

JULIE COFFEY



Prodigal Sons and Daughters

We have recently formed a valuable and productive relationship with Prodigal Sons & Daughters, located in Turlock. Prodigal's mission is to provide hope and healing to all those in our community affected by drugs and alcohol. Through Prodigal, our students are being provided with both group counseling, and one-on-one counseling by certified drug, alcohol & grief & trauma counselors. Professional and Spirit-led counseling is a powerful addition to the healing work that God is doing here at Faith Home Ranch.

FAITH HOME ADULT AND TEEN CHALLENGE NETWORK
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UPCOMING

Events



- 4.10.2023 - Lewie Roche III Golf Classic
- 5.20.2023 - Student Graduation
- 6.7.2023 - Annual Nor-Cal/Nevada District Picnic
- 7.1.2023 - Roger's 5k Walk and Run
- 10.21.2023 - 4th Annual Helicopter Ball Drop



Your Auto Donations

HELP US SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS

Programs like our Auto Donations program substantially help in offsetting costs to host our students through our long-term care facilities. Donate through our website: fhtc.life/auto-donations

We partner with an Auto Donations company called "CARS." They help us facilitate vehicle acquisition, promotions, donor management, and they supply us with metrics on donations data every month.

CALL 855.550.4483 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE @ FHTC.LIFE/AUTO-DONATIONS

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WANT TO GIVE?

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS OUT TO "FAITH HOME TEEN CHALLENGE"

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CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

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IN HONOR OF: _____

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PRAYER REQUESTS?

RICK SOUZA

From Then to Now



In the fall of 2016, I was asked to consider accepting the position of Executive Director for FHATC by Dick Rhoads, the Acting Executive Director after Dennis Whitman retired. At the time, I was a missionary for the Assemblies of God with Global Teen Challenge. I was Director of Sustainability, meaning I assisted in starting and funding enterprises with Global Teen Challenge centers around the world. I started a program called Invest Forward and GTC Solutions. I absolutely loved what I was doing.

As Dick and I were having breakfast at the Richmaid Diner in Lodi, I felt a spark in my spirit that this was of the Lord, even though I never aspired to be Executive Director of an Adult TC men's center. I had taught at the Ranch several times a year for about 15 years. I knew the ministry. After praying about it and being interviewed by the Board, I accepted the position because I felt the Lord was speaking to my heart about spending the rest of my life in my own backyard. I've lived in Lodi most of my life and my "backyard" is the North Central Valley, consisting of San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Amador, Calaveras and Tuolumne counties. Those counties have a population of 1.95 million people and only one adult Teen Challenge men's center and no women's centers at all.

Teen Challenge is the most successful program in the world when dealing with individuals struggling with life-controlling issues. We aren't a drug rehabilitation center; we are a Christ-centered ministry that attempts to put "Hope within reach of everyone struggling with life-controlling issues."

In my research, one enterprise I thought would be possible is raising bees for pollination and honey. My original research file had much information, but the timing to begin the business wasn't right. In 2022, however, it became evident to me the timing was right. I began taking on-line classes to become trained and certified, and spent hours of my free time researching and becoming knowledgeable about all things relating to bees. I found it very fascinating. A neighbor of the Ranch, Christine Gemperle, had years of experience and blessed us with thousands of dollars of equipment and practical direction and advice. I approached three staff members about also becoming trained and working with the bees. They agreed and are taking the same classes I took. We joined a local bee club called Delta Bee Club. They have years of experience and are great to work with.

On property at the Ranch, we have planted seed for wild flowers, mustard and perennial clover as a local feeding source for our bees. We will receive four small hives at the end of March. We are ready to go and are excited. Our long-term plan is to grow our operation and eventually have enough honey production to offer to supporters for a suggested donation. I estimate it will take five years to grow to that level. I am excited to see the vision placed on my heart more than six years ago come to fruition. There are many more of my visions bearing fruit, but I will save those for the next newsletter.

Please pray for our success . . . and very few bee stings!

Rick Souza, CEO, Executive Director

CHRIS YOUNG

A Life Set Right



I began finding contentment in alcohol at the age of 19. Before long, alcohol became my idol. I was bound in alcohol and became bitter. I was isolated, depressed and rebellious to all those in authority. Pride and ego played a big role in the rise before the fall. I was in and out of hotels, friends and houses all to live how I wanted to live. I lived a hypocritical Christian life as a loving mate to my girlfriend at the time, but I was someone completely different whenever I had the chance. I worked a lot, which led to a lot of drinking to quiet the thoughts in my head. But for years what was a medicine at night to quiet my mind and help me sleep became a medicine in the morning. I was homeless on and off, living in my truck in Sacramento.

I came to the end of myself around June of 2021, in a hotel, hoping I'd see the last of my days. My family filed a missing person's report and prepared for the worst. In a desperate prayer for mercy, I surrendered with a desire to just come home...spiritually. Being a prodigal son, I felt the love of my Father as He ran towards me and hugged me dearly as I came over the hill (Faith Home).

Now that I have been found by God, I am free. I can breathe, I can hear the wind. My mindset has completely changed from needing everything to be under control, to understanding life is an adventure. I'm completely delivered from my alcohol addiction. Although I had burned many bridges and hurt many people, God has restored relationships with my family and even more so, led them to be a witness of His works. My father began going to church, and his curiosity is encouraging; my mother and my sister have deeply devoted their lives to the Lord. I am a leader here in the ministry in the Teen Challenge located in Ceres, known as Faith Home. I'm guiding, loving and teaching my fellow brothers in the same grace that led me to a peaceful life. I am currently learning how to become a bee-keeper through various classes provided through the ministry. Starting in April we'll have 4 hives in the middle of our garden with more to come. I truly believe this will be a huge asset to the ministry in both giving and receiving.

I am reaching out to see what opportunities the Lord has for me. I am no longer angry at the world, but the Lord has helped me see its brokenness and need for a Savior. I am no longer depressed because I am in right relationship with the Father again, I am no longer fearful on a daily basis because I know the Lord fights for me and is with me through it all, building me up for the good of his kingdom. I no longer live for myself but rejoice and find joy in helping others push through the hard times in life, finding breakthroughs and understanding God's ways. I have chosen to love because I have been taught how to do so now, I love because I finally am completely in love with myself in Christ. I trust in the truth, and I stand firm on it. I don't worry when hard times come, but rather I listen for His instruction, or wait patiently. Today I know who I am in Christ. Today I know who Christ says I am.



WORDS FROM

Our Partners

Rustic Roots is a mix of vintage to modern home décor furniture and gifts as well as custom built furniture and painting to fit every style. Our pieces are rustic and elegant with strong emphasis on quality. We are a family-owned and run business and we have been working with Teen Challenge for around 7 years. We teamed up with Teen Challenge originally to do our deliveries and now we work together on many projects with them. Teen Challenge has been a huge blessing to us! They do such a wonderful job on our deliveries, and we have become dependent on them to help with moving the store around, unloading furniture deliveries and keeping the store clean and organized.

We have had such wonderful success in this working relationship that we have even hired a few of the guys over the years when they have finished the program there at Teen Challenge. Our head painter, Jeff McGee, has been with us for almost 7 years. Our most recent hire is Sergio Escudero who has joined our team as a painter and has been working with us through the program for over a year and now on as part of our Rustic Roots Family, although we do consider all the Teen Challenge guys part of our extended family. When you support Rustic Roots, you are supporting the people at Teen Challenge and their families as they work through the program. What a blessing this program is to our community!

Thank you so much!
Jennifer Roots Sousa, *Owner, Rustic Roots*



My name is Derik Bakker. My wife and I own Fresh Ideas Flower Co. Being a Christian I am always trying to find a way to combine faith and business. Teen Challenge has been one of those paths. About 6 years ago, my Valentine's Day production was at risk because of a huge lack of labor to process roses. A friend of mine who had gone through the Teen Challenge program recommended them as a possible labor solution. Praise God! I called Teen Challenge and they had a tremendous crew of men at my facility within hours. Valentine's Day was a success and we thanked God for His hands – Teen Challenge.

Since that first holiday with them, I have used the men's home every Valentine's and Mother's Day holiday for at least a 7-day period. They process and pack roses and flowers for hundreds of customers. We continue to be extremely grateful for their partnership!

They are always polite and courteous and work well within their teams. Graduates from the Teen Challenge program even come back and help the students at the holidays. During the year, we occasionally call for a team of 2 to 4 guys for clean up or special projects.

Now, 6 years later, Fresh Ideas has become a landing first job opportunity for graduates. We are excited to see the faith-based partnership continue to grow and expand!

