

Restoring Lives in Jesus' Name

TRANSFORMED BY GRACE:

Meet Michelle
and Maurice





Have you seen our new website?

Our website has a fresh, new look – making it even easier to see the ways the Lord is working in our ministry and in the lives of the guests we serve. If you haven't already seen it, be sure to take a look at **karm.org** today!



A Message from BURT ROSEN, CEO

STEPPING OUT *in Love*

One thing I cherish about our ministry is that I am surrounded by people who have a servant's heart. Every day, our staff and volunteers boldly go into our community – armed with only the love of Christ – to offer the hope and healing that only Jesus gives.

Our mission can be summed up by William Maltby, a British evangelist you will often hear me quote. He says: *“To bear sins means to go where the sinner is... to love a shameful being and therefore be pierced by his shame... to devote oneself to his recovery and follow him with ceaseless ministry knowing he cannot be recovered without his consent... and his consent may be indefinitely withheld.”*

Within the walls at KARM, our programs are restoring the hearts and lives of guests in our care. But it is not enough... as William says, we must do more.

We must go out into the highways and byways of the Knox area – meeting people where they are. We must follow them with ceaseless ministry and unconditional love – knowing they might resist, but planting seeds nonetheless.

Your unfailing love... fervent prayers... and sacrificial giving are a true blessing. As we go out onto the streets to reach those in need, know that we carry your love and support with us.

Thank you for joining us on this journey and making it possible to meet people where they are – in all their brokenness and shame – to shine the light of God's love into their lives.

You Can Still LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!

In our last newsletter, we shared our goal to raise \$389,000 during our 98-day Summer Campaign. This amount is needed to provide safe shelter and life-changing care during the busy summer months:



75,100 meals



25,700 beds



2,100 unique guests served



2,800 hours of education (Berea)



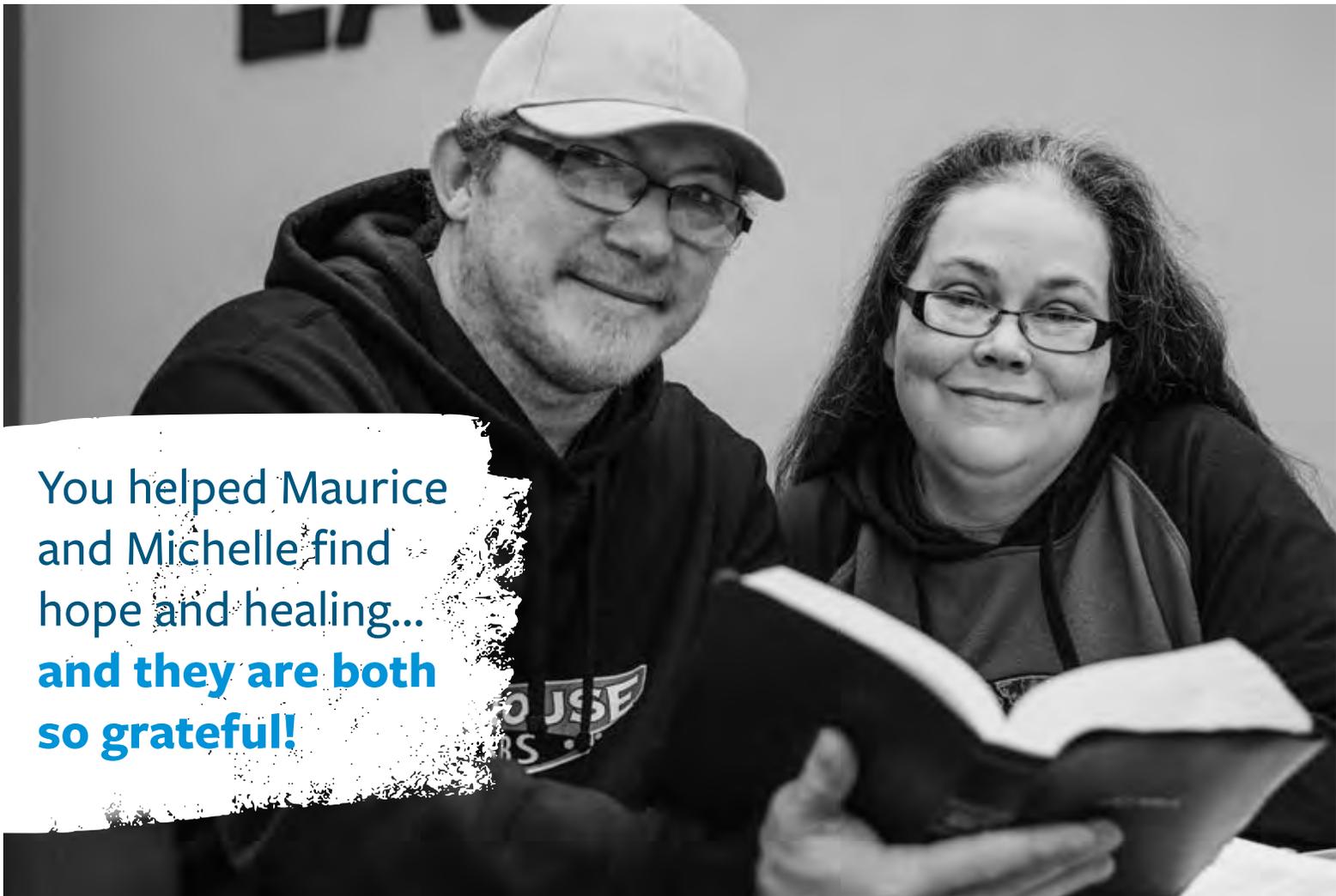
8 life-transforming decisions for Christ



LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

98-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN

Please, share your love this summer...
Give now! karm.org



You helped Maurice and Michelle find hope and healing... and they are both so grateful!

Maurice and Michelle met in an unlikely place... they were both guests at KARM. Before they came here, each of them had already experienced loss and hardship.

“I was abused a lot as a child... I went through foster homes all during my childhood. I was dropped off at a homeless shelter on my 18th birthday by my adopted parents... that was my first experience of homelessness,” shares Maurice.

“I had the complete opposite,” Michelle says. “I grew up in a loving home. I got married two days after my high school graduation and was with my ex-husband for 21 years until we got into a fight and I ended up in jail. When I was released, I was on the streets, alone in the cold, and didn’t know where to go. Then God sent an angel... a stranger gave me his coat, fed me and got me to KARM!”

Maurice also had someone reach out to him in love, encouraging him to get help at our ministry.

“I was living under the overpass, messed up on drugs, when I met Pastor Mychal. He used to come down all the time and check on the guys. The day

he walked up to me I figured, ‘I am at rock bottom now and never had anybody actually care about me in my life. What have I got to lose?’”

Maurice and Michelle worked through the life-recovery programs we offer for men and women, experiencing healing and learning about God’s plan for their lives. They both recommitted their hearts to the Lord after seeing Him work in the lives of people around them.

Maurice says, “Before I came to KARM I was lost, but I don’t feel empty anymore. Now I am finding my way.”

“I was thinking the same thing!” Michelle says, laughing. “They helped me realize that – regardless of what everybody else thinks – I am valued and loved. I have a lot of hope.”

The couple married after graduating from KARM and recently celebrated their first anniversary. They are working and saving to buy a place of their own, and are deeply grateful for the support system they have today.

“I am thankful to KARM because it is love,” Maurice says with a smile.

On the streets with Pastor Mychal



Serving as Jesus' hands and feet means going out into the community and meeting people right where they are... offering the hope and love that only Jesus gives. That's what we do through outreach – led by Pastor Mychal, who shares:

“We go out seven days a week – day and night – to check on people. We visit camps and concentrated areas around the city where a lot of homeless people hang out. By going out there consistently – cold, rain, whatever – relationships are built and people start trusting you.



That's how I met Maurice (who is featured in our cover story). He was a difficult young man... he had some real struggles and was mad at the world. But I just kept pouring the love of Christ into him and eventually something clicked and he came to KARM. He worked through his struggles, got connected with support groups and even met his future wife.

We typically have about 120 people sitting out there in our courtyard at KARM. What a fertile ground to just love people where they are at! We also have our City Nights Outreach on Wednesday and Sunday where we serve food and coffee made the way people want it – going out of our way with overwhelming Biblical hospitality and customer service. I'd love to be able to do that seven nights a week!

There are so many ways for volunteers to just come and love on people, because that's what we're called to do. So many people are in darkness and we need to carry the love of Christ out there to them, where nobody else will go.”

Want to volunteer with outreach?

If you are intrigued by Pastor Mychal's vision and would like to serve our community, we would love to welcome you to serve with us! We always need more volunteers – whether you are free to help during the day or at City Nights events. Opportunities include:



- Being in the KARM courtyard any day of the week to talk with people and build relationships.
- Serving coffee and food at our concession stand during City Nights (on Wednesday and Sunday).
- Playing instruments or singing worship music to share God's love at City Nights.

To learn more or join our outreach efforts, contact Jo-Ann Hansen at (865) 633-7624 or jhansen@karm.org. God bless you!

Join Us...

Join us at our “Hope Rising” banquet in October 2022. A local celebrity will emcee the event, and powerful testimonies from our guests will show how YOU are changing lives right here in our community. Come enjoy an evening of inspiration, food, fellowship and the fun chance to bid on silent auction items.

If you're interested in table or corporate sponsorship opportunities or want to learn more, **scan the QR code or visit www.karm.org/events.**

