



The Step After Next Step

What happens to the men after they leave Next Step? While we are not going to answer specifically for each man, we want to tell you about Chris and Mike who recently left Next Step to share an apartment.

It is our mission at Next Step to help men transform in such a way that they lead a life that glorifies God. We believe as Chris and Mike, transition out of this ministry, they will continue to fulfill this mission as their eyes stay focused on Christ. Both men have related how Next Step Bible studies and worship contributed to their improved knowledge of scripture and their increased ability to share Biblical truth.

Another goal of Next Step is to help the men get plugged into a local church where they can continue to grow spiritually and build a firm foundation of healthy relationships. Both men are attending a Bible teaching church and building those important friendships.

Both are also thankful for the time at Next Step, allowing them to stabilize their finances and take the steps necessary to achieve their financial goals. Both have expressed a desire to continue their involvement with Next Step. We certainly welcome them as this will serve a s a witness to the power of God's continuing grace in their lives!

The Heart of the Ministry

"...help and hope...that glorifies God." Those are two phrases selectively chosen from the Next Step Ministries Mission Statement that best describe the heart of the ministry. We have all seen it, lots of brokenness, lots of hopelessness, many who don't know what to do or where to turn, and too many who have simply given up.

Prior to coming to Next Step, the men have typically been given a taste of the hope that is theirs in Christ. By sharing God's Word, teaching and modeling Christ-like love and humility, bringing dignity through fulfillment of responsibilities, and being there to assist in the restoration of relationships, we strive to make the "living hope" of Christ well known to these men. We rejoice as we have the privilege to see this happen.



From the Community

Next Step Ministries is a disciple making ministry that Center City Church has informally engaged to join with God in what He is doing. Our desire is to be the body of Christ for those in Next Step, providing a place of worship, spiritual growth, community, and brotherly love. It is our privilege and joy to see God working in the lives of the men at Next Step!

Pastor Spencer Brown

Our Identity in Christ

How do you answer that challenging question, "Who are you?"? At one of our group outings the men of Next Step went to the movies, seeing "Overcomer" where the theme is clearly tied to our identity. When we are asked that "Who are you?" question many of us think of our jobs, or our role as spouse, or parent.

Many of the men in Next Step have struggled with substance abuse, or perhaps have been incarcerated; you can imagine some of the "labels" they have been assigned which in turn has come to be a part of their identity. After seeing the movie, the men gathered to carefully review Ephesians 1 and 2, as was done in the movie, to see how our Creator identifies us....blessed, chosen, holy and blameless, redeemed, forgiven, to name a few. Realizing our true identify is transformative and important for all of us as we are drawn to a life to glorify and serve our Lord. We are thankful for the opportunity to share God's truths with this group of men!

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Building For The Future

Solid ground. This is where every effective ministry needs to be built, and Next Step is no different. As of October 2019, Next Step has been operational for seven years, touching the lives of dozens of men and helping them, too, to move to solid ground. What's it going to take to continue to build on this foundation as we move into the future? Clearly, prayer is essential; we cherish your prayers that we would always be faithful and obedient to be led by Christ in ministering to the men He has delivered to this ministry. We also need a committed group of volunteers, to work with the men or to support the many "behind the scenes" activities. Of course, we need financial support.

It is our goal to build the donor base such that we can (1) acquire the leased residential facility, and (2) support the hiring of a full-time ministry director. If you have any questions about Next Step, or how you can support the ministry by praying, volunteering, or financially, please contact us at info@ NextStepNM.com.

As we look to what lies ahead, we also want to remember God's abundant provision. We are thankful to all those who have faithfully supported this ministry with their prayers and finances, and to our many volunteers who have worked with the Next Step men, giving of their time and energy to make Christ known. To our chaplain, Barry Waddleton, we are especially appreciative as he spends numerous hours with each man, making sure they know the peace that results from knowing Christ. And we thank our Lord Jesus Christ for His presence and power in all of us.