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## New Beginnings

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My name is Cliff Mayfield. When I was three years old, my parents split up. Those were difficult years. However, growing up, my mother always kept me involved in sports (which I would appreciate later).

In middle school I started smoking cigarettes and experimenting with drugs. By ninth grade I was injecting heroin, selling weed and cocaine. I rarely went to church, like I used to, with my family. Somehow, God kept His hand on my life. I remember going to church one day with my mother and grandmother and they were telling me about tithing. I had five dollars at the time, and I felt irritated about it, but I decided to go and give it to the church. After church, the pastor's mother came up to me crying, handed me five dollars and told me the Holy Spirit told her to give it to me. From that day I never doubted God would return what I gave to Him. But I continued in my lifestyle.

In 11<sup>th</sup> grade I met my future wife. We were together for about 12 years. We went through a lot together. After years of trouble with loved ones, and the law, (which God still had His hand on my life) I ended up burning my bridges with my family and my wife. We were getting to a point with each other where we couldn't continue anymore.

I ended up moving to West Virginia with my father for a couple of years. He was in bad shape with his health so I figured I could start over and spend time with him. In the process I got to know him better. Even in my mess God still provided a way for me to regain something I was missing with my father. During those two years I ended up getting a divorce and getting back in with the same old crowd. I quickly got in touch with heavy dealers and spent a lot of time using. I was also trafficking from different states back to WV. On one trip to Detroit, to do a pick-up, I was trying the different quality heroin. All the prayers from my family must have hit God at one time because the instant I tried a batch, He gave me such a distaste for it that I never used it again. I was set free in the drug house that day. The bad part is, I

started using crack-cocaine instead.

I ended up moving back down to Raleigh, NC. Shortly after I got home, I got into a fight with four cops and broke three bones in my back. While recovering, I received a call from my grandmother telling me my dad had passed away. I was already in pain and ended up getting more heavy pain meds to function for the trip to help with his arrangements and funeral. When back home, I went to Trosa. a two-year rehab, mostly for people from prison. After 11 months, I was kicked out.

I stayed clean for about one year. Then, I went on a huge crack bender, and it brought me to a bottom in my life that I never thought I would be in. I called my mother and asked her if she would help me to get my life back on track. I went to another program and ended up leaving after four months. Then I came to Greater Piedmont Adult and Teen Challenge. While here, God has moved in my life in so many ways. During this time, I didn't know it, but I had federal warrants out on me in Raleigh and Garner, NC. God also has delivered me from at least 20 years or more of prison. I have been set free from cocaine in a way I never thought would happen. The hurt from losing loved ones has been healed. I am also quickly rebuilding my relationships, which I thought I had lost forever. I am grateful for how faithful God is. I have doors opening for me that I never thought I would have. I truly cannot thank God enough for everything He has done and is doing in my life. From now on, my life belongs to Him.

No matter what anyone says to me, there is nothing that can deter me from God. God is good, and He will never leave us, He always has a plan for us, no matter what we have done.

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*We thank God for changing Cliff's live. He is a wonderful young man, full of promise, potential and the power of God. I am excited to see what God will accomplish in him and through him. To God be all the glory. 2 Corinthians 5:17, (paraphrase) "the old man is gone the new man has come". This is evident in Cliff's life. Thank you for giving to this ministry.*

*Dr. Bob Harman*



**A memorable Grandover Golf Tournament.**  
Thank to everyone who came out and golfed. We had 80 golfers who played the game in very wet weather.....all day long. A tournament they will never forget. We appreciate everyone who played.

- First Place Winners: Ron Norton Team, Burlington, NC**
- Second Place Winners: Bradley Guyn Team, Teen Challenge Team**
- Third Place Winners: Metro Medical Team, Burlington, NC**
- Fourth Place Winners: West Asheboro Church of God Team**
- Best Effort Winners: Teen Challenge Team, sponsored by Landmark**



**Random photos of some of our golfers. I think the smiles say they had a good day golfing.**