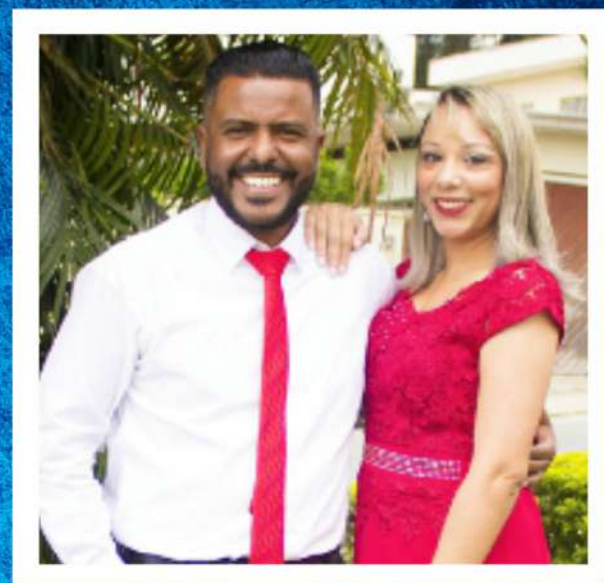
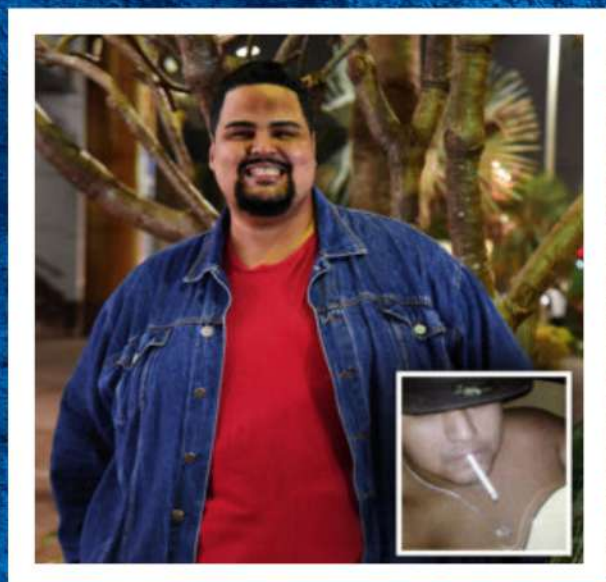




SCAN ME



Addiction and its evil Still, you can find a way out.

The marks of destruction left by addiction affect every area of a person's life.
There is, however, a solution within everyone's reach...

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The devastation of drugs

We have all seen the before and after pictures of people with a substance use disorder streaming all over the Internet. People who were once thought of as having a bright future ahead of them, being happy, being a family man or woman, and some who were even successful in their careers have fallen victim to the vicious grip on drugs. What was supposed to be a one-time thing or once in a while became a habit, consuming both young and old. Drug addictions have caused many to become unrecognizable and have led countless others to early graves.

But what many do not know is that an addiction has something far more sinister behind it. Take a moment and think about it; why would someone consume a substance that is killing or physically harming their bodies? Why do people with an addiction use it again, even after countless treatments and admissions to rehab clinics? Why does it seem like drugs are so much stronger than the person? Shouldn't sheer will and the love of their families be enough to help them break free? Unfortunately, in many cases, it is not enough. There is something far deeper going on. The reason for this is that there are demonic forces that are behind addictions, causing people to lose control of their own will. Evil forces take over a person's mind, keeping them captive and forcing them to do what is even against their own choice. Not only do their appearances change, but their behavior is also unrecognizable.

Are you struggling with an addiction and are tired of the way your life has been? Do you have a loved one with addiction issues? You can be set free! Your family members can change! You can find a solution in God through the power of Faith. Visit a Universal Church near you today for our services for Spiritual Deliverance on Fridays.

| BEATING DEPRESSION |

Depression is a sadness felt in the deepest part of one's soul. It causes a sense of hopelessness and exhaustion so great that a person loses the motivation to do anything and some to live at all. It is a sickness of the soul. But who can heal the soul other than the Savior of Souls, the Lord Jesus?

On Fridays, at every Universal Church, we have a service for Deliverance from Depression. Visit a branch near you today. Make a Chain of Prayer by attending a prayer meeting near you for seven consecutive weeks. You will receive practical steps, counseling, and spiritual help through prayers to overcome. You won't regret it.

There are thousands of testimonials worldwide that prove a Chain of Prayer works. You, too, CAN defeat depression!



Call 1.888.332.4141
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Bishop Edir Macedo



Without form and void

The Word needs attentive ears, attentive and willing to listen to it. When there are ears to listen and obey, the Word of God does not return void of works.

The Bible clearly shows that the rain only waters the Earth that receives it. If there is no earth, how will the rain fall upon it and bring forth its fruit?

The Earth was without form and void, and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Genesis 1.2

Many people's lives have been like the Earth was: without form and void.

Despite their religion or their evangelical denomination, their life is still without form and void.

A person may believe in God and the Bible, but their lives do not match what God's Word describes.

Why is this?

It's because the Spirit of God continues to hover over their lives, wanting to enter and make an abode, but they have not permitted Him. Therefore, it remains without form and void.



They may even recognize the Voice and the Word very well. Still, if they insist on living according to their will, ideas, dreams, and personal projects, their lives will remain without form and void.

The Holy Spirit continues to hover over the face of their lives, speaking, speaking, and speaking; however, as long as there is STUBBORNNESS, their lives will continue to be without form and void. And no one can do anything about it!

Prayers, fasting, attending church, nothing can remove your void as long as God's Spirit does not control your life or you do not obey and serve Him with your entire life.



"I was in a coma for five days."

ing and using drugs."

The family couldn't take Adriano's addiction any longer and decided to put him in a clinic for drug addicts. After three months at the clinic, he returns home. But, in less than a week, he was back to using drugs again.

The family decided that sending Adriano to live with relatives would be the solution.

"As I was no longer financially able to support my addiction, I decided to enter the life of crime to be able to buy cocaine."

The addiction overwhelmed him in such a way that he consumed three times more than the amount of money needed to pay for the drugs. He became indebted to drug dealers and began to receive death threats. One day, while leaving a house, he was shot at by a person who passed by on a motorcycle.

"I eventually lost the ambition to work. My life was all about sleep-

He got hit in his lung and intestine, and one of the bullets

lodged near his spine. Adriano was in a coma for five days.

"When I woke up and saw my mother had visited me, I remembered the prayers and invitations she would make for me to come with her to church."

His mother had been attending the Universal Church for years, but he had consistently declined her invitations. But as soon as he left the hospital, he decided to leave his old life behind; he didn't want that life anymore.

His mother took him to the church, and he received help from pastors and assistants. He began making his chain of prayers. "The attitude of my mother, who always believed in me instead of judging me, gave me the strength to change. It was not easy, but I persevered for my deliverance."

He broke free from the drugs and invested in a career in health. Today, he is a successful professional; he lives happily and with the peace he desires.

DIVINE WATER

When faced with a difficult diagnosis, remember: Don't panic. Start praying. Kethlyn Ortiz discovered skin cancer from a simple spot. After tests, what she initially thought was ringworm turned out to be advanced skin cancer, which required surgery.

During her treatment, she persevered in her faith, going to the services for healing at the Universal Church.

The following year, a new biopsy revealed that there were no more cancerous cells in her body. Today, she enjoys her completely restored health.



“THERE WAS NO OTHER OPTION BUT TO AMPUTATE MY FOOT.”



A painful, burn-like boil developed on my foot, becoming a foot ulcer. Doctors managed to drain it, but the wound wouldn't close. They attempted a skin graft, but the wound kept on widening. Nobody could determine what was causing this, so amputation seemed the only option.



My family attended an event held by the Universal Church, and this is where I started having faith that I'd overcome this problem. Day by day, the wound started healing by itself, and in two weeks, it had closed entirely. I couldn't believe it. Everything changed when I placed my faith in God! -Felisbela Amparo



Learn to apply your faith in order to face your challenges!

GET YOUR DIVINE WATER EVERY SUNDAY

at your nearest Universal Church

If you have received a challenging diagnosis, exercise your faith.
The Universal Church warns that you should never ignore medical treatment.



|Message|

BISHOP JOSHUA

POOR, NAKED AND BLIND



Perhaps you are only reading this message because the heading caught your attention, but that's all it is for you: a good attention-grabber. In reality, you consider yourself to be someone who lacks nothing in this world.

Car – CHECK
House – CHECK
Money – CHECK
Business – CHECK
Family – CHECK
Degrees – CHECK
Good Health – CHECK
Freedom – CHECK

Stop speaking to yourself and let this message talk to you now. I have one thing to add to your list of accomplishments. Can you CHECK it as well? Here goes:

SALVATION?

You are correct with such a statement (in this world), and many other people have the same mindset. If I know, I am sure the God of the Bible knows. Take a look at this Bible passage:

Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and need nothing and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked...' (Revelation 3:17)

WOW! That must feel like a blow below the belt. However, this message is not meant to hurt you. On the contrary, it's intended to help you, better yet, to save you!

There is nothing wrong with accomplishing all your dreams and goals, but you can't leave out the most important one: the salvation of your soul.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just, willing to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

Without the salvation of your soul and the Lord's presence, you are poor, naked, and blind. You can change this situation right now. Do what is written in (1 John 1:9), then CHECK what was left unchecked above.

Now, you are no longer poor, naked, and blind! You are now RICH, spiritually speaking.

May the God of the Bible bless you!

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DRUGS ALMOST ENDED MY LIFE



The death of my parents was the beginning of suffering for me. At the age of 7, a family took me in, in which I found a mother who loved me but a father who introduced me to alcoholic beverages. He smoked and drank a lot and offered me alcohol when I was seven years old. Even though I was little, I started to be rebellious and get drunk. At that time, I suffered abuse, and I started having suicidal thoughts.

At 14 years old, I got involved with other drugs. I was going to see psychiatrists and psychologists, but none of them were able to help me. Even though this was not helping, I took medications and went through several sessions to help solve the problem. In an attempt to help me, my mother took me to spiritists, but this only made the situation worse. I started hearing voices and having other spiritual problems. I went deep into drugs like cocaine and marijuana, intending to numb the pain, and I even started prostituting myself.

Deep in suffering and depression, I tried to commit suicide seven times. At one point, I broke everything in the house, cut myself, and put the gas on to burn the place, which did not work out. On the same day, I tried to kill my mother and my daughter.

For over 17 years, every area of my life was destroyed. My health, love life, finances, and family were dominated by evil. My situation was getting worse, but to sustain my addiction, I sold even my clothes.

An opportunity to restart my life came when my mother heard about deliverance services on Fridays at the Universal Church. She started to come and invited me to go with her. I came but never decided to surrender myself entirely to God. I would only come for the temporary relief, but when I went home, I would return to the same life. After five years of this indecisiveness, I decided to change completely. I stopped using drugs and received my deliverance, but after some time, I got comfortable; I stopped sacrificing my life and began to disobey God. It made me relapse, and I went back to drugs.

The relapse did not bring back only drugs but other problems as well. I was out of the presence of God; I was not going to church anymore, and at one point, I was threatened with death. At this point, my eyes were opened, and I decided to return to God and surrender my entire life in His hands. I got baptized in water and sought baptism in the Holy Spirit.

It is when the transformation began in my mind. I am now a new person, free from depression and drugs. I live in obedience to the Word of God, and there is peace in my house. There is a love inside me for those who suffer; I don't live for myself anymore; I live to obey the Word of God.

Fernanda Silva

What's happening at the Universal Church

Many have come to believe that miracles don't exist, and if they did, they are things of the past that no longer take place in our world today. But here, at the Universal Church, there are countless stories of people who have seen miracles in their health, family, love lives, and even financially. Problems and areas that seemed impossible to change or were lost cases were turned around for the better, all through the power of faith. Give God a chance? Visit a branch to learn how you, too, can experience a miracle through the power of faith.

Miserable and Humiliated



"My husband and I had four children, but due to our financial circumstances, we lived in a one-room house in someone's backyard. There was no privacy. The situation was humiliating. We had financial struggles because I was unemployed, and my husband was the breadwinner. We could not afford our own home," said Frances.

As if her situation was not dreadful enough, three of her children suffered from epilepsy. Although she sought professional help, there were no improvements in their health. Frances could not understand what was happening and had lost all hope.

"One day, while I was at home, a few members of the Universal Church had come to my door while making house visits. They invited me to attend the services with them, and I accepted. When I came, I listened to the preaching and received a prayer. I left church that day feeling hopeful."

"The following week, I also invited my children to attend the services. I engaged in the chains of prayers for my financial breakthrough on Monday and attended the Tuesday services with my children for their healing. I used my faith and believed that our situation would change.

In leaps and bounds, our lives started changing and moving forward. I found a job. My children were healed from epilepsy. My husband and I even managed to buy a beautiful and spacious house. Today, I do not lose hope even when I face challenges because God strengthens me," said Frances.

- Frances

The doctors told my son, I would not stand a chance



Routine checkups are essential to prevent diseases and even treat signs of imbalance in the body before any health problems arise. With this in mind, Dirce Simao, 78, decided to have a checkup

"I did the cardiological tests at the time, and they discovered that the carotid was compromised. I had a 60% obstruction, and I had a medical follow-up for a few years because of that," she says.

The carotid arteries are responsible for conducting blood between the heart and the brain; high cholesterol, hypertension, and other ailments can clog it. Obstruction of 60% is considered moderate, but above 70%, the situation is already characterized as severe.

In Dirce's case, with the follow-up exams performance, the obstruction's worsening was confirmed, which reached 80%.

"I didn't feel anything, I didn't have pain or vertigo, and I didn't faint, but I had to operate, and I was 'fine.' The doctor told me what could happen in such an operation, but I was confident and went."

The day after the surgery, Dirce's condition deteriorated considerably. "I've had two cardiac arrests, cardiac arrhythmia, a heart attack, and a stroke. I was presumed dead. The doctor told my son that I wouldn't have a chance, and if I came back, I would be very sick and unable to move," she says. In that situation, Dirce had no one to count on except the faith of her son, Edrisio Simao

The Nightmare that sparked faith

"She was intubated and sent to the ICU, then the nightmare began. The doctor disillusioned her and told me that her case was severe, that the prospect of her coming back was minimal, and that if she did, she would have irreversible damage because she had been unable to breathe for a long time and her heart had

stopped. He practically said my mother was dead," says Edrisio.

He recalls that he was very shaken at the time—still, an unspeakable feeling grew in him for seeing what was happening to his mother. "I expected she would come out of surgery better than she had come in and recovered from the carotid problem. I didn't accept the fact that my mom didn't come out of surgery well. I left the hospital disgusted with that situation and went to church. It was the time of the Campaign of Israel, which I didn't intend to join. Still, I decided to do it and manifest my faith because it was humanly impossible to reverse the situation," says Edrisio.

In addition to the campaign, Edrisio always attended the Universal Church services and carried a bottle of water so it could be blessed, an element that became a point of contact for the power of God to manifest in his mother's body.

The Consecrated Water

"My son came to visit me in the ICU. I opened my eyes, and he asked me if I recognized him. I nodded my head in the affirmative and said I was thirsty. He took the consecrated water and wet my lips because since I was in the ICU, I couldn't drink anything. It was an act of faith on his part."

This demonstration of faith made the seemingly impossible happen. "God heard his request and brought me back. I had surgery at the end of last year, in mid-December, and I was in the hospital until January. It took more than 20 days of recovery. The doctors were amazed; many came to visit me and recognized that what happened was indeed a miracle and the greatness of God."

According to Edrisio, when Dirce went home, her right hand was still paralyzed, and her speech was not good, as if there was a speech impediment. "All of this has miraculously reversed," he says. A few months after the surgery, Dirce resumed her routine and is fully healthy. "I'm great, very well. I'm in all normal movements, with a good head and walking. I'm 78 years old, and I'm still driving. I feel great and healed. I did the tests again, and the doctor even joked with me, saying: 'You will live more than a hundred years.' It was truly a miracle," she concludes

- Dirce Silva Simão



ADDICTION: THE DESTROYER OF DREAMS

Family disruption, the influence of friendships, and personal conflicts are some of the various factors that can induce a person to consume drugs. And the impacts generated by drug use affect not only the user but also their family.

Worldwide, the forecast is that by 2030, there will be an 11% increase in the number of drug users, according to a recent report released by the United Nations Office.

Variety of narcotics

Crack gained notoriety because of its quick, addictive effect and great destructive potential. Still, it is not the only drug that causes victims around the world. Amphetamine, for example, was a drug used to treat depression and asthma. Still, it began to be used as a stimulant, and its addictive potential was discovered, later reinforced by methamphetamine. In addition to the apparent weight loss, the user may experience psychotic crises, tooth loss, and damage to the nose and mouth.

Another group of narcotics that has been gaining prominence, especially in the United States, is opioids, such as heroin and fentanyl. The latter would even have been responsible for 75,000 overdose deaths in 2022. There are also cocaine and LSD, which lead users to psychosis and harm their health, as they cause damage such as increased blood pressure, cardiac risk, and euphoria. In the case of LSD, hallucinations can lead the user to put themselves in a risky situation, such as wanting to jump out of a window, for example.

Another drug that deludes many people with the same idea of having few consequences is marijuana. In addition to dependence, the consumption of THC (the active ingredient of the drug) can lead to a reduction in the ability to learn and reason, especially in young people.

Inefficiency in combat

This brief overview made it clear that drugs are a public health issue, but there are

a series of disagreements regarding how to combat them.

From a practical point of view, decriminalization ignores all the physical damage caused by the drug, its potential to lead to the use of other substances, and the encouragement of trafficking; after all, where would it be acquired? It is naive to believe that all drugs consumed would come from personal cultivation.

In the State of California, the tolerance for crimes and drug use has increased crime and the number of drug addicts and homeless people. In the city of San Francisco, for example, around 9 thousand people live outdoors. It is estimated that this fact results from a law approved in 2011 by the Supreme Court, which, to reduce the prison population, removed prison sentences for those who carry a certain amount of drugs and steal or steal up to US\$400. The legislation is only valid for Los Angeles County today, but they readjusted the tolerance amount to US\$950.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), drug addiction is a chronic, progressive disease that can be fatal. Without a doubt, one of the first impacts is on health. However, there are other losses for those who give in

Addiction causes depression, loss of self-esteem, dignity, principles, material losses and, often, even life."

to drug use, such as family, professional, and emotional problems. "Addiction causes depression, loss of self-esteem, dignity, principles, material losses and, often, even life."

Addiction is not linked to a drug or an attitude that generates pleasure for the individual, but "there is a greater force behind this

situation, which is the 'spirit of addiction' that dominates the person." Therefore, there are many cases of those who even want to stop using drugs and try on their own but are unable to do so. Others resort to medications, treatments, and even hospitalizations but live with relapses. "These treatments detoxify the body, but the spirit of addiction acts in the mind of the person with an addiction [dependent]. Therefore, the solution is to extract this strength of addiction."

Healing happens through a decision to end addiction and obey what is taught in the meetings. "To get out of this condition, committing to the Supreme Being, the Lord Jesus, is necessary."

If you or someone you know has an addiction, find the closest Universal Church to you and find help. We have Friday meetings for deliverance dedicated to you and your loved ones. See the back page for locations.

Marcelo discovered the Universal Church through his mother, Jesuína, who attended Universal. He says he accepted the invitation to participate in a meeting after reaching the worst moment of his life. "I had a band, and we played together for ten years. When I left the group, I was faced with my reality: plunged into depression and aimless. Then I saw that my only way out would be God," he recalls.

But, before making this decision to seek help, Marcelo lived with several addictions. "Curiosity led me to smoke my first cigarette at 16 years old. Then I started drinking and using marijuana and other drugs, especially at parties," he highlights. However, what was possible began to gain more and more strength, as he describes: "Every day I practically drank a bottle of vodka or whiskey, smoked a pack of cigarettes and consumed other drugs."

This routine lasted about 15 years and caused a series of damages. "I lost a lot of money, health and peace. I also developed anxiety and depression. All of this intensified with addiction. I often say that I also lost many years of my life, as I don't remember much of it. I was always drugged or drunk," he comments.

Despite his inner war at



"I was addicted for 15 years."

home, Marcelo counted on his mother's faith. He knew her commitment to help him, and it caught his attention. Her perseverance made him see the deliverance meetings as the only solution. "When I was at my worst moment, I challenged God.

I lost a lot of money, health and peace. I also developed anxiety and depression.

Straightforwardly, I said that if He helped me get out of that situation, I would serve Him because otherwise I would kill myself," he says.

Having made up his mind, Marcelo spared no effort to obey what came from the Altar. "Right at the beginning,

I managed to leave some of the addictions on my own, but not all of them. So, I didn't accept it and was honest with God. I said everything I still liked to consume and asked for His help, with the certainty that He was the only one capable of changing my story. After that day, I never used anything again," he recalls.

The cure was accompanied by the search for a genuine experience with God, culminating in his transformation.

"I have been free from all types of addictions for about five years. I say there was a before and an after in my life. God gave me much more than I lost; I was cured of depression, addictions, and anxiety, I married a woman of God, and I am truly happy," he says.

MAKE A CHAIN OF PRAYER IT WORKS!

A Chain of Prayer is when you attend a prayer meeting for a certain number of weeks without interruption in order to see a breakthrough in your life. Whether it is healing, a financial breakthrough or spiritual deliverance that you need, a Chain of Prayer helps you develop the faith and determination to overcome.

**Monday - Strong Nation
7am, 10am, 4pm & 7pm**

Learn the secrets to overcome financially. Receive direction to grow and become a successful person.



**Tuesday - Prayer for healing
7am, 10am, 4pm & 7pm**

Receive prayers for your physical, mental and spiritual well-being.

**Wednesday - Night of Salvation
7am, 10am, 4pm & 7pm**

A meeting will be held for those who want to invest in a genuine relationship with God.



**Thursday - Family & Love Therapy
7am, 10am, 4pm & 7pm**

The goal of the family meeting is to bring families together. No family is perfect, but they can be free from any hate, separation and other underlying issues.

**Friday - Deliverance
7am, 10am, 4pm & 7pm**

There is a root to every problem. No issue can be dealt with permanently without removing its root. Every Friday, strong prayers is provided for anyone who is facing a problem that is influenced by negativity.



**Saturday - Impossible Cases
8am & 12pm**

Have you ever looked at a problem or situation and thought, 'this is impossible, there is no solution to this?' If you want to see the 'impossible become possible', join us every Saturday.

**Sunday - Gathering of Faith & Miracles
7am, 10am, 3pm & 6pm**

These meetings aim to help people connect with God, to empower people and teach them how to use their faith to achieve what they want in their lives.



ULE gives back to the Community!

Night Shift Prayer



They face danger all around,
But when we trust in God
and seek Him.

He will deliver you from all
evil and guide you.

It was a blessing because all
together there were 30 officers
present to receive this special
blessing.

Food was served to them as
well as a sign of appreciation.
We understand how difficult
it can be to do the job that
these officers do, and our
objective is to take the load
from their shoulders, not only
with physical support but also
through the word of God.

God’s word brings life, and
comfort to the soul, and many
through through the prayers
have been comforted.



The night shift is one of
the most dangerous,
as the officers patrol
the community and strive
to protect the community
against crime.

The officers and the captain
of precinct 88 received us
joyfully and thanked the
U.L.E (Universal in Law
Enforcement) for the prayer
and word of faith.

They received a word of faith:

**Though I walk
through the valley of
the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
For You are with me;
Your rod and Your
staff comfort me.
(Psalms 23)**

Graffiti Cleanup



This past week, the ULE (Universal in Law Enforcement) joined together with the YPG (Youth Power Group), the 79th Precinct. It was a graffiti cleanup, and the community was very grateful for the work; it was a moment to bring

They came out to thank the ULE and the NYPD for their sacrifice to clean up the graffiti that had been there for many years.

It was a beautiful sight to see the walls finally cleaned.



**T h e
W o r d
of God
says we
should
freely
give as
we have
freely received,
which provides the ULE
with joy to know that we
can assist our community.**

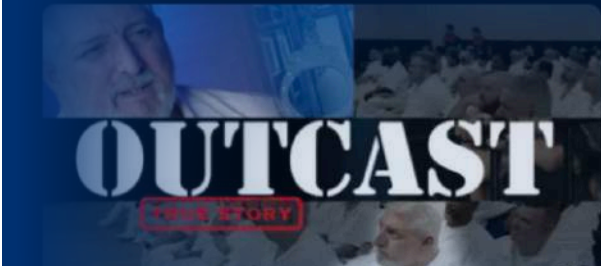


everyone together. We also had volunteer officers, the officers, and the detective that joined us. Some of the neighbors living close to the church were also very grateful.

It is a small demonstration of light in the community and shows it does not need to take much to do something good for our neighbor.



SEARCH “UNIVERSAL BEYOND BARS” ON THE PANDO APP.





UNIVERSAL BEYOND BARS

YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

“At a young age, I was involved in the streets.”

My name is David, and at 17, I met a girl got involved in a relationship with her, which eventually ended and I went to live my life in the world getting involved with drug use, crimes, and prostitution.

I remember I met some gang members in my city, and things got worse than before. In 2005 for the first time, I committed a crime and got caught and was sent to prison.

WHEN I GOT TO PRISON I STARTED MAKING PRAYERS, BUT THEY WERE NOT SINCERE, I SAID TO GOD, “I’LL GO TO CHURCH, I ’LL STOP DOING WRONG, I’LL GIVE MY LIFE TO JESUS...” ETC. I WAS RELEASED NOT LONG AFTER BUT WENT RIGHT BACK TO THE OLD LIFE.



I then met someone else, who later became my wife. I had slowed down for a little but got involved again with the same people in my neighborhood. I became the head one to organize the crimes, I was the one that was the “drug lord”, I became the boss, and I was giving orders to everyone. I was living this life

for many years; drug trafficking, crime, assaults and once again in 2018 I was arrested and sent to prison for car robbery. My wife she was very faithful and firm in the Universal church (UBB), praying for me constantly while I was locked up. I even told her:

“Leave me, it doesn’t make sense for you to stay. I will die here because God doesn’t want me anymore. God already gave me chances and I did not appreciate the chances He gave me. You do not have to suffer because of me.”

My wife never left me, she prayed for me even more and believed that God would set me free and make me a changed man. I stayed in prison this time for about a year, and it was a rough year, **MANY TIMES I THOUGHT ABOUT DEATH, I WANTED TO DIE, I WANTED TO TAKE MY LIFE. MY WIFE WAS PRAYING FOR MY RELEASE, AND I WAS ABLE TO GO HOME.**



TODAY DAVID IS A VOLUNTEER IN THE UBB

I remember hearing the Bishop one day on Facebook live and he said, “You that are suffering, you want to die, come to the church.”



“ I AM A FULFILLED MAN TODAY. I DO NOT NEED THE DRUGS, PROSTITUTION, OR THE LIFE OF CRIME TO BE SATISFIED.

I went to the church.” When I arrived, I told God that this would be my last chance, I felt the difference within me, it is as though God embraced me.

He forgave me and gave me a new chance, I had the certainty that He was with me, I had a phenomenal peace. The same day I got baptized in waters, and I learned the importance of seeking the Holy Spirit. I received Him, I received the Father in me, and my life has been complete since.

Today, there are people that were in the life of crime with me who are now in the church as well, baptized and firm believers of Christ because they saw the transformation in my life.

I know that I will face challenges and the difficulties will come. But, they will not phase me, I know in these moments that God will be with me, and I take the opportunity to depend on Him even more, because I know where I came from and where God wants to take me, I trust completely in His plan for my life. God has blessed my life, my family and we are all living in peace that comes from Him.



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“YOU ARE GREAT WHEN YOU HAVE GOD”

Businessman Luiz da Silva, who remembers when he was a child, suffered many disappointments. “My father had a mistress and left home.” The shock was so big that Luiz’s mother thought the worst: “She thought about killing herself by jumping off an overpass and taking my sister with her.” However, everything changed when she came across The Universal Church programming on TV and decided to attend it.

Luiz reveals that he participated in the meetings from 10 to 16 years old. However, he stopped attending but eventually returned when he was 22. “When I returned, I realized how far I was from God.” He participated in a church meeting, and the pastor called everyone who had a grudge against someone to the front of the Altar. “I hated my father’s lover to the point of wanting her to die.”

Many have no idea of the importance of forgiveness, but while hurt imprisons, forgiveness sets you free. Grudges not only prevent a person from growing with God but harm them. “In that service, I learned to forgive that person. It wasn’t a feeling, but I forgave in my mind. It was 16 years of hate and grudges. When I removed this weight from me, I could see that I needed to have an experience with God. Within a few months, I had already received the Holy Spirit.”

Luiz also observes: “When a person is hurt and carries resentment, hatred or any other type of trapped feeling, they end up not reasoning and not seeing the origin of the problem. Often, the problem is not the lack of a job, having a better car, or being happy in the love life; sometimes the source of the problem is spiritual; it is in the heart and mind, and the person does not see what the real problem is.”

Luiz was a doorman for 15 years and lived a difficult life. Against all odds, he returned to school at 32 and graduated in Law. Today, he is a successful person in all areas.

“People may think that I am successful because I am a lawyer and have a family – he is married to Fabiana, and they are parents to Rafael, who is one year old, and they have a 10-month-old – but that is not the case. I am successful because I focus on the main thing. I sought to be filled by the Holy Spirit and then build a family. I have a blessed family and a woman of God by my side

This foundation supports me so that I can go through difficulties. I can focus on other things, which are being added to my life through faith and purpose with God. We need to give importance to priorities. Let God be your foundation; when you do this, you will have prosperity in all areas of your life.

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