



# Grace Place Ministries, Inc.

Ordinary People Serving an Extraordinary God

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## THE MERCY of GOD !!

Hello everyone!

My name is Nathaniel Cooper. I am originally from the city of New Orleans. I was formally a drug addict, an alcoholic, and a homeless man. However, I am currently a saved man, redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ and walking in His favor. I got baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, I am walking in His new life and on my way to helping others to find hope!

I found myself in prison for many years due to the lifestyle I was living. While in prison I worked closely with the Chaplain, and I strengthened my relationship with God. I received the Holy Spirit, and I was also ordained as a minister. After I served my time, I was released, but nevertheless to go back and return to my old habits of drugs and alcohol... the very same thing that got me there in the first place. I was homeless for 4 ½ years. I lived in a public port-a-potty. It was under a nice shade tree, and I even got a lock for it! It was my home for many years. While living on the streets, I started using heroin and fentanyl. I became so sick and eventually rushed to Ochsner Medical Center. When I arrived, I had to be resuscitated. My doctor informed me that if I did not seek a treatment plan that I would surely die. A case worker found a treatment center in Monroe by the name of The Serenity House. While there I realized that my life was worth living. I took this very seriously and was determined to get drug free. Meanwhile, God led on my heart to do volunteer work. That's when I came to Grace Place and told them my story and asked if I could start helping. They told me that I could come on Wednesday! I returned on that Wednesday and that is when my journey began helping others.

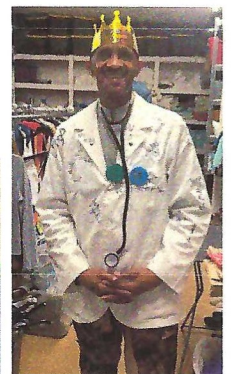
Being at Grace Place allows me to see the needs of other people and to see how far I have come. I witness the hurt, pain, and desperation on other people's faces, and I use my testimony to let them know that they too can change their lives with the help from others, and mostly from God.

Grace Place to me is not only a place to receive food and clothing, but it also brings love, joy, peace, strength, and hope to people that are really struggling in life.

God showed me His ultimate mercy and redeemed me! I am now dedicating my life to help others find His mercy and discover His redemption power. I am living in an apartment now in Monroe, I love spending time with God, and at church, and with my friends at Grace Place. I have found an incredible group of friends and people who support me. I look forward to every morning when I send them all a daily devotion.

I pray that God will keep shining his light on Grace Place and that we can continue to help others along their journey.

Sincerely,  
Nathaniel Cooper



**Nathaniel :**  
**We love our**  
**"Doctor of**  
**Hospitality" 🏠**



**TOTAL SERVED in JULY**  
**5,558**

Hot Meals & Food Pantry

## **Our Current Needs:**

*Financial Help*

*Bibles*

*Kids Juice Boxes*

*Triple Compartment Plates*

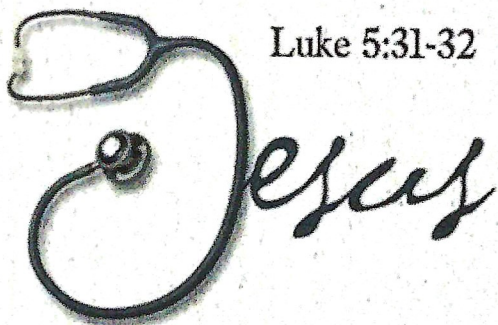
*Pine Sol*



**233 Children in our community were blessed with:**

**new shoes, uniforms, backpack, school supplies, & hygiene products**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT !**



Luke 5:31-32

Those who are well  
have no need  
of a physician,  
but those who are sick.

I have not come  
to call the righteous  
but sinners  
to repentance.

Chosen  
Blessed  
Forgiven  
Redeemed

In the Lord  
there is  
mercy and  
fullness of  
redemption.

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