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95 Years of Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

It was 1926, when Ole Olsen and 2 of his friends put their money together to buy a building for \$500 in Minneapolis. The purpose? To feed men, physically and spiritually, who were struggling with addiction.



Ole Olsen was born in Norway into a Christian home, "but even after having been brought up in such an environment, Satan poisoned my young heart." In 1887, Ole arrived in New York City. "I was still in Satan's power and was living in sin." Ole was trapped in his addiction to alcohol. He met and married his wife, then had children. Ole continued to believe the lies of Satan, "saying that if I were alone for a while, I could make more money", so he sent his family to Europe to live without him. "You can realize the situation - a father giving up all that was worth living for, the only real happiness this side of eternity, aside from that which is found in our Lord Jesus Christ." Ole fell deeper into the hands of Satan. "But someone was praying for 40 years for their prodigal son - thank God for a praying father and mother." In the fall of 1911, Ole was in Spokane, "I found that Gypsy Smith was just starting a revival campaign and I went to hear him. It was there that the Holy

Spirit completely arrested me with His convicting power, and then Satan came to me in person, and tempted me with everything. He told me my whole life story, but praise God, Jesus gave me the power to overcome him, and he departed." At Christmas in 1913, God returned Ole's family to him. "In the spring of 1926, the Lord laid it on our hearts to move to Minneapolis. Some of God's dear children who were also burdened for the unsaved joined in with us there, and we founded the Gateway Gospel Mission, located at 111 Nicollet Avenue. God has blessed us wonderfully, souls have been saved, prodigal sons have found their way to the Father's House, and numerous families have enjoyed a blessed reunion through the return of prodigal fathers, who have found Christ as both Saviour and Lord. The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ has been brought to thousands, and many have found in Him, joy unspeakable and full of glory, and a deep settled peace that passes all understanding."

Ole Olsen, Founder of Gateway Center, known today as Metro Hope Ministries



Ole's legacy lives on today

Metro Hope continues to share and teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, without compromise, feeding, housing and loving the men, women, mothers and children that God brings through our doors. To Him be the Glory!



For the 4th year, the men and women of Metro Hope packed 46 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes full of gifts for children around the world. I love this event with our residents! Their excitement and joy over the children, their sweet prayers of Jesus entering their hearts is priceless! It also brings healing to our men and women. They are asked to purchase at least 1 item for a box, to experience the joy of giving to the Lord. It is really fun to watch them build boxes together, some building several boxes themselves. Packing day is full of laughter and love!



Join Metro Hope as we celebrate the birth of our Savior with Fernando Ortega, Saturday, Dec 18, 7pm at North Heights Lutheran Church in Arden Hills. You will also hear stories of God's goodness from our graduates. Tickets are available at the door and at metrohope.org/events



It has been a joy to look back at the history of Metro Hope this year! Ole Olsen was led out of addiction by our Savior, Jesus Christ, and back to his family just as thousands of others have over these 95 years. The faces and buildings, even the name has changed, but Jesus Christ is still the most important part of this ministry. Why? Because everything changes when Jesus is invited into our hearts and we choose to surrender to Him. We see it happen everyday! Today, in our current culture, we hear a lot about "mission drift". I can tell you without a doubt, there is NO mission drift at Metro Hope. We have not thrown our Bibles in a closet or locked Jesus Christ out of our buildings to try to win the favor of man. We unashamedly serve our Lord, Jesus Christ because we know that He is the only answer to our troubles. In the past, we have been offered money but only if we would leave out Jesus. Our easy answer is, "No thank you!" For 95 years God has taken loving care of His mission field at Metro Hope and we continue to trust Him in all things. For 95 years God has placed Metro Hope on the hearts of His children and that is why you are receiving this letter. You have been faithful in your prayers, volunteering, donating goods and finances. Together, we are the body of Christ, serving those that need the love of Jesus. Metro Hope is not about numbers, we are about the *one lost sheep* that Jesus is going after. We know that every person is led to us by God because He has eternity on His heart for each one. God's Word tells us to "store up for yourselves treasures in heaven" (Mtth 6:20), and that is what you do when you give to Metro Hope. *Your gift has an eternal impact on the lives you touch.* We are not a wealthy ministry, we need our family to walk with us, helping to lead others to Christ. With a humble heart, I ask you to consider making an eternal investment to Metro Hope, where moths and rust do not destroy, for your joy and His glory!

From all of us at Metro Hope, Merry Christmas! God bless you!

Cammy Oren, Board President

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