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THE FAITH BASED SOLUTION TO THE ADDICTION EPIDEMIOLOGY



Bentley

## God Works Everything for Good...

I couldn't have asked for a better childhood. I have a close-knit family that raised me in church. My parents truly cared about teaching me the love of Christ and the sacrifice He made for me. By the time I reached high school, I was active in my church youth group. At this time in my life I began to be attracted to the "party scene". It wasn't long before my priorities changed from my walk with Christ to my walk with this world. Sin was creeping into my life and I was blind to its effects.

As the years went on my problems became worse. I was living a double life. Eventually some of my friends introduced me to some harder drugs that I said I would never do. I believed a lie from the enemy, "What's the harm in trying them once?". Before I knew what was going on, I was hooked. It wasn't fun anymore. I felt miserably trapped. I stopped caring about myself and I became really depressed and began to think the God that I served had abandoned me.

During my addiction, God never left my side. My family never gave up on me. My parents and grandparents stood in the gap and spent many nights on their face before the Lord for my sake. God heard their cry for their son and He answered their prayers in the form of Teen Challenge.

I arrived at Men's Teen Challenge of the Smokies last August. Since the first day on campus I felt the presence of the Holy Spirit. I am learning how to die daily and see the will of God. It's a beautiful thing what God has done in my life. I go from caring only for myself to deeply caring for the souls of others. I know God is calling me to the ministry. What that looks like, I'm not sure yet. Please continue to pray for me and this ministry. Jesus is changing lives. I'm excited to see what the future holds. I am a living testament that God does work everything together for the good of those that love Him and are called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28

Revelation 12:11—They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony.



The men are now speaking and singing at area churches about how the Lord is changing their lives. The renovation on the duplex has been completed which freed up much needed space in the dorm. We currently have 14 men in our program.



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### NEEDS:

- ⇒ Additional Van needed because of the increase in students- 10, 12 or 15 passenger
- ⇒ 3 Couches
- ⇒ Gravel for parking area and driveways -\$400
- ⇒ Road scraped and gravel -\$2000
- ⇒ Guttering -\$2500



Mike and Betty

### TO MAKE A DONATION:

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