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## I have peace, joy, happiness and comfort in my new life in Christ.

My name is Quinton and I am from Gastonia, NC. I grew up with my family fussing and fighting at one another all of the time. Mom and dad worked all shifts available at their place of work. Our family went to church often in our younger days, but became more absent as we got older. I didn't finish school, so I got my license and started working at the age of sixteen years old.

I was married and divorced at a young age of early twenty to twenty five years old. My addiction started here at this place in my life. I lost love, responsibilities, caring and God.

Twenty years later, I went to my mom's house and confessed my filth. I then asked her if she knew of a program I could involve myself in for addiction. Through the movement of God, she got me to Men's Challenge of the Smokies.

When I arrived, I felt out of place, but welcomed and shortly after, overwhelmed. Through morning devotion, personal studies groups and church along with study hall, I have fully surrendered to Christ. I have peace, joy, happiness and comfort in my new life in Christ.

Now I am sober from cocaine, tobacco and the lies from the devil. My faith is strong in God for in the good and bad seasons. I'm thankful for my journey in Christ to serve and give back the compassion and forgiveness that the families in Christ have given me everyday. I pray to stay sober, rooted in church, and to surround myself with a healthy community. I hope to get married, have a family, career, house and land. I want to keep my thoughts on things that are good to God.

"For I know the plans that I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not calamity to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11



## MEN'S CHALLENGEHAPPENINGS



What began 10 years ago as a heartfelt memorial has grown into a powerful force for change in Western North Carolina. Hunter's Mountain Ride & Poker concluded its incredible decade-long run on Saturday, October 4, 2025, with a final, successful fundraiser for MCS that raised \$25,000 for the program. Initiated by Tony and Monica Curtis to honor their son Hunter, the event has seen steady growth over the years, attracting a devoted following of riders, classic car owners, and local supporters. Each year, the annual ride and silent auction raised critical funds for MCS. The final event was a culmination of this decade of generosity, featuring not only the scenic mountain ride but also testimonies from men whose lives have been changed by the program. The last ride served as a powerful testament to the community's consistent support and the transformative impact of the funds raised. We give God praise for his provision!





Thankful for the recent opportunity to share testimonies and worship with these wonderful congregations.





If you or your church plan to buy Christmas gifts for the men, please contact the office at 828-524-2157 for an approved list. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.







We want to recognize and express gratitude to the following Businesses/Organizations for underwriting and sponsoring our first annual Hope Gala this past March. We will continually recognize in our newsletters the many groups who sponsored the Gala and made it such a special evening.





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