



In 2023, I felt my life start to spin out of control. I was 61 years old and a long-time functional alcoholic. Never in trouble with the law, went to work every day, married, homeowner, church-going community member. On the outside! Inside I was a broken person rapidly declining in health, and mental capacity. I was in constant pain, both mentally and physically, and self-medicated daily.

I have a wonderful wife who throughout our 24 years together was very supportive but rapidly coming to her wit's end. Together we decided I needed help. We both felt that a 30-, 60-, 90-day recovery program was probably not going to work. We had heard of faith-based programs but were not familiar with any of them or how they worked. Through our pastor and dear friends, we found Adult Teen Challenge Faith Home.

August 2, 2023, I walked across the threshold of a life-changing experience. I watched my wife drive away, leaving me on a year-long journey that opened my heart, my mind, my soul. I, we, committed to trying a new way of life. I have always been a believer; I have been saved but never felt peace or freedom.

Six months into the program I had been taking advantage of the literature and studies that were presented to me, including a book I recommend to everyone, "Person of Interest." I submitted to Christ as my personal savior, and the very next day I had to recommit to the competition of the program and to living the rest of my life for Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior.

August 1, 2024, I completed the program. I became a Servant Leader a couple weeks later, and I am now a staff member. I am writing music again and on the Sundays that we have outings where we share with various church congregations, I meet the guys to back up and support them as they share their journeys. I am recording these songs I've written with the help and support of some very special people.

My wife and I are becoming facilitators for Ready Now, a program that reaches out to others with addiction issues, brings hope to them and their families for a better life filled with peace, joy, love, and freedom. John 8:12 says, "Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."



RICK SOUZA *Sharing Our Passion*



"Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people" (Colossians 3:23, NLT).

I am so blessed to have my entire team of staff and servant leaders adhere to that Scripture in Colossians. We have a culture of true servants and warriors for the Lord. They are passionate for the lost and are true believers of our vision of "Putting hope within reach of everyone struggling with life-controlling issues."

Our Core Values are (1) Discipleship—we believe in the personal discipleship of every believer; (2) Building Relationships—we believe building relationships reflects the heart of God for his people; (3) Providing Hope—we believe that no person or circumstance is without hope with Jesus Christ. We truly believe in these core values and strive to exemplify them throughout our ministry.

I've asked these four staff members to share their passion to keep learning and growing and ministering to the Lord and all the men who come through the Ranch. Each of them also love their families and want to be the spiritual leaders they are destined to be.

I hope their stories, passion, and callings bless you as you read them.

Blessings,

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UPCOMING DATES

To Remember

- Monday, May 5th, 2025: Lewie Roche III Golf Classic
- Saturday, May 17th, 2025: Graduation Ceremony
- Saturday, June 21st, 2025: Roger's 5k Walk and Run
- September 15th-19th, 2025: Spiritual Emphasis Week
- Saturday, October 18th, 2025: Annual Ball Drop



MICHAEL SHIVAR

The Lilley Scholarship



It is an honor to receive the Jimmy Lilley Scholarship. I never would have imagined the blessings God had in store for me when he asked me to fully surrender and give him the opportunity to help me change my life at Faith Home Adult & Teen Challenge. The more that I submit to the will of the Lord and follow the path he has for me the more I see him moving in my life. Jesus Christ has given me a new hope in my life. I wasn't expecting much when I came into the program; I was seriously broken and just knew I needed help. Since coming here my whole trajectory in life has changed into something I never could have seen coming.

While here in the program I received the calling from the Lord to become a pastor. I wasn't sure at first what a broken person like myself could offer the almighty creator of life. I have gained an immense passion for the Word and I have found that I love sharing it as much as I love to learn from it and make it a part of my life. One of the things I plan on using this scholarship for is to go on a missionary trip to Mexico, where I will have the opportunity to share the Word with people who need hope in their lives as much as I did when God saved me

from myself. Having a chance to bring joy to people makes me so excited and brings me a lot of happiness.

I have always loved music my whole life and worshipping the Lord is one of my favorite things to do. There isn't a way to describe the communion you have with the Lord and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit that comes from worshipping the Lord in the Spirit with all of your heart. I know that for the rest of my life my praise to him will continue to bring me a comfort that nothing else in this world could compare to. That's why I will be using part of this scholarship to get the equipment I need to play worship music to glorify the Lord. I play guitar, bass guitar and I sing, and learning to use these talents for His will and exaltation is such a pleasure.

I want to thank everyone from the bottom of my heart who has played a part in allowing this ministry to continue; without it my life would still be a tragedy. Since coming here the Lord has restored so much in my life, including my relationship with my family and my ability to give my son the loving Christian father he deserves in his life. I have seen so many miracles happen and so many people's lives completely changed since I started my journey here. None of this would have been possible without this amazing ministry and those who support it. God bless you all.

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR THE STATEMENT FROM THE
JIMMY LILLEY SCHOLARSHIP!

OFFICIAL STATEMENT FROM THE JIMMY LILLEY SCHOLARSHIP



Each quarter two students across all Teen Challenge Centers are chosen to receive the Jimmy Lilley scholarship. We are pleased to announce that our own Michael Shivar applied and was awarded the \$5000.00 scholarship.

World Challenge established the Jimmy Lilley scholarship to honor the life journey, godly devotion, and passionate work of Jimmy Lilley, a longtime friend, former employee, and co-laborer of our Teen Challenge founder, David Wilkerson.

Michael's commitment and heart to deepen his relationship with Jesus is an encouragement to both staff and students at the Faith Home Center. Michael feels called to ministry and plans to pursue his education in Theology and become a pastor.

His plans are to use the scholarship to fund a mission's trip to Mexico for him and his teenage son. Also, he would like to purchase an amplifier for his guitar so that he can participate with his home church worship team.

We look forward to all that God has planned for Michael and his future service in God's Kingdom.



Congratulations Michael!

GEORGE MACINTOSH

My Passion



Hello, my name is George Macintosh. I have been at Faith Home Adult & Teen Challenge since 10/15/2019. I've had some amazing opportunities in the ministry.

I've also decided to further my education as a substitute disorder counselor; I just became registered as Substance Use Disorder through CADPT in the state of California. What my goals are for this year are to open my own transition home, to help other men with substance addiction and life controlling issues. I'm really excited about going further in my education and going back to college learning how to be more effective in my community by helping out people who suffer from drug addiction.

I also just became more involved in facilitating a wonderful program that we call "Ready Now." I'm in the process of becoming a new facilitator, being able to reach the community by counseling about addiction or life-controlling issues, especially for individuals who cannot commit to a residential program but would like to get knowledge about how to overcome their addiction. God has put it in my heart to give back to the community.

I want to thank Adult & Teen Challenge for giving me a new outlook on life. If it wasn't for a daunting challenge I would still be trying to find myself. I'll tell anyone in the world that I have one of the best jobs where I get to be involved in changing lives.

ANTHONY KRIGBAUM

My Legacy



My name is Anthony Krigbaum, I am 43 years and was born and raised in Ceres, CA. I entered Faith Home Adult Teen Challenge on June 8, 2017. I came here because my life had spiraled out of control, I was addicted to drugs and alcohol and dealing with anxiety, depression, hopelessness. Today I am thankful to God for celebrating seven and a half years of sobriety as well as having joy, peace, and my family back. I have been serving at Teen Challenge since graduating from the program; I am the Induction Supervisor.

Currently I am working on becoming a drug counselor. I recently completed an internship through San Joaquin County. Spiritually I am working on building deeper relationships within my church through our Tuesday night men's Bible study. Also, in September I started serving at the church as an usher and that has helped me get to know people a little better. On the first Sunday of the month, I go to fellowship with the brothers and sisters who do Church in the Park. This is a beautiful ministry that brings the church to the people. Every week this ministry transforms the park into a full church service, and it is a blessing to witness.

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God has done an amazing restoration in my family, especially with my daughters. Both of my daughters are believers in Jesus and as a father, this is the most important thing I could hope for. My oldest daughter Mariah recently got married and her husband is a man of God who knows Jesus. They had their first daughter last year and I'm so grateful for this beautiful little girl. I'm excited for her to be raised and taught in God's ways by her parents and myself. My youngest daughter is Delilah and almost 2 years ago she had a very powerful encounter with the Holy Spirit at a Christian youth camp. She came home eager and excited to tell me about her experience with God. This is one of those moments we have as believers that change us and that we never forget. I will close with my daughters' responses to what TC means to them.

"Teen Challenge is a place that breaks you down to create godly people. It builds and restores faith, brings families together and gives you no doubt about God. This place was where I first felt the love of God. God moves in that place and I'm grateful for the restoration of my family." - Delilah

"My dad was lost in the streets, and I had no idea how much he was going to change once he got into the program. I not only have my dad back from addiction, but I have him back as a Christ follower. He taught my sister and me the word of God and from this I have learned about having a relationship with Jesus. It has been a domino effect of the Lord working in our hearts." - Mariah

JEREMY NUNN

My Testimony



My life serves as a testament to the amazing mercy and goodness of our God. From an early age I knew in my heart that a call to ministry had been placed over my life; multiple times it was confirmed through prophetic words and life opportunities. I strayed away from and even denied this calling. I benefitted from being the only child of two godly parents, both in full-time ministry. Drugs were interesting to me as a young man, as I perceived them as both an escape from all responsibility but also as life enhancing, a very destructive false belief as it turned out. Once addiction had a tight grip over me by my early adulthood, it became a bitter struggle to regain control and ultimately it dragged me through more than twenty years of repeated attempts at sobriety, where rehab had become a revolving door.

As I entered the door of Teen Challenge in November of 2023, already familiar with the program from which I saw many lives permanently changed, I was forced to ask myself, "Why was I back? What was it that I missed? What do I intend to do different this time around?" I was tired of the cycle. Loss, regret and thankfully a little wisdom had seeped into my core as I prayed to the Lord with sincerity in my heart. I offered Him the rest of my time on Earth, my plans, my hopes, my dreams, all of me in exchange for Him to empower me and use me for His purposes and glory. I felt different with this posture of true heart surrender. I felt the presence of the Holy Spirit. In the months to come, I realized this was what I had missed.

Motivated by compassion to share this victory with others I embarked on the path to enter ministry. The Lord opened doors for me to begin my education toward full-time ministry through Global University. He guided me to a wonderful church that has afforded me an opportunity to serve in many capacities, including leading a Bible study and delivering periodic messages from the pulpit. He's allowed me to serve in a full-time staff position here at Faith Home Adult & Teen Challenge, to partner with and encourage the students as they learn to overcome their life's vices. Just as important, He has allowed for restoration in my marriage of almost 17 years. I am still learning how to trust the Lord in every situation but His faithfulness in my times of personal defeat has allowed me to stand here before you today as a godly, Spirit-filled man in VICTORY!