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OUT OF DEEP WATER

Doug's Story



I grew up in Chesapeake and started drinking and doing drugs in college until I got kicked out of Longwood University after a year for possession of Marijuana. I tried to go to community college and finish my education

but, instead, I focused more on using and selling drugs. This lifestyle led me to working dead-end jobs, ruining relationships, and getting arrested. I was on such a slippery slope, I couldn't stay out of jail for more than a couple of months at a time. I was depressed and hopeless. I had given up on life and tried to escape with drugs and alcohol. I came to NLFY on November 22, 2013, and have since accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. I have regained my love of life thanks to my new-found faith! Psalm 18:16-17: "He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters. He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me."



New Life For Youth GRADUATES are no longer ashamed of the past or afraid for the future! WE'RE SO PROUD OF THEM!

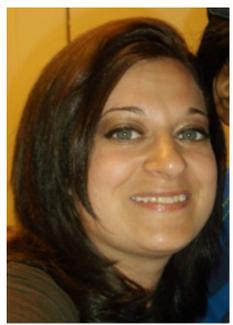


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KING'S DAUGHTER *Monica G., 27*

I lived a life of drugs & pure rebellion & thought I was only valuable if I was desirable to men. The cycle of rehabs, mental institutions, & jails became the norm. I thought that there was no way out. I was addicted to cocaine, then pills & heroin, was a prostitute at 21 & pregnant at 23. I didn't value myself, but I did want the best for my child. Once I chose a family for her, I had no reason to live & my addiction got worse. I lived fast & hard, finally overdosing in my mother's car. I got more prostitution charges & even helped king pin drug dealers run drugs along the East Coast. During my 8 months in jail, I had a focal seizure & doctors said I'd be a vegetable for the rest of my life. But God had other plans. I was court-ordered to The Mercy House. I Samuel 10:6 says, "The Spirit

of the Lord will come powerfully upon you...& you will be changed into a different person." I graduated from NLFY last month, & was accepted into the Intern Program; I have an amazing relationship with my daughter's adoptive parents who include me in her life. I now know who I am in Christ; I am a daughter of the king & a virtuous woman of God & I have been set free!



Carlos and Rosalinda Rivera
Executive Directors

THE BIG MOMENT

Each young man & woman can tell you, in vivid detail, when their "Big Moment" happened; that instant that everything changed...it may have been an overdose, an arrest, a car accident, homelessness or the loss of custody of a child. It may have been the birth of a baby or a dream just waiting to come true if it weren't for the obstacle of their struggles. For some, the pivotal moment may have simply been the very strong revelation that time was running out. No matter what the specifics, everyone has had that life-changing event that turned them around, slapped them in the face & dropped them on their knees in desperation. But what if no one were there to pick them up? What if there were no caring heart & outstretched hand to lift them & guide them, cover

them & strengthen them when that Big Moment made clear their need for change? If it weren't for your commitment to see the hopeless brought to restoration, that cry of despair would fall to the ground unanswered. Like the Samaritan woman in John 4, when people realize they are loved, their lives are completely revolutionized. We are seeing transformed lives like Monica & Douglas on a daily basis. But the calls for help are ever-increasing & so is our resolve to meet the need. It's because of God's love & your prayers & support that they will reach to us as their last chance & they WILL find freedom here.



"Addiction doesn't really say it all. It was more like *affliction*. Something awful. I was so lost — but nobody cared. If I had been dying no one would have heard my screams."

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SATURDAY SEPT. 20th Starts 11am

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