

BILL PUGH

YouTube Channel Testimony



Since the age of 15, music has been a part of my life. I have performed on some of the grandest of stages and sang with the likes of Willie Nelson and Roy Clark. As I got older and life became a burden, music was no longer a passion and became less than a pastime.

I became a student at Faith Home Adult & Teen Challenge on August 1, 2023. After a year, I completed the program and found my way back to my passion, only now; I am playing on the grandest of stages for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. With the help of some very talented and gifted friends we started a YouTube Channel where we have been releasing original songs written by me that are Contemporary Country Christian songs. We started this channel in January of 2025 and to date have over 25,000 subscribers and well over 150,000 views. It is our goal to reach as many people as we can, spreading hope to those in need.

Growing this Channel will be our way of giving back to a ministry that has done so much for me and a way to help the Ranch, Faith Home Adult & Teen Challenge. You can check out the Channel on YouTube: @BillPugh4669, Subscribe, drop a note, let us know what you think.

God Bless You,
Bill Pugh

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RICK SOUZA

Ready Now Recovery



This newsletter is going to highlight the recent passing of my wife, Sharon Souza, our Ready Now Recovery ministry, and testimonials. We believe in Ready Now Recovery so much. We are one of the only ATC ministries in the country that have a dedicated, full-time staff member overseeing the Ready Now ministry. His name is Mel King. Faith Home Adult & Teen Challenge’s vision is to put “Hope within reach of everyone struggling with life-controlling issues.”

We can’t do that within the seven counties we work with (Amador, Calaveras, Madera, Tuolumne, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Merced with a population of 2,000,000) with one men’s residential center. But we can when we are in all of the counties. Maybe the Lord is calling you

to be a disciple. If so, check out our website and the National website also. (FHTC.LIFE or READYNOW.ORG).

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PRAYER REQUESTS?

SHARON KAY SOUZA

Peacefully With Christ



On the morning of May 21, 2025 at 1:08a.m., I watched beautiful Sharon Kay Souza, my wife of almost 54 years, peacefully slip into the hands of Jesus Christ, her Lord and Savior. This remarkably kind, talented, and beautiful woman was such a blessing to me that mere words are inadequate to describe her.

As a Boot Marine, I asked her to marry me after only 15 days. She was a wife, mother, grandmother & great grandmother extraordinaire. In less than 24 hours my heart ached so badly thinking I will never see her on this earth again. But I know that our hope is in Him & someday we will be reunited with our loved ones in Heaven. What a beautiful day that will be.

Sharon has done all of our editing and proofing for all newsletters, publications, policy manuals and most correspondence for 8 years. She was a professional editor, proofreader, and author of women’s Christian novels. Her books are listed on Amazon under Sharon Kay Souza.

Blessings,

Rick Souza
Executive Director & CEO
Faith Home Adult & Teen Challenge

UPCOMING:

Sep. 15th-19th, 2025: Spiritual Emphasis Week • Nov. 15th, 2025: Annual Ball Drop

AN ANONYMOUS *Ready Now Testimonial*

2023 was one of the darkest years of my life. I was on my way to work, first day on the job, when things didn't go as planned. Never made it to my worksite because I was high on drugs, living a sinful life. I caught a case, facing 15years in prison. I wanted out of the life I was living, tried doing it by myself, but I couldn't. The devil had a hold on me so tight that I couldn't breath nor have peace of mind. But I know God was also taking care of me because there were times I should have been dead.

I was arrested not too long after I did the crime. It was the beginning of God's plan to prepare me to come to Adult Teen Challenge. Booked into Stockton jail facing 7 charges, 3 of them felonies. I fought the case for one year being patient while God did his work on me. I did my part by attending Bible studies. While I was in jail I had several encounters with the Holy Spirit while watching church services in my cell. I truly believe this was part of His plan. He wanted me to read the Word and get a clear mind before I got released.

My decision was to take my case to trial where if I lost trial I was facing 15 years in prison, so at this point I was stressed out and losing hope but I remember reading Matthew 17:20; my faith was small like a mustard seed. I got on my knees and prayed every night asking God to please help me in my life and to beat this case. I made a promise to Him that if He beat this case and let me go free I would never do drugs and I would turn my life around and go to Teen Challenge and serve him. On the last day of the trial the jury reached a verdict and it was not guilty of all charges. I was a free man so I kept my promise to God and I came to Teen Challenge. The next day I got released and checked into the program.

While in the program I faced a lot of challenges. I was getting impatient with restoring my relationship with my grandparents. God promises He will help us restore our relationships with family members. My faith was also fading away in me telling me I'd never finish the program but I know that wasn't me, it was the enemy trying to pull me back into me leaving the program. I prayed on it, talked to my brothers, and I got encouraging words prayed over me. It helped me to rely on God in situations like this and most importantly persevere through it all.



READY NOW RECOVERY GROUPS

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NEVADA

TEEN CHALLENGE

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA/NEVADA

Amador County

Generation Life Church
125 Academy Drive
Sutter Creek, CA
Tuesday - 6pm

San Joaquin County

Horizon Community Church
415 Garfield Street
Lodi, CA
Thursday - 6:30pm

San Joaquin County

Discover Church
760 Ham Lane
Lodi, CA
Monday - 6:30pm

San Joaquin County

New Life Church
107 D'Arcy Pkwy
Lathrop, CA
Friday - 6:30pm

Calaveras County

House of Hope
77 Pine Street
West Point, CA
Wednesday - 6pm

Stanislaus County

New Life Dream Center
1105 S. Carpenter Road
Modesto, CA
Thursday - 6:30pm

Stanislaus County

Oasis of Hope Ministries
6600 Claus Road
Riverbank, CA
Tuesday - 6pm

Stanislaus County

Stanislaus County Jail
805 12th Street
Modesto, CA
Weekly

Stanislaus County

COMING SOON!
One Church Turlock
200 North Avenue
Turlock, CA

Stanislaus County

Pure Pa' Delante
1105 S. Carpenter Road
Modesto, CA

Nevada County

Bethel Church
13010 CA-49
Grass Valley, CA

Nevada County

Youth for Christ
Has four groups in
four counties
at the moment

Tuolumne County

Harvest
Recovery Night
13849 Mono Way, East
Sonora, California

Tuolumne County

Harvest
Recovery Online Group
Sonora, California

Tuolumne County

Tuolumne County Jail
Women's Facilities
12915 Justice Ctr Drive
Sonora, CA

Merced County

Ready Now Recovery
1003 R Street
Merced, CA

Sutter County

Calvary Christian
Center
2620 Colusa Hwy.
Yuba City, CA

Jimmy & Yvonne Oaks

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MEL KING

Ready Now Overview



Ready Now Recovery is the Non-Residential Discipleship Ministry that the Adult & Teen USA started over 5 years ago to bring hope within reach of the 90% of men & women who either can't or won't enter a 12–16-month ATC residential program. This is a small group ministry that partners with local churches & organizations to provide support to those struggling with Life Controlling issues. The groups are held in churches, offices, jails and even juvenile detention centers. Using the proven curriculum that the ATC centers use we are able to provide biblical guidance to men and women where they are. Our curriculum crosses over denominational theologies. We teach one theology Jesus Christ!

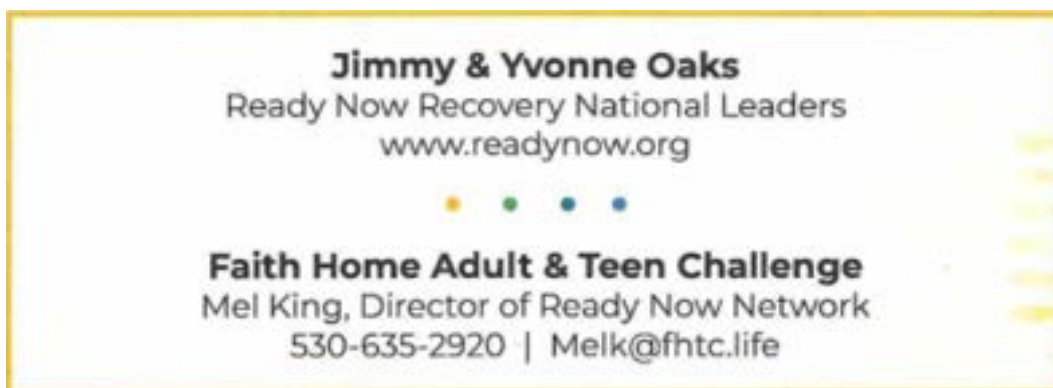
Faith Home ATC has the largest network of Ready Now Recovery groups in the USA with 20 groups at the time I wrote this article with over 120 participants per week with more to come. Our groups are facilitated by men & women who are approved by their pastor or organizations director, trained by the ATC

National office with background checks. There are a minimum of 2 facilitators in each live group or one with a zoom group.

This ministry is reaching the homeless, imprisoned and those from the church pew. Basically, the broken no matter where they are. If they are Ready, then we are Ready Now.

If you are interested in becoming a facilitator and starting a group in your home church. Please reach out to me or the National Office.... Just a note... this isn't for pastors to facilitate... you have enough work to do... but this is for those mature Christians in your church who YOU! Approve to lead your group. God is on the move...

Are you Ready Now!?



A RECAP OF OUR ANNUAL

District Picnic

On Wednesday June 11, the Northern California/Nevada Adult & Teen Challenges gathered together at our Faith Home Ranch for the annual District Picnic and Softball Tournament. It was a beautiful day as 300 people worshipped the Lord and heard a powerful message from Pastor Randy Richardson of Riverbank Assemblies Church. He spoke of thirsting for Jesus, drinking of His Spirit and letting the living water flow from within. Many came forward to receive of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Faith Home barbequed hotdogs & hamburgers and all of the Centers pitched in by providing food and drinks. The softball tournament went on through-out the day and was very fun and exciting. The Redwood Women's Center from Eureka won the women's tournament. The final game of the day came down to Faith Home and the Norwest Cal Cross & Cleats teams. The game was very close and tied up at one point. But the Faith Home men pulled ahead in the last inning and took the win for the third year running. Overall it was a great day of food, fellowship and fun for all.

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! Psalm 133:1

