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A Miracle For Heather

My name is Heather, I am 23 years old. I started using drugs when I was 18... I never thought I'd get addicted...

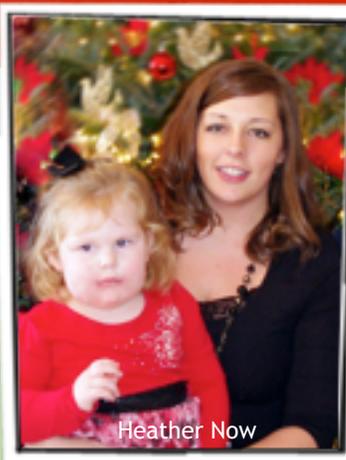
I was raised in church all my life, knew right from wrong, always got good grades in school and never got in trouble until my senior year in high school. I started partying, drinking and smoking pot. I just wanted to fit in and be accepted. I got hooked up with the wrong group of people and started using pain pills. Never did I think I would get addicted. By 20, I was pregnant and I stopped using but got right back on them after I had my daughter.

I got married and had a great job as a pharmacy tech, but I was missing something. I had a great family that loved me and cared about me very much, but I was still wanting to fill this void that I had. Still feeling alone and unhappy, I started using methadone. In August 2010 I took a large amount of pain pills from work. I was feeling so guilty that I could not live with myself.



Heather Before

"I started using heroin and I knew it was only a matter of time before I killed myself..."



Heather Now

Hather with her daughter. A true miracle of hope.

I started using heroin and I knew it was only a matter of time before I killed myself or was sent to prison. September 2011 I was put back in jail for my second violation and knew I was going to be there for at least 3 years. I remember sitting in jail thinking to myself, "What kind of mother are you?" I missed my daughter's second birthday because

I wanted to get high and didn't care about anything else. I remember crying out to God asking him to help me. Thanks to my mom and dad who found The Mercy House, today I am a graduate of New Life For Youth.

God has completely changed my life. I found what I was missing all those years and that was a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. I now have a purpose for living. I know that God will give me the desires of my heart as long as I follow him and keep him first in my life. God turns every bad situation into a good situation for His glory.



"Since I've been here at New Life I've accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. He has shown me compassion and how to care for others. He has also taught me how to work for his ministry with a joyful spirit. Ultimately I'm thankful to be surrounded by a great group of men, that are encouraging me to walk in Christ and live a better life."

- Mike

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Dear Friend,

December 2012

Greetings in the wonderful name of our Lord! This year was amazing, and you were a critical part of many transformed lives. At Christmas, we celebrate the miracle of Jesus' birth, and also the rebirth of many men and women whose futures now have hope. They made decisions to say no to drugs and yes to a new life. We are grateful for every one of our champion partners that have helped us make a difference in the lives of thousands this year.

One very talented young man, who graduated this year, was on a musical tour when he was gunned down. After being shot nine times, he had a close encounter with death. He was prescribed pain pills that quickly led to addiction. That addiction became a heroine addiction. He was lost with no hope. Then, someone told him about New Life For Youth. He was given a chance to live a life free from addiction and hopelessness. Today he is a new person full of joy and literally playing a new song unto the Lord!

Your gift and support of this ministry is critical because it becomes the hearts and hands of hope. Each time our phone rings with a voice of desperation, we know that as long as the doors of New Life For Youth remain open, we can minister the love of God to a person in need. And that in turn ALWAYS changes the lives of every family member and many friends of the young man or woman whose life you help change. **In a real sense, we are New Life For Families!**

Like many years before, my family and I spent Thanksgiving this year at the New Life For Youth Men's Ranch. This year, I sat beside a mother of twin boys that are in our program. Her eyes filled with tears as she hugged me and said, "Thank you. It's not just my boys that you've saved. You've given me a reason to be filled with hope again." She said, "I had no idea that they were in any trouble until the police came to our door. Our lives were turned upside down. But today I can celebrate the goodness of God because I know that they are getting the help they need."

Thank you for partnering with us this Christmas season to reach more families; more little brothers and sisters who see their big brothers and sisters get help. Help us bring hope and encouragement to those who have lost hope. Join the revolution of changing lives for the glory of God. When you help us change a life, we truly change an entire family! And when we do that, we impact the next generation for Christ as well.

That means your Christmas gift this season will go further than you know. I pray that the Lord's blessings will be upon you and your family this Christmas. Thank you on behalf of my parents and New Life founders, Victor and Carmen Torres, and my partner in life and ministry, Carlos Rivera. Our staff and students are grateful for your expression of love.

As you know, we have been faced with many challenges this year, but we know that God is faithful. We believe for a great harvest of lives and the finances to keep the work of God going forward. Please give the best gift you can and promise to lift us up in your prayers. **Together, we can make all the difference for those God has entrusted to us!**

God Bless You and Merry Christmas,

Rosalinda Rivera
Executive Director