



Acts 2:42 (NKJV) And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

**WHERE ARE THEY NOW? Rev.12:11**  
**James Thompson (Written by: Kevin Abney)**



Jim speaks of his time at the Hebron Center, which began in March of '06. "After 6 months of the program, I was dismissed for being un-teachable. Things didn't go well before coming back to the program in December of '06. After a year in the program, I stayed on for Servant Leadership Training (SLT) which transitioned into working on Helping Hands with Mike Wathen. I went back into the world with a new job in August of '08. Things fell apart for me. Bridges that I'd burnt with my ex-wife weren't going to be rebuilt, at least not like I wanted them to be. I began to look for release, not through God, but again through crack. Coming back into Hebron, I was asked the question by Brother Rick Aanonsen, "What do you want us to do for you Jim?" Already, so many people and resources had been poured into me, what more was there? I was graciously brought back in for a probationary period and into the Work Program and then started a new job in April of '10. In my time at Hebron I've truly come to have love for the real friends God has put in my life. I've seen some of those friends fall and some of them pass on. I've also seen firsthand the many miracles God has performed in the lives of others."

Through the years, God has sustained Jim through relationships, and has instilled in him the sense of responsibility to keep first things first; his relationship with God, family, and the men he calls brothers. Keeping priorities in order is so important in his life. He's lived out the first part of Proverbs 13:12a too many times (*Hope deferred makes the heart sick*). He's Seen all the hearts that he's made sick because of his selfishness and putting his own lusts first.

Jim knows that God has a lot more work to do in him. He is now living in Brandenburg, KY and is working in HVAC. He says it's amazing to see God blessing him in the ways He does. Jim struggles often with God's time line but says, "He's faithful even when I'm not". Jim has found it very important to remain connected in some way to the men he has met at Hebron. This usually involves weekly phone calls to staff member, Kevin Abney and occasional calls to other alumni. These regular relational connections are vital for him. They help him guard the decisions in his life.

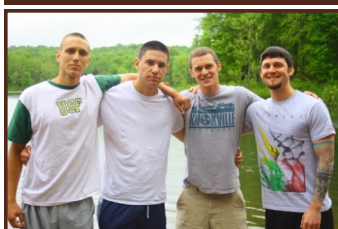
God has given back to Jim the relationships with his son and his family, and the ability to pay back his mother and father. He's beginning to provide for his son, Cody. God has also given him the ability to make good on promises to his son, and follow through with what he says he'll do. Jim speaks on God's faithfulness, and refers to 2 Chronicles 7:14 (*if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.*)

Jim was recently able to take a vacation and spend the week at Camp Hunt. Jim says, "It was refreshing to spend my vacation with friends and some of the guys in the program. God is so good."

Please pray for our fellow alumnus, Jim Thompson. If you'd like to contact Jim, his email is [jimmytee68@gmail.com](mailto:jimmytee68@gmail.com).

**Volume 10, June '11**

**Graduation!**



May, 2011 Graduating Class: Karl, Mike, Tyler, Trey (L-R) (David not pictured) [\(See all the graduation pics here\)](#)

**Upcoming Events**

June 17 6:00 PM...



[\(click Here for info\)](#)

June 18 ... **Prayer Breakfast** at American Legion Mall. 6:30 AM (Free)

July (TBD)... **Alumni Service Project** at the Shelter for Men



Jim Thompson (Left) at a recent Prayer Breakfast

**2ND ANNUAL CAMP OUT TO STAMP OUT HOMELESSNESS**

On June 17-18 at the American Legion Mall (downtown by the new library), Wheeler will hold this exciting homelessness awareness event to help spread the word about what Wheeler is doing in the community. Alumni, please join us, beginning at 6pm for this special opportunity. Your admission includes: **SIX CONCERTS, DINNER, PRIZES, GAMES, A CAMPSITE, AND...**

The cost is just \$20, kids 10 and under are FREE.

Our next [Prayer Breakfast will follow](#) in the park at 6:30AM including worship music, prayer time and **FREE BREAKFAST** from Chick fil-A.

[Please register Here.](#) Contact [TammyEllis@wmm.org](mailto:TammyEllis@wmm.org) to volunteer, and you'll only pay \$10 for admission!



**ALUMNI SERVE HOMELESS AT THE SHELTER FOR MEN**

On May 25th, dozens of alumni met at Wheeler's Shelter for Men to serve the homeless. It was a great night of fellowship, as we threw on our hair nets and encouraged the homeless men that Jesus loves them.

Alumnus, Adam Clark led praise and worship and fellow alumnus, Ken Stickford gave the word during the chapel service.

Please join us at our next service project in July. Contact [Tom Warren](#) for more information.

[Click here to see the pictures from the evening.](#)



**ALUMNI DEVOTIONALS - BE CHALLENGED BY THE WORD**

Each Monday, you're emailed the most recent devotional, written by a fellow alumnus. These devotionals are meant to be practical challenges to your walk. As men that have come out of addiction, complacency and short sightedness are dangerous things. These biblically based messages can assist us in moving forward and becoming more like what God has intended.

**Devotional Archives** [\(Click to read\):](#)

May 16 [Lasting Food](#)

May 23 [Law is Good](#)

May 30 [Are you adequate?](#)

June 6 [Proper Placement](#)

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