



FALL 2016 NEWSLETTER

MEET OUR NEW DIRECTOR



Hi everyone! My name is Jason Haug and I am excited to be the new director of ATLAS. I grew up in Danube, MN but moved to Pierre, SD with my wife Marie after college. We moved back to Willmar, MN in 2012 to be closer to both our families. Marie and I have two creative, caring, smart, and hilarious daughters named Krista (8) and Kayla (6). I most recently worked for Heartland Community Action Agency where I led their homeless assistance programs for four years. I was also on the Board of Directors for ATLAS since July 2015.

I began following Christ in 2006 and since then I have been fortunate to have many people disciple me and invest in my spiritual growth. Relationships play such a critical role in each of our lives – both our relationship with God and our relationships with others. I am grateful for this opportunity to work with ATLAS and help people find healing, reconciliation, and peace in their relationships.

I would love the opportunity to meet you and share how God is using ATLAS to connect His church with hurting people in our community. Please feel free to stop by the ATLAS House and say hello anytime. You can also call me at 320-441-2250 or email me at jason@atlaswcmn.org.

*If one falls down, his friend can help him up,
but pity the man who falls and has no one to help him.
– Ecclesiastes 4:10*

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JOIN US FOR OUR CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, December 22nd, 4:30 to 7:30pm

At the ATLAS House, 504 19th Avenue SW, Willmar

Holiday Treats, Hot Apple Cider, Crafts for Kids,
Christmas Movie & Music

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Check out our new website. Visit atlaswcmn.org



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IN THEIR OWN WORDS

"Everyone can benefit from ATLAS. We all find ourselves in need at one time or another. ATLAS gives us hope with mentors who love God, who come alongside us with friendship and support."

- Current ATLAS Mentee

"My mentor poured love into my life when I didn't love myself. She saw in me what God saw and always gave me God's affirmations and promises out of the Bible. She always listened to me and then prayed for me when we were done. She continues to shine bright in my life and I am so grateful to God for her."

- Current ATLAS Mentee

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to The Goodness Coffee House in downtown Willmar for partnering with us to serve a Thanksgiving meal and to the many volunteers who helped make it such a blessed day. We estimated we served about 100 meals at The Goodness and we also took over 40 meals to other people that day.



I DON'T THINK I WOULD BE A GOOD MENTOR

I have heard this from many people when I talk to them about ATLAS. They are concerned that their past failures – divorce, pornography, criminal, financial, etc. – have disqualified them from being able to speak into someone else's life. Pastor Andy Stanley in his sermon *The Power of Mentoring* says the exact opposite. He says each of our life experiences – both the failures and the successes – uniquely equip us to share what we have learned with someone else going through a similar situation. In fact, he says we have a responsibility as Christians to share what we've learned and experienced. Paul says in 2 Corinthians 1:4 that God "comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God."

So how are you passing on and sharing what God has done in your life? Give ATLAS a call and let's talk about if mentoring might be the right fit for you.

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Thank you to the individuals, churches, and businesses who have made one-time or monthly donations to ATLAS. We can't do it without you! You can join us as a financial partner by:

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