

PRAYER REQUEST

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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.

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“Victory through Christ”

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2021 is almost to an end and it has been a tough year for everyone. COVID is still plaguing us and all of us yearn to return to normal life. Even though COVID has shut down many organizations and institutions, Open Door Ministries is in full swing with a full house of men looking for God’s guidance and direction to a better life.

Yes, Covid has shut down many things, even some churches. Covid has only amplified the use of drugs and alcohol and has increased the rates of suicide substantially. But we know there is hope in God’s Word and that He (and He alone) knows the ending to this story. Continue to have faith in God’s Word and we will triumphantly pull through this mess.

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David's Desk



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Open Door Ministries has been a place of refuge, strength and encouragement for men from all walks of life and has helped over 2000 men since our inception in 2005. I want to personally thank each and every person who has played a role in that success. The doors would not be open today, if it was not for you.

God knows our needs and I am certain that God knows the needs of Open Door Ministries right now. As the year 2021 comes to a close, please consider a financial donation to the ministry in order to help us in spreading the gospel to men and their families struggling with addiction.

Testimony



My name is Zach B. and this is my testimony. Growing up, my life was pretty normal. I have two brothers; one older and one younger. My parents were not perfect, but they always provided for us. Besides their love, they gave me the greatest gift I could ever ask for. They introduced me to Christ at a young age. From a secular perspective, my teenage years were pretty normal. I attended E.A. Laney High School in Wilmington, NC. I went to parties, used some drugs, and would drink. This continued and when I was about 19, I met the girl who was to become my wife. She was my first real love. I fell hard for her and we were inseparable. We started using drugs together and our relationship took a turn for the worse.

Five years into our relationship, she became pregnant and we got married. When our little angel, Ellie Marie was born, we were scared, but so full of hope. We had no clue of the implications our complacent, immature, and carefree life have on, not only ourselves and our newborn, but also everyone that loved us. As a result of our constant drug use and arguing, our daughter was taken from us within six months.

After Ellie was taken, we became very depressed. The casual use of drugs turned into a daily use of harder drugs that eventually lead to physical addiction. We had to have drugs to function. Because of this and no way to support our habit financially, we spent the last five years in and out of jail and prison. We ended up burning every bridge with family and friends.

Now homeless and with almost no one in my corner, I started to realize how broken and close to death I really was. It was then I began to pray. In my brokenness, sorrow, and despair, I called on the name of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

After that day I realized something was different. I started to see the true nature of all the sin that surrounded me. I wasn't walking through the valley of death, I was sitting in it! At that moment I knew I had a choice to remain in the dark or get up and take the hand of Christ. I chose my savior. I knew then I was saved, purified, and redeemed by the blood of the cross.

I started seeing prayers being answered. Open Door Ministries was one of them. Since I've been here, my hunger for the Word of God has grown. My faith has also grown. The fellowship here is amazing. The peace of Christ is in the heart of every man here. We are becoming strong mentally, physically, and spiritually.

If I can pass any truth on to anyone, it is this; every worry, every doubt, every uncertainty, or fear is of the enemy. God wants you to be victorious and Jesus saves us at just the right time. If the whole world is against you and you feel like you can't trust anyone, trust Jesus.

I want to thank the Open Door Partners for their support in helping the Ministry. The pastor is earning his crowns in heaven. I want to give back

in any way I can and hope my actions will reflect the sincerity in my heart. I love you all and may God bless you.

About a week after I submitted this testimony, Pastor Dave called me into his office to inform me that my wife of 10 years had passed away. She overdosed. I lost my bestfriend, my first love, and the mother of my child. I prayed night and day for Alex's protection and delieverence, but now that she's gone, I still stand firm in my faith. I do not demand to understand God. Suffering is part of living in a fallen world. Every bit of pain I'm going through is worth every bit of God's glory. I know God wants me here at Open Door so here I'll stay, patiently waiting for His Will to be done in my life. Whatever that may be, His Word tells me that he works everything out for our good, for those who love him. I will stand on (1 John 2:14).

Daily Need 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, Ruled Writing Paper, Copy Paper, Legal Copy Paper, Stamps, Envelopes, AA Batteries, AAA Batteries, Bibles (preferably NLT), CD-Compact Disc Recordable (CD-R), Area Rugs, Yard Rakes, Wheel Barrel, Work Gloves, 39 and 13 Gallon Trash Bags, Milk, Sugar, Aluminum Foil, Zip-Lock Storage Bags (Quart and Gallon), Coffee, Wal-Mart Gift Cards, and/or Food Lion Gift Cards

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