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THE FAITH BASED SOLUTION TO THE ADDICTION EPIDEMIC



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I knew there had to be more to life...

I am 34 years old and I'm from Whiteville, NC. I come from a long line of tobacco farmers. When I was about 6 years old I started chewing tobacco and I realized I could do more work in the tobacco fields if I did because my body was use to it.

Over the years I continued using tobacco products and by my early teenage years I started using marijuana to numb my body and be able to work more. I thought having money and worldly possessions would make my life better so that's exactly what I lived for. By 16 years old I was introduced to prescription medications. I was instantly hooked. I started working more and more. The more drugs I used, the harder I worked. I thought I had it all under control but before I knew it, I was working all day and partying all night. I was completely lost in my own self sorrow because the things of this world never filled that void. I would have welcomed death but it never came.

In 2015 my mother died of an aneurysm and it was at that point that my life spiraled out of control. I started snorting heroin because the pills weren't doing what they use to do for me. A few years passed and I knew I just couldn't keep living like this. There had to be more to life than drugs and money. My doctors said that I was so dependent on opiates and benzos that if I ever tried to quit, I would die. God had a different plan though.

I sold some of my possessions and entered Teen Challenge of the Smokies. On October 8, 2017, I gave my life to the Lord. He did more for me in a split second than I could ever have done for myself. I finally found what was missing in my life and that was Jesus. I once was dead in sin but now I'm alive in Christ and I am ecstatic. Pastor Mike baptized me in the river in December. I do not know what my future holds for me but, "He that began a good work in me will bring it to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:6). I have so much more to tell you of all the blessings that God has done and is doing in my life but I have no more room on this paper. God bless you and spread the word that Jesus still saves.



Thank you Discover Church for all of your hard work and for making Men's Teen Challenge of the Smokies part of your "I Love My Town" Sunday.

We have now developed our Graduate Program. Our next big project is renovating the five cabins at the entrance of the property to turn them into Graduate Housing. This will be for the men who graduate from the program but want to stay in the area to work, intern to become leaders here or attend college. Please call if you would like to help with the work or make a donation for the materials needed.



We were thankful for the opportunity to share about Men's Teen Challenge of the Smokies at Holly Springs Baptist Church recently.

NEEDS:

- ⇒ Guttering -\$2500
- ⇒ Vegetable chopper, meat slicer
- ⇒ 28" Flat screen TV on a stand
- ⇒ Repair grill top on stove
- ⇒ Large Office Chair

Happy Memorial Day



Mike and Betty

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