

April 15, 2009

RESURRECTION POWER

*Above all, love each other
deeply, because love covers
over a multitude of sins.*

1 Peter 4:8

My name is Steven; I have been at the Sanctuary for about three months. The Lord has blessed me by putting me into this program. My mission while at the Sanctuary is to get my life on the right path with Jesus at the wheel and myself as the passenger instead of the other way around. It will not happen all in one day but today I put the faith in the Lord as well as in making the right decisions according to his will. I have learned to put my life in Jesus' hands and lay it at the altar in order to build a better future for my life. Before coming to the Sanctuary, I made a lot of mistakes and ruined the things that I had going for me. Due to my use of drugs, I had destroyed the relationship with my family. Since arriving at the Sanctuary, I rebuild the ties with my family through my positive actions. My family can tell that I have finally made the choice to change my life. They are writing to me as well as communicating with me through the phone. Only Jesus can soften their hearts due to the terrible things that I had put them through. Through God's mercy I have another chance in life.

Now, three months in to the program I have a job and little by little I am making a better life for myself. I would like to thank the Sanctuary Mission for taking me and providing me with the word of God as well as place to stay. Thank You to all of the volunteers for all the time and effort you put into this program. We love you all for it.
Steven L.

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Overcoming by the word of their Testimony

My testimony of Jesus

Not long ago, but once again I was in bondage in my addiction, making bad choices. Which had determined my circumstances and my decisions was determining my destiny and that was nowhere. Sleeping on park benches eating out of trash cans caring about no one not even myself. Today, because of Jesus I care about myself and others also I thank the Lord for the Sanctuary a place of refuge and hope where I gave my life back to Christ Nov. 15 2008. I Thank the Lord for the men and women of God, God has place in my life. Today I'm set free from that which had me bound. I am not saying I've got it all together cause I don't. But because Jesus lord of my life I'm getting it together. Thank you.

Curtis W.

My name is Anna and I am a current resident at the Sanctuary. Until 2 months ago, there was absolutely no light in my life. My life was overwhelmed with darkness and sin. Streets and drugs ruled my life, pulling me deeper and deeper into the hands of my worse enemy (the Satan). Satan took advantage of my need for love, making me believe that I had not control over my feelings, desires

and emotions. In order to escape and erase these thoughts I numbed myself with the help of an illegal substance known as crack-cocaine. At the moment it seemed as if I found a remedy for my problems. It worked for the temporary relief of my issues and harsh emotions that tore my heart each day. But in fact of the reality, I was not only tearing my life apart into broken pieces but also hurting my family on the deepest level. My life was on the verge of death but for some rationale it did not matter to me at all. I guess it did not occur to me that it was just a matter of time that streets and drugs would cause me to lose my physical life.

By the mercy of God, I found myself at the safe haven of The Sanctuary Mission. I did not believe that changing my life was at all possible. At times it is not easy and my recovery gets difficult but since putting my life into God's hands. I can sincerely say that I started to see immediate positive results. Besides me noticing changes, my family as well as the dedicated staff at The Sanctuary also seen that transformation in my character as well as physical changes in me. I can honestly say that today I see the light and know that

it is possible. I have hope and strong faith in God to help me complete this program and fully restore my relationship with Jesus Christ.

Sanctuary is a place of blessing through very devoted people who are doing God's will by helping lost souls like myself find faith in God. I am so very grateful for the Lord showing me the light that shined on me through the Sanctuary. That is truly a phenomenal blessing that only can be explained through God's will for me. My parents strongly believe that this is a miracle and still continue to pinch themselves to confirm that they are not dreaming. I have faith in God and have been living a Christian drug-free life since coming to the Sanctuary. I have never felt so good in my whole life, what a blessing. I am guilt free and have dedicated my life to the Lord. I know the best is yet to come. At this time, I would like to thank all of the dedicated staff here at the Sanctuary who made this blessing possible. You truly saved my life.

Thank you. Anna J.

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Deliverance – 1) Salvation 2) Liberation or rescue

Salvation 1) the act of saving or start of being saved, as from harm or loss
2) a means of being saved.
3) deliverance from the power or penalty of sin.

Liberation 1) to set free, as from bondage or foreign control
2) to set free from social or economic constraints
3) to set free from combination

Rescue 1) to free from confinement or danger

See, Jesus gave me deliverance some time ago. At times I did not want it or even think I needed it. When there was no way, through Jesus, I was given one. I remember the times of my past when everything around me was consumed with evil and I was destined for death. And I also remember when I was set free, and I was given another opportunity to live. Even though conversion has not been easy at times, the Lord has always kept me protected and motivated to live in his word. I am very thankful for my salvation and I will always honor Jesus for the life he has given me. It is awesome to go through everyday looking for the good in things and being able to find it. Also for being thankful for everything I do have including the joy and happiness everyday brings. I am also thankful for the knowledge that I have been given so I may achieve more in life. I was an addict for 15 years and now, by the grace of God and the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, I am now a Christian. Jesus did sacrifice himself for my sins and without him I would be in hell. Thank you for my deliverance from sin and the knowledge to know what you have done for me, Jesus.

Jerry Hubbell

Hopefully by reading the testimonies you realize how busy God has been through us, His Hands. We are still in great need of volunteers and funding. Mobile home septic is getting redone. Bathrooms are getting a makeover and we still need more space and resources for those that are wanting to make a change in their life. Make checks payable to The Sanctuary Mission or The Refuge at Jumper Creek. Thanks for your continued support. Vicki Genz

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