISSION TO THE MANGYANS

One of the greatest blessings of ministry is seeing how God uses relationships built over time to open new doors for the gospel. During mission trips to the Philippines, Pastor Barry met Rosalinda Magarau while ministering to her students at Occidental Mindoro State College. Since then, The Way Out has partnered with Rosalinda and her husband, Pastor Adlin, through their church, Bethany Evangelical Missionary Church, Camburay, and the campus ministry. Together we have partnered in prison outreach, Bible distribution, and emergency flood relief in San Jose, Occidental Mindoro.

Recently, Rosalinda and Pastor Adlin shared the need for outreach to a poor, remote, Mangyan indigenous community in the mountains where many children and adults have never heard the gospel. They asked if The Way Out would partner with them to establish a weekly mission outreach there, and we gladly agreed.

After much prayer and planning, a mission team was established in May and the team began traveling each week to the village. Despite difficult journeys through rugged terrain, long walks, and river crossings, the team faithfully shares the good news of Jesus, builds relationships, and provides practical support to local families.

Rosalinda reports, “Little by little, they are learning about Jesus, who died on the cross and rose again. Before this, they knew nothing about the Lord. They believed only the teachings passed down by their elders and called upon spirits with traditional rituals during droughts and floods.”

We are excited to welcome Rosalinda and Pastor Adlin as ministry partners in this outreach to the Buhid Tribe in Sito Panlabayan, Rizal, Occidental Mindoro. Please pray for them, their team, and the Mangyan people.

SUMMER CAMP SPONSORS

We are still in need of generous sponsors to give city kids in California a Christian summer camp experience of a lifetime. Please prayerfully consider giving at thewayout.org. Without your help these kids could not afford such a camp experience. Thank you for giving!



Update from **JJ TENCLAY**



Update from JJ TenClay
June 2026

In early June, the UNHCR released their annual [Global Trends on Forced Displacement report](#), and once again, Venezuela and Syria are in the top five refugee producing countries in the world.

Reading this report breaks my heart every year. In part, because the statistics we have about global forced displacement—and the people and places affected by mass forced displacement and migration—are dire. But, to me, it's also a reminder that these aren't just staggering numbers. This report represents lands and people, created and deeply loved by God, that are experiencing death, destruction, and displacement. Every single person behind those numbers is a unique and beloved image bearer of our God. And the story of Hagar informs us that we serve El Roi, "The God Who Sees."

Thanks to your continued support, RCA Global Mission is showing up in the lives of people seeking refuge around the world in ways that make them feel seen and loved, as they endure some of the most profound darkness this broken and hurting world has to offer.

Syria

Those of you who have been long-term supporters know that Syria and her people are near and dear to my heart, as my family and I worked tirelessly alongside partners to create safe and legal pathways to resettlement for Syrians while we lived in Italy. I have also continued to work with Syrian refugees since returning to the United States eight years ago.

In January, RCA Global Mission sent \$10,000 from the [Refugee Crisis Fund](#) to one of our trusted mission partners (Partners Relief & Development) who works in Northeast Syria, providing care for Syrians who continue to face displacement and persecution over and over again. Here is part of the update I received from Partners in March:

With your partnership, we have provided emergency relief to nearly 2,100 people in Northeast Syria since January. Food packs, hygiene kits, mattresses, and cash support for pregnant mothers and newborn babies have reached hundreds of families...This support has been a lifeline for families who, in many cases, have been displaced four times over.

Last week I had a video call with one of my friends from Partners Relief & Development, and she shared that the situation in Northeast Syria continues to deteriorate. She reported that the staff serving in Syria (including the team leader who is Syrian) have never seen this level of fear in the displaced people they serve in that region, and that over and over again the message was clear: we are tired of being displaced.

I don't know what the future holds for Syria and her people. But I know that we serve a God who sees and loves every single Syrian living in fear and exhausted from enduring multiple forced displacements, and I know that we are called to see them and to love them as well.

[Will you join me in praying for Syria and her people?](#)

Venezuela

I'm writing this letter the morning after two consecutive earthquakes hit the country of Venezuela. At this time news is reporting at least 164 dead, more than 1,000 injured, and an unknown number of people trapped in the rubble of fallen buildings.

Venezuela has already suffered so much in recent years, and is the top refugee producing country in the world. Yet, the world has—time and time again—turned its back on Venezuela and refused to provide refuge for the more than 6.5 million people who have already fled the country. How many more will be displaced now?

And yet I'm grateful that as of July 1, RCA Global Mission will officially welcome missionaries who provide compassionate, Christ-like care to displaced Venezuelans in Costa Rica! [Ruth & James Padilla DeBorst](#) have served as long time missionaries through Resonate Global Mission, and after a time of discernment, have decided to join the RCA Global Mission team. They provide care for people on the move (predominantly Venezuelans) both through their intentional living community at Casa Adobe, as well as through Casa Esperanza—a 40 bed shelter along the Nicaragua/Costa Rica border—where they provide safety, dignity, healing, and hope. I was blessed to spend some time with them and the people they serve in Costa Rica in February, and I can attest to the lives being transformed by the ways the Padilla DeBorsts see and love the people they are called to serve well.

I'd like to end this letter today by asking you—my faithful supporters—to extend welcome and support to the Padilla-DeBorsts as they become a part of us. Here are a few ways to do just that:

1. **Send an email message to Ruth & James** at james.padilladeborst@arocha.org to welcome them to the RCA Global Mission team.
2. **Invite a group of people from your church or classis/middle assembly to visit Ruth & James in Costa Rica.**
3. **Give a one-time financial gift to support their work** at Casa Esperanza. [See this flyer for more information.](#)
4. **Support Ruth & James in 2026** (or beginning in 2027) with pledged [Partnership-in-Mission \(PIM\)](#) support. Please contact Gael Uwera at guwera@rca.org to learn more.

And finally, as the restructuring continues to unfold within the RCA, **please keep my ministry and the support of this important work in your prayers.** As the structures shift, that may impact a portion of my support but we won't know fully until the dust settles. If you or your church would like to explore an opportunity to increase your ongoing pledged financial support—or to change your one-time gift to monthly or annual pledged support—please let me know. Thank you for helping me feel seen and loved as well as I begin my 13th year of service through RCA Global Mission.

In faith-filled service,
JJ TenClay
RCA Missionary
Refugee Ministries Coordinator

SUMMER NEWSLETTER



2026

From the Board President

by Josh Vermeer

God has blessed us in many ways at Love In the Name of Christ (Love INC). He has blessed us with an outstanding staff, a dedicated board, strong partnerships with churches in our communities, and the opportunity to connect those churches with people who have needs. He has also provided guidance as we look toward the future.

We are currently in the midst of a capital campaign to purchase the building we have been renting. At the end of July, we will officially purchase the property. Many generous individuals have already contributed to the campaign, and because of their support, we are able to make a substantial down payment on our new home. We will continue working diligently to pay off the remaining balance in a timely manner, and we invite others to partner with us in this effort.

Our location is a tremendous blessing. Situated just off Main Street, it provides an accessible place where walk-ins can meet with us and share their needs. Each staff member has an office or welcome desk, allowing us to effectively serve both our clients and our team. We also have a large meeting area that has been used to host events for pastors and church leaders, as well as a boardroom that serves the needs of our board members and the prayer team that faithfully prays over the ministry of Love INC.

Our building is a blessing, and we are excited about what the future holds for this space. We look forward to using it in even greater ways to serve our communities, support local churches, and care for those in need.

New Love INC Board Member



Glenda Van Wyhe grew up in the Hawarden/ Ireton area and worked as a lab tech at Hawarden Regional Healthcare for nearly 44 years. She is married to Randy and they have 2 sons. Glenda and her husband continue to live in Ireton on the family farm and attend Hawarden Christian Reformed Church

"My mom had a very servant heart and instilled in us to serve others. Jesus tells many places in the Bible to feed and clothe those without, to show mercy, to do good unto others, and to love your neighbors. I will do my best to serve on the board of Love INC of Sioux County with much prayer and guidance from the Spirit."

NOW TO HIM WHO IS ABLE TO
DO IMMEASURABLY MORE
THAN ALL WE ASK OR
IMAGINE, ACCORDING TO HIS
POWER THAT IS AT WORK
WITHIN US, TO HIM BE THE
GLORY IN THE CHURCH AND
IN CHRIST JESUS
THROUGHOUT ALL
GENERATIONS, FOREVER AND
EVER. AMEN
EPHESIANS 3:20-21

How it works:

Families that bring their child(ren) entering grades K-5 are able to choose and try on a brand new pair of shoes/socks for \$5.

*Cash payments only.
Limit one pair per child.*

Children must be present!



Shoe Store Information:

August 3: **Rock Valley** @ Love INC, 1317 Main St.

August 4: **Hawarden** @ Centerpoint Church
400 10th St.

August 5: **Sioux Center** @ First Christian Reformed Church
321 2nd St. SE

Each location is open from 4:00pm - 6:00pm
No registration required.



SHOE DONATIONS

The Heart and Soles ministry is a collaboration of churches, individuals and Love INC. Churches that choose to participate in this ministry receive a set of shoe and sock cut-outs to display. Church members can pick up one or more of the cut-outs, shop for the items listed on them and bring the shoes and socks back to church. Love INC organizes the shoe store in each community and builds a relationship with families by blessing them not just with a pair of shoes but also with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



HEART AND SOLES SHOE STORE

Every year, Love INC stands in the gap for families in Sioux County who struggle with back-to-school expenses. Through the Heart and Soles ministry, we provide brand-new shoes for children entering Kindergarten through 5th grade. With the support of area churches, we collect new, high-quality athletic shoes and socks to distribute to families during our annual Shoe Store events.

This year's events will be:

August 3 in Rock Valley at Love INC

August 4 in Hawarden at Centerpoint Church

August 5 in Sioux Center at First CRC.

As its name suggests, Heart and Soles is about more than just shoes and socks. Both giving and receiving have the power to transform hearts. Receiving a new pair of shoes can give a child confidence and excitement as they prepare to start a new school year. It can also bring encouragement and relief to parents who are carrying the burden of financial hardship.

One pair of shoes at a time, we are helping transform lives and strengthen our communities in the name of Christ.

Upcoming Classes

LOVE & LEARN CLASSES



Faith & Finances

Learn financial skills such as budgeting, saving, and paying off debt. A mentor will help you apply what you learn in class to your personal finances.



Boundaries

Cultivate habits of setting and maintaining boundaries at home, work, and even social media.



Affirming Potential

Evaluate the physical, emotional, relational and spiritual areas of your life and discover the unique potential God created you with.



Redemptive Compassion

A Biblical exploration of how God has called the Church to love and serve our neighbors.



Grief Share

Receive encouragement and support after the death of a loved one through your journey of grief. Learn more at www.griefshare.org

How to Register

Call: 712-476-5990

Email: ministries@loveincsiouxcounty.org

Web: www.loveincsiouxcounty.org



Classes begin August 25



Tuesday evenings
6:45-8:00pm



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