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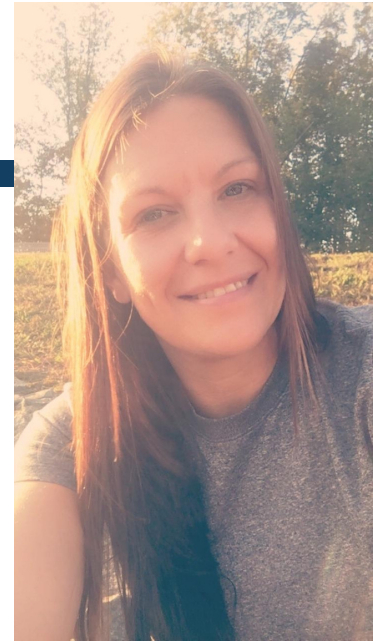
New Life For Adults and Youth LIFELETTER

Transforming Broken Lives Since 1971



CHERYL: "THEN COVID HIT."

Growing up was tough for me. My father died of a drug overdose when I was 14. My mom did the best she could with little money and 4 children. She raised us in church but my perception of the Lord was fear and not of love. I asked my mom once how she knew God was real and she responded with "If I had to ask her that, and I didn't already know, then I was going to hell." I figured if I was going to hell, I might as well have fun getting there. I was very rebellious and had very little regards for any authority.



God knew I needed a roadblock to stop me from my destructive behavior so, He gave me an angel - my daughter. That stopped me for a while, and I started doing really well for myself. I got married, had a good job, had a house and cars... Then, He gave me another angel - my son. But then my life took a turn and I got into an accident, and was prescribed pain pills for my back. My life started going down hill from there. I lost my job, my house, had a failed marriage and eventually my kids. I lost everything. I started having legal issues, bad relationship after bad relationship, and introduced more and more drugs into my life. My sister reached out to me and asked me to go to a faith-based program. I was sick and tired of being sick and tired and went to a 12- month program, and completed a 6-month internship with them. I thought I was good and returned home...



God was restoring everything back to me. My life was great, and then COVID hit. I was isolated, depressed, and disconnected from God. I began drinking and taking prescription meds. I reached out to my God-given friend who went through New Life for Adults and Youth, and I had seen an amazing change in her, so I decided to enter into the program in hopes for a complete and final change in Christ. I know God has amazing plans for my life, and I'm just allowing Him to transform me and use me in any area He needs me in.

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SCAN ME

JUSTIN: "I PLAN TO SERVE HIM FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE."



Justin with Joe Wilson,
Men's Home Director

I grew up in New York and my mom was a single mom of two. We were moving constantly. Being from a mixed ethnic background, I often felt out of place. **I longed for a sense of connection.**

First, I looked for it in sports but as I got older, I got into gangs and drugs. By age 32, I was incarcerated and in programs for over three years, and had lost count of how many times I had overdosed (roughly 30 times).

In one of my darkest moments I cried out to God and His overwhelming love swept over me. I felt His supernatural presence and it felt like wings were wrapped around me. **With a face full of tears and a heart full of love, I finally felt that connection I was looking for...**

The Bible says He is a "Father to the fatherless." I know in that moment I had only made it this far because He never left me, and was always watching over me. There was a hole in my heart and only He could fill it. **I plan to serve Him for the rest of my life.**



HOPE NOTES

FOUNDERS VICTOR
AND CARMEN TORRES

People are hurting everywhere, right under our noses. Sometimes we get so caught up in our own little world we ignore the signs. Men and women come to New Life for Adults and Youth, some with backgrounds of trauma that make you wonder how they made it through. Well, they tried to hold on through unhealthy means, like drugs and alcohol. Now, they want a different way. A better way. When you read these testimonies, and get a hint of what's underneath -- what will you do with that information? When we respond to the practical needs of people who are searching for a better life, they will come to know God by His provision through our hands. The Bible says loving service is why we are here, and that is what we teach the students in our men's and women's homes. They learn to show kindness because they are shown kindness. They become givers because they, as the recipients, know what it's like to be in need.

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." (Ephesians 2:10, NKJV)

God created us to perform good deeds. You have a function that impacts the lives of those who desperately need to see their value. There is life-changing potential in every interaction, and you are the person God chose to administer it. You have what it takes. It has been in you since before you were born.

Victor Torres

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