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New Beginnings

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My name is Jamie Dysart. I was born, in a small farming town in eastern North Carolina, to a young mother. My father left town before my birth. So, under those circumstances, my grandparents raise me.

Both my grandparents were Christians. I attended church, and was baptized, at ten years old. I didn't really understand the gravity of what I was doing. I just knew that's what

people in the church did. Around twelve years old I went with a friend of mine to Royal Rangers. This was like Boy Scouts, only in the church surroundings. Since I grew up in the outdoors, I loved going to Royal Rangers. That's when I really started to understand what being a Christian was and why Jesus was so important to the world.

I was a straight A student in high school and on the honor roll. However, I found out I enjoyed the acceptance of others, and the escape from reality, marijuana offered me. When I was a freshman, I knew where to get marijuana and cocaine, so I became popular among the juniors and seniors. That "acceptance" set the stage for my downfall, sending me into two decades of getting high to "fit in" or getting high because I didn't "fit in"- a cycle that never fulfilled me!

I tried multiple times to get my life in order. I went through teen challenge when I was eighteen, went to prison three times, more jails than I can count, multiple secular rehabs, even tried psychedelics as a means of "rehab." (Yes, I tried to do drugs to get off drugs) that's how bad Satan had me in his grip! Then in November of 2021, life took a turn I never would have expected. My uncle passed away suddenly, and I dove full on into a literal suicide mission. I was ready for life to be over. I gave up and told Satan that he had won. I was just too tired to keep fighting.

BUT GOD...picked me up, dusted me off, and made it clear that I was more than the lies of the enemy, I was worth more than the addiction, the pain, and the depression. He gave me one last chance to get things right. I do not take the opportunity lightly. It just so happens that uncle was a graduate of Greater Piedmont Adult & Teen Challenge. He and Wayne had been in contact one night. **The stage was set for God to give this hopeless addict a redemption story!**

Since I've been here, I have not only given control of my life to Jesus, but I have also felt the peace of God, the presence of God, and the joy of the Lord. He has done so many things in my daily life that make His presence very apparent in my day to day! I always thought that you had to be "special" to hear God or get messages and revelations but all you need to do is accept Jesus as your savior, surrender your will to Him, let Him have control, and TRUST GOD!! It is that simple!

I never thought I could be saved from the wiles of the devil, much less use my past as a testimony to win others to the kingdom of God by spreading the Gospel, but HERE I AM! My favorite verse is 1st Corinthians 9:22-23 "to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might save some. Now this I do for the gospel's sake, that I may be partaker of it with you." That verse tells me why I had to go through the things I went through, and how God used it for His glory. Paul says in Philippians 1:12 "but I want you to know, brethren, that the things which happened to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel." I can take the knowledge of my previous lifestyle, apply the gospel, and tell people how to avoid the struggles of addiction. I can tell what Jesus has done in my life to be a light to others, that they also may feel the peace and experience the grace of a merciful and loving God. I am not exactly sure what area God has called me to, but this, I do know, **He has marked me to spread the good news...the news that Jesus Christ died for our sins, and we now have access to the promises of God!**

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Each month we try to share testimonies of the mercy of God demonstrated by His deliverance of the men who come to Greater Piedmont Teen Challenge to receive HOPE.

We have dedicated our lives to ministering to the men who come here for help. Currently our giving has been low, and our operating costs have been high. Over the past few months, the maintenance crew has addressed needed repairs on our buildings and around the property.

Please pray about giving something beyond your regular monthly donation. Some may get this newsletter each month and not given in a while. Please, ask the Lord what He would have you give to help, and then continue to pray. With the holiday season upon us, we need your help. We thank you for your love, prayers, and financial gifts.

Dr. Bob and Debbie

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Jamie is a wonderful young man. He is exceptionally talented, hard-working, funny, very intelligent, and extremely dependable. We have asked him to work with us in our thrift store and he is doing a wonderful job there. It is a joy to have Jamie join our staff. We are proud of this young man, and we know God has wonderful things in store for him as he continues to follow Christ, seek first the kingdom of God, and be obedient to God's call. Keep Jamie and all our men in your prayers. We can all pray.

Thank you so very much for your faithfulness.

Dr Bob

An encouraging statistic: Of the eighty golfers we had at our 2022 Grandover Golf Tournament, twelve of them were graduates, and three of them current students, of Greater Piedmont Adult & Teen Challenge. Praise God for His redeeming grace that took these young men out of darkness and into His glorious light.



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family. May God's
peace and love fill
your hearts and
home.*

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