



MISSION STATEMENT: We exist to serve those affected by incarceration by being ambassadors of *life change* through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

# To GRADUATE or Commence?

Are we finishing or just starting? This is a question we present to the Aftercare students who complete Jubilee's extensive and structured Aftercare Program. In one sense, they are graduating, and their program completion needs to be acknowledged. In another sense, they are just beginning. Several times a year, we host a ceremony for those who have completed the Aftercare Program. We call it a Commencement

Ceremony. To commence means, "to have or make a beginning." We emphasize that this time in their life is a beginning. For the last seven years, Jubilee has offered a Graduate Program as a further step to any student who has completed the Aftercare Program and desires for Jubilee to walk with them as they commence into what is next in their life.

Their first step is to acquire an apartment. Jubilee is able to offer apartments, at low rent, to assist in this process. Our CEO meets with each student, presenting them with a lease, and explaining each line in detail so they fully understand this process when they are walking in full independence apart from Jubilee. Renting from Jubilee is a great step toward increased responsibility in their life.

Each Graduate Program student must also have a job in the community. They take the work skills and teachable attitude they learned in Jubilee's thrift stores and Aftercare Program and apply them in this new employment environment. Recently, an employer who had hired their first Jubilee graduate expressed how well the student was doing in all areas of the job. He indicated that he would be interested in hiring more individuals from the Graduate Program.

Graduate students also have a Jubilee staff member who holds them accountable to their financial goals. Students complete Financial Peace University while in the Aftercare Program and have the opportunity to practice the financial principles they have learned,



Aftercare Commencement: a student (right) receives his certificate of completion from Men's Aftercare Manager, Matt Korff.



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including saving money and paying off debt. One man who signed an apartment lease with Jubilee, including paying the first month's rent and security deposit, asked how early he could pay an additional month of rent! He was told he could pay it at any time, and with a big smile asked, "Can I pay it now? I have never saved this much money before!"

Another big component of the Graduate Program is transportation. With money they have saved, many are able to purchase a car, and do so without incurring debt. Jubilee staff provide guidance through the vehicle purchasing process and witness the joy expressed by some purchasing their first car. One graduate passed his driver's test for the first time after drugs derailed three previous attempts. He was not only able to get his license, but also buy his first car!

Other aspects of the Graduate Program include regular church attendance and inviting a mentor into their life. These components allow each student to develop healthy relationships and build community outside of Jubilee. The local church plays a significant role in each graduate's walk with the Lord.



Discipleship is at the core of the Graduate Program. Jubilee staff walk alongside each of the graduates to model and guide them to a life that honors God and His Word. This journey with the Lord leads them to a life lived in His peace and joy, rather than the chaos and brokenness of their past.

A recent graduate student shared his gratitude for the path Jubilee has walked with him the past 18 months. Before he went to prison, he was homeless and living in the woods. He was afraid he would freeze to death, which led him to surrender to local authorities. Upon completing his prison sentence, he had no personal property and nowhere to go. He decided to give Jubilee's Aftercare Program a chance. This man came to know the Lord and began living his life for Jesus! It was not easy learning a new way to live. However, today he has a good job, money saved, an apartment, his own car and no debt! His parole officer admitted, "To be honest, I never thought he would be successful, but I'm glad I was wrong!" It is a privilege to see this man commence into a new phase of his life – greatest of all is his growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

**Jubilee Ministries 28<sup>th</sup> Annual**

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# "A Letter to Mia"

Mia Richardson serves as a chaplain in Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties. In addition to leading worship services, she holds Bible studies and visits one on one with inmates, providing them with a listening ear, a caring heart, and the Gospel. The Lord is reaching those seeking life change behind bars. Below is a letter written to Chaplain Mia by an inmate who attended a few Bible studies.

Chaplain Mia,

I first wrote to you about getting an A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous) book. After reading it, I realized I needed to keep growing my spirituality and wrote you for more books. Seeing the huge Bible you gave me, I laughed and thought I would never read it. But after reading daily devotionals and a few testimonial books in here, I was led to it and began studying every day, and now have a foundation I never would have gotten if it weren't for you.

Thank you and thank God!

# Clair Weaver SERVICE AWARD

The Clair Weaver Service Award is presented each year to one or more employees who exemplify Jubilee's core value of service, as embodied by Jubilee's former CEO, Clair Weaver. In 2023, the award was presented to Jim Artz and Rose High, who have faithfully served the mission of Jubilee.

## Jim Artz

Prison Chaplain and Men's Aftercare Chaplain



Jim offered the heart of Christ to many men behind bars and in Jubilee's Aftercare Program, in his role as a chaplain. Blending the compassion of the Gospel and the steadfastness of God's Truth, he selflessly served those he ministered to with Christ-like love. His heartfelt and genuine service to all has blessed his coworkers as he exemplified being a true ambassador of Christ.

## Rose High

Production Manager



Rose has been a tireless leader both in the stores and in processing. There is no task that she was unwilling to do as she faithfully served by modeling excellence in her work. There are few who could keep her pace, though many have tried! As hard as she worked, she loved and served her staff even harder. Rose's behind-the-scenes commitment to the mission of Jubilee has laid a foundation for life change through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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