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THE FAITH BASED SOLUTION TO THE ADDICTION EPIDEMIC



CALEB

DIRT ROAD REDEMPTION

I WAS BORN IN Sylva, NC and was raised in Franklin, NC. I grew up in a loving home with an older and a younger sister. We attended church growing up. My grandpa owned a dairy farm across from the church so most of my childhood was spent there or helping him in his garden.

My Nan-na and Paw-paw had a big part in my childhood. While I was in high school, things started going south. My parents were going through a rough divorce and my dad moved away. Then in my sophomore year, my Paw-paw passed away.

Worldly things started to fill the emptiness I had inside. I started drinking a lot and going to parties with fellow football players. I began seeking popularity with my friends over relationships with my family. I became known for the parties I was having and not the person I was. I went to college for a while and things didn't get any better. I started selling weed and money became my focus. I ended up breaking my ankle while training for Mixed Martial Arts and found myself in a cast using crutches.

I dropped out of school and ended up addicted to the pain pills I had been prescribed for my ankle. My life quickly spiraled out of control and became a roller coaster of ups and downs with very few ups. People tried to help me and get me help but it never worked. I wouldn't listen to family or friends. I was lost in a place I never thought I would return from.

Then in November 2016, my dad passed away unexpectedly. I was so depressed I turned to heroin to numb away my inner pain. I blamed God for taking him. I got in trouble with the law and once again found myself in jail broken, lost and alone. My family heard about Teen Challenge and my mom brought me an application while I was in jail. I got accepted and entered the program on December 21, 2017.

I wasn't sure what to expect but it has been the best thing I've ever done. I was welcomed with love and the relationship I now have with God has saved my life. I never have had a real relationship with our Lord in Heaven and now I do. I was baptized March 1st in the river where I washed my sins away.

My Paw-paw always told me "Son, you got to be careful to remember what way you came on these back dirt roads or you will get lost". Well I got lost but I thank God that now I have Jesus to show me the way home.

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths.

(Proverbs 3:5, 6)



WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

Recently, special friends to this ministry blessed us with money to purchase a 2012, 15 passenger van. Mt. Hope Baptist Church held a food drive for us. Prentiss Church of God brought a meal and Pastor and Sharon Seagle from Holly Spring Baptist Church, donated a John Deere riding mower.



Men's Teen Challenge of the Smokies had the opportunity to share testimonies at Cornerstone Church in Andrews, NC. The men sang and Brendan and Bentley shared a song they had written.

NEEDS:

⇒ 28" TV on stand & HDMI port

⇒ Mower cart

⇒ 4 Picnic tables

⇒ Large Office Chair with arm rests

⇒ 20" chain saw

⇒ Graduate Cabin Renovations on 5 cabins(5k each)

⇒ Monthly support



Mike and Betty

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