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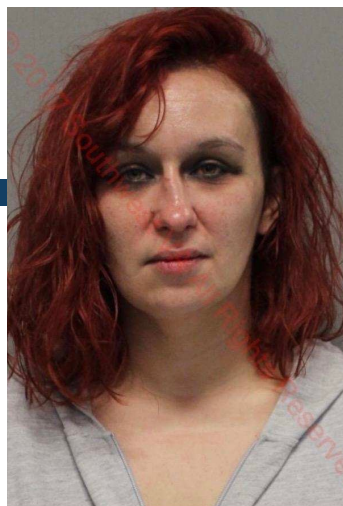
Transforming Broken Lives Since 1971



JENNIFER: FROM DEATH TO LIFE

I grew up living in fear -- fear of disappointing my abusive mother, fear of the next beating, fear of what might come next. Because of the abuse, I left home on my 18th birthday, and got married by 19. Within a year, I was divorced and running -- State to state, heart break after heart break. When I finally moved back to my hometown, I met my son's father. That's when drugs began to control me.

My husband and I enabled each other and used everyone around us to feed our addiction. After seven years together, we welcomed a beautiful baby boy. During Connor's first years, his dad was in and out of jail. I tried to get my life together and be a good mom but when Connor was taken from us by social services due to a false accusation, I lost all control. Everything that held meaning for me was gone. Shortly thereafter, I was in a horrific car accident. I was thrown from the car, breaking my neck and back. Doctors said I would be wheelchair-bound forever. But God healed me. Still, that wasn't enough for me to turn my life around. I ended up with distribution charges for selling my pain medicine and served two years in jail. One bad decision led to another and after I was released, I caught more charges. I ran away to avoid serving more time and found myself in a hell I never could have imagined. I allowed drugs and a man to take me lower than I had ever been. I was found in the river, inside a body bag, unconscious and beaten to a bloody mess. And then I got arrested for the charges I had run from. I was sentenced to three and a half years in prison. I was in shock at what my life had become. And then, the biggest blow yet--I lost my son to adoption. I saw no reason to live.



THE OLD HAS PASSED, THE NEW HAS COME
2017 Mugshot and Jennifer today with son, Connor.



"My sister, Robin, never gave up on me."

But God reminded me of His faithfulness in my life, and I decided right then, I wanted to learn a new life. Once released from prison, I came to New Life for Adults and Youth and God began to restore everything I've lost. New Life has given me the tools I need to live in true freedom, to be a good mother, daughter, sister and friend. God continues to restore my relationship with my son every day, and I am so beyond thankful for His grace and His reckless love for me. I am grateful for my God who never left me, and my sister who has seen me through it all.

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SCAN ME

CHRIS:

"THE MISSING PIECE"



Chris being baptized in
New Life River



Chris with Joe Wilson,
Men's Home Director

I started off drinking and smoking weed at the age of 13. Before I was 15, I was snorting pain pills, and added heroin by 17. I never wanted to stop. **But the Lord had so much more for me.**

God allowed a beautiful girl to come into my life. Nicole was perfect in every way and I fell madly in love with her. She loved me, too. Then she got sick with Leukemia. I had already dropped out of school and was ready to take my life after losing her. Then I found Nicole's letter.

God worked to get my attention through her last words to me. I went back to school and graduated, but I still felt lost. So, I went back to old habits.

I started using more drugs, got into legal trouble, and landed in jail. **Sitting in the cell, God reached His hand out to me and brought me to New Life for Adults and Youth.**

I'm still building my relationship with the Lord, but now **I found what was missing all along.**



HOPE NOTES

FOUNDERS VICTOR
AND CARMEN TORRES

Men and women like Jen and Chris come to New Life for Adults and Youth after a life of unhealthy attempts to fill the voids in their lives. Many have suffered unimaginable trauma and abuse and were "looking for love in all the wrong places" failing to find what was missing.

With an introduction to Christ, vocational, educational, and spiritual training, they realize who they are meant to be. Not only do they find the piece that had been missing, but they find **the missing peace**, as well.

One of the greatest changes an addict experiences when drugs are replaced with self-discipline and direction, value and victory, is a peace like they've never felt. This isn't a temporary escape through drugs or alcohol. This peace is the result of a life-change, a mind-renewal, a purpose-restored, and focus fixed on freedom.

Victor Torres

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