



## Richard's Story

*"If you knew me then, you wouldn't recognize me now."*

I fell into addiction at an early age of 20. I would be on this road for more than 15 years. My drug of choice was methamphetamine. But really I was what addicts would call a trash can addict. I would use whatever I could get my hands on just to feel what I had become to know as normal, to not be sick. I would live a life of breaking the law, in and out of jail, destroying relationships, friendships, jobs, opportunities, and everything in between. My parents weren't even exempt from this. They actually took the brunt of it.

At 35 I was deeper than I had ever been and there was no light at the end of the tunnel. I was in Denver, Colorado December of 2021 just doing what addicts do, running from their problems. I woke up one morning and found myself stuck in Denver. My car stolen, no money, no shelter, and freezing temperatures. The only thing I knew to do at this point was call mom. She had no idea I was even in Colorado. She said, "Richard, the only thing I'm willing to do is get you somewhere to get some help. A rehab. Little did I know this would all be the start of a brand new life. A brand new Richard and the beginning of my relationship with my Creator!!

I graduated from a 90 day program, but I knew I wasn't ready to go back out into the real world. I found out about The Anchor. This is when things really started falling into place. Not to say things have been perfect or easy. I was arrested 4 months after coming to the Anchor. Consequences of my old life coming to collect. But the way God works, He will never put more on your plate than you can handle. He always provides a way if you let Him and He has faithfully provided for me. Since coming to the Anchor I have resolved 100% of my legal issues! I have paid off several thousands of dollars in fines and debts. And praise God, I finally got my license back after not having one for 6 years! I've been able to purchase a vehicle. The Lord has blessed me with a career at Ingalls which I love! I am working towards my GED and I graduated the Anchor in March and fulfilled my 1 year commitment!! God is GOOD!

The Lord continues to work in my life after graduation. Even though not much has changed as far as being in the program. The Lord is working differently. It's like before graduation that was chapter 1 and after graduation is chapter 2. In chapter 1 I made a commitment to myself, The Anchor and to the Lord to stay put for a year and let Him work in my life. In chapter 2 it's my choice to stay, and let Him tell me when it's time for me to move to chapter 3. I'm excited for what the Lord has in store for me and am blown away with what He has already done. Because I promise you if you knew me then you wouldn't recognize me now! I want to thank MBC, my church family for doing God's work and supporting the Anchor and all of us guys!!

## Working for the Lord

No matter where we are working, be it a job, a mission opportunity, building ramps, cooking tacos for Family Nights, or cleaning our living spaces, we work for the Lord! We hope to glorify God in all we do because in all we do we are to be serving HIM!

## Anchored T Shirts

Are you Anchored in Christ? Tell the world about Jesus and show your support for Anchor Ministries with our Anchor Ministry T-Shirts! Anchor works with men who seek to gain a deeper relationship with God and find restoration in their lives while learning how to live a godly sober life. Your support provides for renovations and maintenance of Anchor's facility and provides an opportunity to raise awareness of what Anchor is and that there is a desperate need for programs such as Anchor. Your giving allows MBC to be committed in meeting the needs of the men while working to improve the program. Shirts are \$20 each and all proceeds support Anchor Ministries. Call MBC at 601-947-6877 or visit [www.anchorlucedale.com](http://www.anchorlucedale.com) to get yours today! God bless you and thank you for your faithful support!

*'Whatever you do, work heartily,  
as for the Lord and not for men,  
knowing that from the Lord you  
will receive the inheritance as  
your reward. You are serving  
the Lord Christ.'*  
Colossians 3:23-24

## How can I help?

If you would like to learn more about Anchor Ministries and how to Support us, please visit [www.anchorlucedale.com](http://www.anchorlucedale.com), scan the code below or return your donation in the enclosed self addressed stamped envelope to start giving today! We also have fundraisers from time to time and invite you to check us out on Facebook to stay up on what's going on.



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