“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.” – 2 Corinthians 5:17

Dear Friends of JumpStart,

Within 2 weeks of entering Allendale Correctional Institute, Michael Wallace prayed: “God, please take over and change me because I fear I won’t survive behind these fences.”

From the age of 13, his life had been a string of correctional facilities, state hospitals, probations, and broken relationships, totaling nearly 25 years of incarceration. In previous imprisonments, he was regularly involved in fights, dealing and using drugs, and constantly in and out of lock-up.

This time was different. He turned his life over to Christ. He began looking for Christian programs where he could get involved and grow. Everywhere he turned, he was told that JumpStart was the “Real Deal.”

JumpStart Gave Me a New Start

“JumpStart made me see a real future was possible,” was his simple answer to explain the change that JumpStart made in his vision of his future. “JumpStart gave me a new start. You just can’t do it without them. Even with family, they are often enablers. JumpStart gives structure, accountability, and provision.” Michael is genuinely grateful for a job with a livable wage, a roof over his head, transportation, and the love of Christ that has been shown to him. He now knows that he has a “Real Future” and God holds that future.

Only 4% of JumpStart Graduates Return to Prison

With 70% of released inmates reoffending and returning to prison nationally, it is easy to see why prison is a dark place with little hope. Many of these men and women simply do not know a different way to live than the life of crime that brought them there. So once released, it is no surprise that going down the same roads brings them right back to the same destination. JumpStart is giving these inmates hope by shining the light of
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Christ into this dark place. Not only are they shown a road leading to a better destination, they are given a road map and tools needed to get there. JumpStart is making a difference in the lives of the participants, their families, our communities, and our state, with only 4% of JumpStart graduates returning to prison.

How many times have you read about or seen someone like Michael in the news and wondered, “How can I help him?” Well, here’s your chance. We expect to have hundreds of men and women like Michael in desperate need come to us for help in 2019. God has the proven answer; JumpStart is showing them the way. We’re here to help them, but the only way we can help is if you help us.

Partner with us to Create Another Success Story

JumpStart served more than 17,520 hot meals at the Big House and staff transported participants like Michael over 91,260 miles to work and back last year. The number of meals is increasing. Gas prices are going up and so are the number of miles driven.

Michael Wallace is a success story because of people like you praying, giving and volunteering. We need your help to make more success stories. A gift of $242.57 will provide food, shelter in a Christian atmosphere, healthcare, and transportation for one month for a broken man or woman who is ready to change their life upon release. Consider how you can help. Any amount is appreciated and will be used wisely.

Partner with us to create another success story like Michael.

For Him, for them,

Tommy Moore, Executive Director

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**HOW YOU CAN HELP**

Serve
Get plugged in:
volunteer@jumpstartvision.org

Give
Return the enclosed card or give online:
jumpstartvision.org/financialsupportoptions

Pray
Join our prayer team:
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