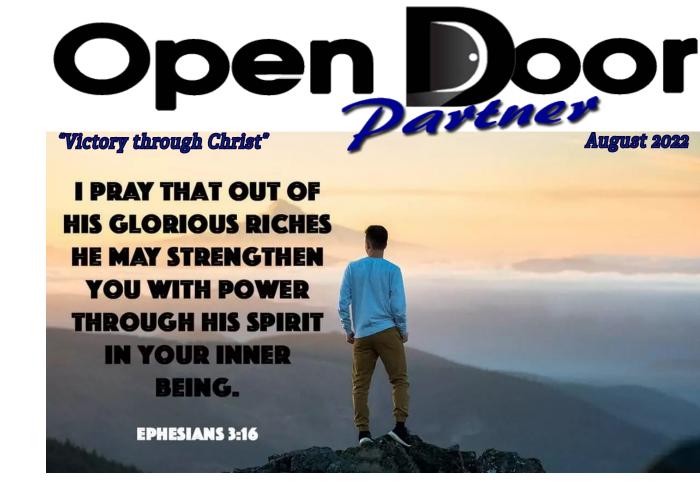
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"Cast all your cares upon Him; for He cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7)		
As we pray together in faith, much will be accomplished. Open Door Ministries of Sampson, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, gifts to which are deductible as charitable contributions for federal tax purposes.		



As we go about our day, there are many occurances and events we believe or absolutely know will happen. We believe that the sun will rise at dawn and set at dusk. We believe that the air we breathe will allow us to sustain life throughout our days. Although, how do we know? In order to know this is fact, you first have to believe it to be true. These occurrences are miracles that God, the Father has provided as His promises to us. (Philippians 4:19)

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David's Desk



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I may believe my car will crank in the morning for me to go to work, but I don't truly know. It was never promised. As we believe that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior, we should also know that His promises through the Father are truth. There should be such a strong conviction in your heart that when you go to Him, you already know that He will provide your needs, and yes, even the desires of your heart.

I challenge everyone to take your belief to the next level. Know that your prayers have been heard and they will be answered. The only stipulations that He has charged us with is to trust, obey, and be thankful no matter what His will is in your life. Just know that the same God that has provided blessings throughout your life, will continue and never cease.

During this season in your life, know that God is in control of all things and give thanks to Him, always. In Psalm 46:10, He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

Roby Jones - ODM Program Director

Testimony



Hello, ODM partners. My name is Joseph B., but everyone has called me Joey since I was born. I am 39 years old but will turn 40 next month; God willing. I was born in Lee County, NC but am currently in Robeson County, NC and this is

my testimony.

My biological father was about 20 years older than my mom and left us when I was about 2 or 3 years old. When I was about 5 years old, my mom married my step-dad. My biological dad was already married during this time and had a family of his own. He didn't have much time for me and my step-dad took over the role of being my father. A few years later, my sister came into the world and we became a "tight-knit" family.

There was no drug use in my family, but in the eighth grade, a friend of mine introduced me to marijuana. From that day forward, I was smoking it on a daily basis. This was when I started realizing my addictive personality and the control it has over me. I brushed it off into the later years of my life and dropped out of school at age 17 and found myself not only smoking marijuana, but adding pain killers in the mix. When I dropped out of school, I met my future wife, Jennifer. She was a red head with the fire that comes with it, but a very good person. When I turned 21, I was living with her and her parents. Soon after Jennifer was having a lot of abdominal pains. We went to a doctor and found out she was five months pregnant through experiencing the pains of a kidney stone, of all things. One month before my son Joseph was born, we were married. Three years later, my daughter Jaynean was born.

Although we were happy, I was still using every day and soon was introduced to cocaine. After making that an everyday use, I found myself in a downward spiral of complete drug addiction. Once I found heroin, it became a whole new life, or "nightmare", for my family and me. My addiction became so bad that it started controlling every aspect of my life...it was my life. Family, money, and even love itself didn't mean anything to me. Needless to say, God was non-existent if my life. The moment I opened my eyes in the morning until I closed them at night, my thoughts were solely on using drugs. To me, being a drug addict is like being in a dark room and trying to find the door. It is a difficult and desperate situation.

Although I have struggled with these difficulties, the Bible says that if you have faith in Christ, He will deliver you from any storm, in any season and bring you through anything. I have been in and out of "rehabs" and maintenance programs like suboxone. Even though she has struggled with me through all of these horrible things, my wife has stuck with me. I truly believe God sent her into my life to be a blessing in my life and help me through these difficult times. I give Him all the glory and honor for everything he has tried to show me in my life when satan placed the blinders over my eyes.

Now, ever since I've been to Open Door Ministries, I have submitted my life to God and He has allowed me to finally have peace and joy back into my life. Most of all, we have a relationship again. It feels good knowing that He loves me and corrects me when I'm wrong. I just want to thank Open Door Ministries for showing me how to acquire my life back, but most of all, help connect back that relationship with God. I want to personally thank Roby, Donnie, and Mr. Joe for helping me through this process. One scripture that will always stand out in my life through the program is Psalm 119:105; which says, "The Word is a light unto my path and a lamp unto my feet." Amen!



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