

THE WAY STATION

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Deliver Hope Through Love.

TWS IS THE MISSION FIELD

What do you think of when you think of being a missionary? Do you think it involves going to some far-off location on the other side of the world?

The Way Station began 30 years ago because one person saw the mission field not as a distant location but as a ripe and ready field in his community. In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus calls us to go out, make, and teach disciples of all nations to obey the LORD. This may seem daunting but, in the same verse, Jesus reassures us that He is always with us in this pursuit.

The call of all nations also means your neighbors. Our founder, Jim Couchenour, understood that and followed that call into a bar to minister to a friend struggling with alcohol addiction. That is where The Way Station story begins, but it certainly isn't where it ends. Jim returned to that bar every Wednesday night for 7 months he visited, listened and offered hope. Over time Jim and his bar mission partners realized the depth of their mission field's needs and identified how they could help; enter The Way Station.

Throughout the years, we have continued to evolve. Today, we are so much more than just a thrift store with free things to give away. We strive to act as missionaries discipling those in need; by addressing the things that contribute to poverty.

Poverty is situational, generational, absolute, relative, rural, urban and complicated. It is not a one size fits all problem.

Becoming a missionary is the willingness to answer the call to use your gifts and talents in a specific place where God has called you, while being an ambassador of Jesus along the way.

As Christians we are all missionaries and we should be discipling people, sharing our faith with others.

Consider your first step. If you don't know where to begin, we offer to share our mission field with you, volunteer at TWS, use that as an opportunity to disciple those in need in your community. Come share with them the hope and love you have for Jesus, and watch Him change lives.