



Dear Friends,

I absolutely cannot let Chris graduate and leave us without him leaving a gigantic footprint in the hearts of those who read our newsletters.

I am 39 years old and blessed to have survived an overdose that put me in a 3-day coma. I suffered a stroke during this time and lost my ability to walk. When I woke up, I was told my kidneys were not working. After three months the prognosis was that I would be on dialysis the rest of my life. I was devastated; and, in desperation I called my mom in South Carolina (I was in a hospital in Florida) and heard her say, "JUST PRAY SON-JUST PRAY." So, I cried out to God with real tears and asked him for help. Being in a wheelchair plus permanent dialysis was NOT in my plans for life. But God had a plan I could not see at that point.

The doctors were planning to insert a permanent port for the dialysis when I asked them to hold off a couple of days. After more testing and prayer, the doctor came back and told me there were signs that my kidneys were starting to recover after four months of being silent! God answered my prayer and my kidneys returned to normal. They said if I ever walked again, it would be with the aid of a leg brace. Praise God none of those predictions were accurate; but God was not finished because I had bargained and promised I would do anything if He would help me.

Back in South Carolina, God was at work. One of my old friends had gone through this program and was telling my mom that Jesus could help me too. Connections were made with Pastor Wayne, and I ended up in Georgetown. Of course, my plan was to just get off the drugs to please a few people and get mom off my back. Several months into the classes, I realized drugs were not my biggest problem. I had a character problem that had to change; and Jesus is the only one that can do that part. It has not been easy, and I have wanted to leave at times; but thankfully Pastor Wayne has some good staff that loved me through those times and taught me what it means to surrender my will to God's plan.

This picture I showed Pastor Wayne is a page from a Bible mom gave me. Reading it, I came across the story of the LOST SHEEP. I found where my mom had printed my name at the top of the chapter! I was her lost sheep she never gave up on. Moms do not give up!

This Christmas, let us celebrate our Savior who is still in the business of chasing lost sheep and cleaning up messes that have been made. Maybe sharing this story at a Christmas gathering is just what someone needs to hear this holiday season.

Thanks for helping us finish strong as we close our 2022! Every gift, no matter what the size, is deeply appreciated. Together we will push into 2023 with renewed strength and vision.

Helping Hurting People,

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Merry Christmas