



Adult & Teen Challenge

of the Smokies
Men's Center



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THE FAITH BASED SOLUTION TO THE ADDICTION EPIDEMIC



WILLING TO CHANGE

My name is Jacob and I am 25 years old. As a child, I was plagued with cluster chronic migraines. The majority of my childhood was spent in severe pain day after day. Finally, when I was 13, the headaches went away. I didn't understand why God would have let that happen and I turned as far away from Him as possible.

In my early teens, I had begun smoking marijuana and experimenting with drugs. I was trying to get as much enjoyment from life as possible. My habit continually got worse and turned into more hard core drugs. This became dependency on drugs and by the time I was 22, it had turned into using heroin daily. My life became chasing any drug I could get and all I cared about was getting high. Over the next few years there was no joy at all in life. I had lost my mother, close friends and almost my own life to overdose. I died for about two minutes before the paramedics brought me back to life after an overdose.

I became tired of the life I had been living. It was a life of constant struggle and suffering all for my next fix and the very brief sense of counterfeit joy it gave me. I knew I had a decision to make. Was I tired of living that way and willing to change? Once I was willing to try to change, God opened the doors for me. While I was in detox, my dad got me an application. Neither of us thought I would ever make this commitment. Despite my resisting God, I finally surrendered my will and He brought me to Adult & Teen Challenge of the Smokies Men's Center.

Being in the program here has given me the chance to learn about who I am in Christ. I've learned about the purpose of life and how much He loves us. Against all odds, I'm here today growing closer to being the man He planned for me to be and I now have confidence in my salvation because of my personal relationship with Christ.

Revelation 12:11—"And they overcame him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives even to death".



Congratulations



We want to congratulate Greg who graduated from Adult & Teen Challenge of the Smokies this past month. Greg will be living in the graduate housing here on campus and working locally.

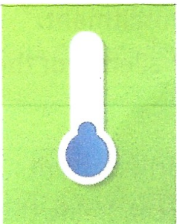


Mrs. Santa will be at the Adult & Teen Challenge of the Smokies' Thriftstore on Saturday, Dec. 1, 2020, from 1:00—4:00. Please wear masks and observe 6ft distancing.

Our store Manager, Norma, would like to express her appreciation for all of the wonderful donations that have been brought to the store this year. Norma, the Thriftstore workers, and the men of Teen Challenge have worked hard getting things ready for your Christmas shopping. So come by and shop at the Thriftstore, 4812 US Hwy 441, Sylva. We think you will be pleased at the bargains you find.



CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE MEN: Please call the office (828-524-2157) if you, your church or group are interested in giving Christmas gifts to our men in the program.



\$86,069.00
received so far
to pay off loan!



Thank you Cornerstone Church, Andrews, Jeff Phillips and Pastor Marcus Larey for providing a special afternoon for our men.

TO MAKE A DONATION:

P.O. BOX 2157, Franklin, NC 28744 /OR GIVE ONLINE at our website: www.mtcots.com

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