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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 dedudctible as charitable contributions for federal tax purposes.

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“Victory through Christ”

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Whoever does not *Love*
does not know God,
because God is *Love*

1 John 4:8

May the Lord Show You an Abudance of Love this Valentine’s Day!

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3:16

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David's Desk



At the beginning of this new year, we found ourselves in the middle of an opioid addiction crisis. The statistics are heartbreaking.

The following are some examples: (1) More people will die of drug overdoses than auto accidents in 2022. (2) 1 out of 5 church-going adults is struggling with a life-threatening addiction. (3) Drugs, alcohol, gambling and many other addictive behaviors are destroying families and communities.

I believe the words of Jesus that there is hope and help over addiction through the healing power and promises in God's Word. The ministry of Open Door with the prayers and support of our caring partners, like you, are making an eternal difference. ***"In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."*** 1 John 4:9-11 NKJV

Testimony



Hello there. My name is Bradley W. and I am 34 years old. This is my testimony. I'd like to start with scripture from **John 8:35-36, which says, *"(35) The slave does not remain in the house forever, but a son does remain forever. (36) So, if the Son sets you free, you shall be free indeed"***.

I'm originally from Rocky Mount, North Carolina and am currently residing in Clayton, North Carolina. I am divorced and have been battling a cocaine addiction, since the third time I tried the drug, at the age of 16 years old. That's correct; I have been able to trace my thought patterns as well as the behavior and mindsets that go along with addiction all the way back to just my third use, ever. Scary, isn't it? The last 18 years of my life have been filled with hurt and loss accompanied with fear and pain. I've lost jobs, homes, trucks, a boat; at some points, even my own sanity, as well as a wife to this affliction. Yet, I smile for I shall yet praise Him. Who

is "He", you ask; this Son who sets the captives free? Jesus of Nazareth! And, this is a story of redemption and reconciliation to Him and His Father.

I was raised by God-fearing parents, albeit in separate homes as their marriage, like mine, became victim to divorce. My childhood was good. We attended church and I was supported in academics as well as athletics by my family and the Lord, whom I knew at an early age. Being exposed to Him early and often has proven to me that the Word does not return void.

Attempting to put a finger on exactly why I started using drugs to begin with is not an exact science. However, the reason I continued to use them is very easy to discern. I used as an escape. I was able to escape pain, anxiety, expectations, fear, and reality as often as I could, and almost always in excess; whether through a drug or through the bottom of a bottle of alcohol. Satan had me trapped!

During my time here at Open Door Ministries, I have been reintroduced to my Lord and have rededicated my life to Him. I have learned how to fight Satan and to empower the Holy Spirit to lead my life. I have also learned to accept my own weakness and to go to God with all my cares, worries, stressors, and anxieties. I thought all the clichés were just that, clichés. When I finally took a step of faith and trusted Him with my cares, "casting them on Him for He cares for me", the Word did not return void!

Jesus Christ is Lord! The fervent, effectual prayer of a righteous man availeth much! The Lord saw fit to scoop me up out of an actual hell of my

own creation, and set me on solid ground. That "solid ground" is of His church, His Word, His love, and of course, this ministry. The Lord is not done with me, yet. My whole life has changed since I gave my will over to His. I barely recognize myself, but it's so easy to recognize Him as He works in my life. I am grateful to Pastor David, as well as Mrs. Daisy Chestnutt, for their obedience and perseverance in starting and maintaining Open Door Ministries. The Lord has changed me and set me free! He is my savior and He is the Light.

John 1:5; *"The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not comprehend it"*.

Daily Needs List

Bleach, Dish Detergent, Laundry Detergent (preferably pods), Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Hand Sanitizer, Spray Disinfectant, CLR Cleaner, Furniture Polish, Murphy's Oil Soap, Latex Gloves, Ink Pens, Loose-Leaf Notebook Paper, Standard & Legal Copy Paper, 1" 3-Hole Hard Back Binders, Stamps, Envelopes, AA & AAA Batteries, Bibles (preferably NLT), Compact Disc Recordable (CD-R), Area Rugs, Yard Rakes, Wheel Barrel, Work Gloves, 39 and 13 Gallon Trash Bags, Milk, Sugar, Salad Dressings, Mayo, Mustard/Ketchup, Salt/Pepper, Washable Cups, Aluminum Foil, Zip-Lock Storage Bags (Quart and Gallon), Coffee, Wal-Mart Gift Cards, and/or Food Lion Gift Cards, Appliances

And As Always, Open Door Needs Your Donations To Pay For Monthly Operating Costs. May God Bless You!