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Adult & Teen Challenge

South Carolina

Dear Friends,

If I gave you a million dollars would that fix all your problems? Most people would say “YES” but there’s another side to that situation. It’s like the drug addict that says, “If I could just move to a new city and get a fresh start.” We call that a “geographical cure.” It’s a lie that the enemy has used many times to keep people trapped and feeling hopeless.

This morning, I asked if any of our students had ever moved to get a fresh start and the answer was, “YES”! The next thing they said was it didn’t take long until the problems showed up again. How many times do we take steps which seem good only to run smack into the same old problems because our behaviors haven’t changed?

We discussed some of the factors we found in the new place. Things like our prison records get in the way of good jobs. Then it is hard to get a good job if you have lost your driving privileges because of addiction. Without a license, and a car a new location doesn’t help much. Then, if a person is on probation, it’s expensive to transfer to another county or state AND there are supervision fees. God only knows the struggles of having to wear a GPS monitor and live in that little circle you are allowed to travel in. Then, add in the burden of paying child support or alimony and it gets worse.

For an addict to break free from the chains that keep him in bondage he needs a hand up much more than a handout. This is the power of salvation and transformation available through this ministry. We love to say that this is where **HOPE HAS AN ADDRESS**.

The new partnership with Sandhills Adult & Teen Challenge is breaking some of these barriers the men will face upon graduation. The ability to leave with a skill in HVAC or welding is critical to their continued success.

Employers now see them in a different way than before. They can earn a decent paycheck which will allow them to pay off old debts and get driving privileges again. Eventually, they get married, have children, drive nice cars and buy a home.

This process takes time, but the benefits are wonderful. Just ask Billy who graduated and worked here for four years. He got his drivers license straightened out, went to college and got a great job in HVAC services. A beautiful lady came into his life and now they are married. The process works when God is put into the equation.

Rev. Wayne Powell

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Founder



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Family Visits



Our students recently spent some quality time with their families. They played games, enjoyed a delicious low country boil, shared stories and mementos from a recent missions trip, and caught up with their loved ones.



Honors & Memorials



In Memory of Ray Richburg

Given by: Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Lee
Alcolu, SC

In Memory of Ray Martin

Given by: Janie Prince
Loris, SC

In Memory of Ray Richburg

Given by: Mr. & Mrs. James Daniel
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In Memory of Payton Price

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St. Louis, MO

In Memory of Kirstin Grasty

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