

# The Mission

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## *What's Your Backdrop?*



**T**here are a myriad of things that factor in how we speak, act, and think.

We're influenced by family, friends, media, music, literature, culture, and faith.

It follows us around everywhere and encompasses our mind, creating this "foundational" layer in us.

Every morning, after our family sits down, we start our announcements and time of prayer. During our devotions, our Executive Director, Craig, stands in front of our prayer wall. The wall, beautifully painted by a previous family member, features different biblical stories with the cross and "Jesus" painted in the center, as a focal point (pictured above).

As our prayer wall is the backdrop, Craig stands in front and leads our family members, staff, and volunteers, into a quiet time of devotion and reflection. Here, the backdrop is quite literally focused on Jesus.

However, outside of Inasmuch, we continually pray our words and actions are driven by the love of Jesus as well. Our breakfast family members carry a lot of hurt and trauma on their shoulders. It is a daily spiritual battle where Satan feeds off the pain and sin of our past mistakes. Here at FAOIAM, we want to serve hope, love, and mercy—found in The Way, The Truth, and The Life. Through the Holy Spirit, we aim to have Jesus as the backdrop of it all.

We pray you do as well.

**May you find peace and joy in our resurrected Savior.**

**He is Risen! Alleluia!**

**"Inasmuch as you did it for the least of these, you did it for me."—Jesus**



# Adapt & Overcome

It feels surreal we have reached one year of dealing with COVID-19 and living in a pandemic. While many nonprofits were forced to close their doors, we at Operation Inasmuch have remained open throughout this challenging time!

Since October 2020, we have served breakfast in our dining hall.



A year ago we started this journey on the front porch. Waffle House was kind to provide our meals while we served the family outside.



We also received help from Cumberland Septic. They provided outdoor shower trailer, allowing our family to keep their routine.



Around July, Saam's Party Tents donated a huge tent for us to host breakfast underneath. We were excited our family could now eat together around the table!

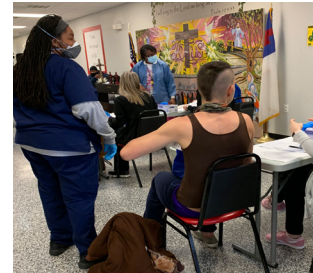


We stayed outside throughout the summer and in October we finally moved back in the dining hall! Everyone truly felt they were back at home.

## COVID-19 Snapshot:

In accordance with CDC guidelines, we did the following during COVID (April 1, 2020-February 28, 2021):

Served **13,022 breakfasts**;  
Had more than **7,500 case management** contacts;  
Provided **1,722 showers**;  
Provided **521 loads of laundry**;  
Distributed **1,012 hygiene kits**.  
PLUS, our medical team has worked non-stop ensuring everyone's safety;  
all of our family members, staff and volunteers are monitored daily for COVID symptoms and given masks, as needed.



The Health Department just came, March 25th, and provided the COVID-19 vaccine to our family members!

## Our Volunteers Are Back

and we couldn't be happier!

Throughout COVID, all our volunteers have been extremely patient as we navigated serving outside to returning inside. We love seeing more groups dedicate their mornings to serve our family and demonstrate Christ's love.



Mission Purpose: Operation Inasmuch is designed by God to grow and make its home in any church or heart where Jesus Christ is Lord. Our purpose is to go outside the church walls to a word in need, offering the talents and gifts with which have been blessed. We believe God has called us to be His hands and feet as we share His love with "the least of these."



# Thanks be to God:

## ***Socially Superior***

March was National Social Worker Month and we want to highlight our Social Workers here at Inasmuch. Our fearless leader, Debbie, and her interns work diligently to make sure our family member's needs are met, while showing patience and compassion.

Interns Patricia, Samantha, and Beth complete tasks such as making appointments (for medical, DMV, Social Security office, and more), handling paperwork, guiding family members on the computer, and sometimes, being the best cheerleader for them.

It takes special people to be in the Social Work field and these ladies are truly superheroes. **Thank you!**



## ***It's a Celebration!***

Some good things come in small packages and we received one from Cumberland Community, Foundation Inc.! Last year, CCF turned 40 years old and, to celebrate, they graciously handed out gifts to the community. We are proud and honored to be a recipient of a \$40,000 grant—a thousand dollars for each year they have served Fayetteville.

**YOUR gift can keep on giving!** CCF is also home to our endowment. The endowment is essential in helping us at Operation Inasmuch create a sustainable organization that lasts for this generation and generations to come.

It's easy to do and now we are striving to increase the endowment to 1 million dollars by 2025. If you feel led to contribute go to:

**cumberlandcf.org/faoiam.html or  
call Cameron Sims at (910)483-4449.**



## ***The Lodge: New Wife, New Life***

One of our Lodge brothers, Kevin Jernigan came to us last summer, June 2020, after coming out of prison and a lifetime of doing drugs and making poor choices.

While in the Lodge, Kevin's aspirations were to find a steady job and improve his relationship with God. During his job search, there were some hurdles due to the COVID-19 outbreak. However, Kevin still persisted and prayed. With God's mercy and the help of our Lodge community, Kevin was able to achieve within six months, a complete turn around in his life. He recalls,

**“God put books in front of me that I needed in order to move forward and the right people in my path. He's just orchestrated everything that's happened to make the transformation from one lifestyle to another.”**

In December of last year, Kevin was able to move out from the The Lodge and acquire his own apartment.

He also has enjoyed working his new job at Cambridge Lee.

Kevin got married on December 26th to Michelle, the love of his life.

We pray they continue to live in happiness and hope the rest of their days.



**We appreciate all of the donated gifts and support from November 2020 through February 2021. Our Gifted to Give names have been moved to our website ([www.faoiam.org/gifted-to-give](http://www.faoiam.org/gifted-to-give)). If you would like a printed or emailed copy please call our office!**

# Blessings 2020

We had a blast wrapping up our Blessings Campaign last November. It was a special time sharing stories and raffle winners over our Facebook Live event. We surpassed our goal of \$100,000!

Thanks again to our donors:  
(contributions received after our Winter 2020 Newsletter)



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We wrapped up 2020 with our Giving Tuesday campaign and were blown away with another goal met! Because of your efforts matched through Cumberland Community Foundatoin Inc., we improved our safety and security measures.

Holmes Security installed 6 cameras at The Lodge. Gill Security Systems put an alarm at each house on Frink Street, along with 4 new cameras at our 531 Hillsboro building.

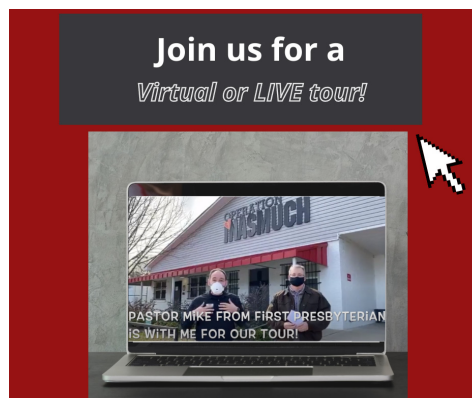
In addition, we bought a Equinox at Powers Swain Chevrolet; this helps shuttle our Lodge Brothers safely to and from work!

## Partner With Us, Virtually!

It's been alot of fun connecting with local schools and churches virtually. We've been able to show First Presbyterian, FCA @ Terry Sanford, Gorman Christian Academy in Durham, and Methodist University.

Our tours are on our youtube channel or you can contact us and see who we are live! We can be a part of your bible study group, church meetings/service, college or university.

If you would like more information and are interested, contact Kanesha at [communityengagement@faoiam.org](mailto:communityengagement@faoiam.org). Check it out at [www.faoiam.org/virtual-tour](http://www.faoiam.org/virtual-tour).



And while you're scrolling, find us on all social media. Our staff & volunteers sincerely enjoy serving, talking with family members, and sharing the Gospel. We strive to communicate this everyday!

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