



Ohio County Boulware Mission Case Story



Aaron was raised on a farm near the Ohio and Daviess County border. He describes his life growing up as being decent. His grandparents raised him as his parents were not stable or reliable people. He was doing well in high school and involved with the FFA until his girlfriend got pregnant and he had to quit school in order to work full-time farming to support her and the baby.

He was married at age 18 and had a baby boy at age 19. His young family moved to Fordsville where he began hanging out with the wrong crowd. Drinking and partying on the weekends eventually led to smoking marijuana and then abusing pills and methamphetamine. Before long, he was addicted, but could be described as a "functioning addict". Aaron continued to work and he and his wife had two additional children before their marriage fell apart. Having nowhere else to go, he moved back in with his grandparents. There, he managed to stay sober and even reconciled with his wife. It was short-lived though, because he fell off the wagon and started using again.

This time Aaron's drug use led to him spending 3 months in jail. Upon release, his wife wouldn't have him back, so he came to Boulware Mission looking for help. He not only needed a place to stay, but he needed a fresh start.

Aaron completed treatment at the Mission and entered recovery "for good this time". He took the financial literacy course seriously and came up with a plan to get financially straight. In addition, he attended Bible study sessions, employment skills, and any other class offered. He says he has really grown.

Aaron started a new job that he loves and things are looking up for him. He is currently living in the transition wing at Boulware and saving money for his own place. He hasn't seen his kids since the divorce, but hopes to reconnect with them soon and one day even make them proud. Aaron said, "I needed this (Boulware), because I was tired of living that downhill life." He is

grateful for the opportunity to come to Boulware and says he would do it all over again. Aaron will be moving back home to Ohio County in the near future.

How Dollars Help Our Clients



\$100

A gift of \$100 would provide a month's worth of personal hygiene supplies, improving the health and well-being of all of our clients.

\$500

A gift of \$500 would provide 6 weeks of licensed alcohol and drug treatment to one client suffering from the disease of addiction.

\$1,000

A gift of \$1,000 would provide one week's worth of utilities for the Mission.