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2026

BE THE SAME AS

2025?


**"A new life, a new Father"**

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It is common for life changes to be among New Year's resolutions. But how can you ensure the best for the next 365 days?

Listing wishes does not mean planning your life. While some people simply write their dreams on paper and wait for them to come true, others make an effort to turn them into reality. However, when it comes to spiritual life, most people do not show the same commitment and act as if they give up without even trying.

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Start the Year Different

What were your New Year resolutions for 2025? How many of them were you able to accomplish? What did you do differently?

There are not many people who can say they achieved their goals and found happiness in 2025. Sadly, for many, 2025 was a year with few achievements. In fact, for some, it was one of the worst years they have ever experienced. It was marked by losses, setbacks, and problems such as illness, financial difficulties, family conflicts, failed relationships, addiction, anxiety, and depression. What many tend to overlook is that you cannot achieve anything new by repeating the same old habits.

How many tried to solve or overcome their difficulties on their own? They did what they knew best, but in the end, their efforts were in vain. Nothing truly improved, and when it did, it was only temporary. In the worst cases, not seeing a way out, many were even brought to the brink of suicide.

You may have found yourself in this situation, or you may know someone who has. Or perhaps you feel hopeless or unmotivated because of everything you went through. Whether you identify with the first group or the second, this message is for you: there is hope. This year can truly be different. But for new things to happen in your life in 2026, you must be willing to do something different.

That is why I invite you to make a pact with God this year by joining a chain of prayer. A chain of prayer is when you attend a prayer meeting for a certain number of weeks without interruption, seeking God's guidance for a breakthrough in your life. You will receive powerful prayers, practical guidance, and one on one counseling. Whether you need healing, a financial breakthrough, spiritual deliverance, family restoration, or a fulfilled and happy love life, the doors of the Universal Church are open seven days a week, with services each day focused on blessing a specific area of your life. See page 7 for the weekly schedule.

The Lord Jesus has the power to transform and lead all who are suffering to stop suffering. No matter what situation you are going through, give Him a chance to manifest Himself in your life. Allow God to be part of this year so you can begin to enjoy a new life full of health, prosperity, love, peace, and freedom. Make a chain of prayer. It works.

| Beating Depression |

Depression is more than feeling sad. It is a deep and overwhelming sorrow that weighs down the soul. It brings hopelessness, drains motivation, and makes even the simplest tasks feel impossible. In severe cases, it can even take away the desire to live. Depression is not only a state of mind, it is a sickness of the soul. And what can heal the soul Only the Savior, the Lord Jesus, has the power to restore a troubled heart.

Every Sunday, The Universal Church opens its doors to those who are fighting depression. If you need support, we invite you to visit a nearby branch. Join the Chain of Prayer, a seven-week commitment where you receive spiritual strength through powerful prayers, practical guidance, and one on one counseling.

You are not alone in this fight. Thousands of people around the world have found hope and transformation through faith, proving that the Chain of Prayer can truly make a difference. You can be the next success story. You can overcome depression.



Bishop Edir Macedo



Change your vision

It is impressive how a person's life can be instantly transformed when their vision changes. This change, however, can be either for the better or for the worse. This is clearly seen in the situation of the two men we are about to read about. They were not beggars because they were blind. They were beggars because of their blindness.

"Now as they went out of Jericho, a great multitude followed Him. And behold, two blind men sitting by the road, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, saying, 'Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David.' Then the multitude warned them that they should be quiet, but they cried out all the more, saying, 'Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David.' So Jesus stood still and called them, and said, 'What do you want Me to do for you?' They said to Him, 'Lord, that our eyes may be opened.' So Jesus had compassion and touched their eyes. And immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him." Matthew 20:29-34

In this passage, we see that a complete transformation takes place when a person's spiritual eyes are opened. This is exactly what happened to those blind men.

Up until that day, the only thing they had ever asked for was money. But when they were given the opportunity to stand before Jesus, who represents the Altar, they were healed of their greatest infirmity, spiritual blindness. Because of that, they were also healed of their physical blindness when they cried out for mercy and asked for their eyes to be opened.

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But why did they ask Jesus for mercy instead of money? For a very important reason. Their spiritual eyes were opened before their physical ones. They were able to understand that the Lord Jesus, the Altar, is far greater than gold or silver and has much more to offer.

Money could have helped them solve temporary problems and meet immediate needs, but they would have remained blind and dependent. By turning to the Lord Jesus, they found something far greater, the fulfillment of their soul and the salvation they truly needed.

They proved this when, after receiving their healing, the Bible says, "they followed Him." This sets them apart from many others who received miracles but walked away and never returned.

May God bless you and heal you from the infirmity that destroys more lives than any other: spiritual blindness.



Marin, who is now 84, shares his extraordinary story of overcoming adversity and seeing a dream fulfilled through the power of God.

"I was a widower, living alone, and very ill. I had been diagnosed with cancer in both lungs. The doctor gave me only a few days to live, with no chance of survival. When my family heard about my diagnosis, they were devastated because they did not know how to help me. I was in constant pain and had completely lost my appetite.

Radical change

"From the very first day I went to the church, I felt a great difference in myself and in my body. I received strength immediately after the prayer. Because of that, I persevered in making my chain of prayer for healing. I did not give up, because I believed that by using my faith I would see the power of God. That is how a miracle took place, and I was completely healed. God did the impossible.

But God did not heal me only

A New chance at life

I went to many different places looking for a solution, a way out, but I found none. One day, a friend told me that he was attending meetings at the Universal Church and advised me to go and make a chain of prayer, saying that surely I would find a way out. So I decided to give God a chance. After all, I had nothing to lose."

physically. Most importantly, He healed me internally and spiritually through the baptism with the Holy Spirit.

After my encounter with God, I prayed that He would place an honest woman in my path. He answered my prayer and blessed me with my wife.

From a man who had no chance of living more than a month, today I am here, happy, healthy, and happily married, thanks to God, who saw my suffering and my faith in Him," he concludes.

Marin Ghițulescu





# “With God all things are possible”

Matthew 19:26



## A disease paralyzed his body, but not his faith.

From an early age, Bruno maintained an active routine that provided him with good health and quality of life. However, one day, without any apparent explanation, he woke up with a paralyzed face. As time went on, his condition worsened, and he began to lose strength in his arms and legs. From that point on, Bruno struggled to perform simple daily tasks. Walking, taking a shower, and even eating or drinking water became real challenges.

As his condition continued to deteriorate, he decided to seek medical help. After undergoing several tests, he was diagnosed with myasthenia gravis, an autoimmune disease considered incurable by modern medicine. In critical condition, Bruno was admitted to the Intensive Care Unit, where he experienced two episodes of severe shortness of breath. After fifteen days in the ICU, he had to be intubated to receive mechanical breathing support. During his hospital stay, he was fed only through a feeding tube. He lost thirty-five pounds, equivalent to sixteen kilograms, and became extremely weak. It was while living through this difficult reality that Bruno's mother turned to the Universal Church to fight for his healing through faith. Before long, Fátima's act of faith began to show results. "I was extubated and transferred to a regular room to prepare for discharge. While there, I tuned in to the church's television channel. At that moment, I declared that I would take my body into the spiritual realm to receive complete healing," Bruno says. And that is exactly what happened.

## “Free from knee and lumbar spine pain”



One Friday evening, I was running to catch the bus when my knee snapped. The next day, I went to the doctor, where an X ray was taken, and I was told that I had arthritis. At the hospital, I was given a cane to help me walk. However, using the cane began to affect my lumbar spine, so I was now dealing with pain in both areas. I had constant pain in my knees and in my lower back.

I was prescribed medication for pain and muscle relaxation, but it did not really help. Even in pain, I had to push myself not to stay in bed. I forced myself to get up and do daily tasks, such as preparing food and taking care of basic responsibilities.

One day, I decided to stop crying and use my faith. I bathed with the blessed water and prayed. That was when I began to see improvement. I said to myself, I am a woman of God, and I need to use my faith. Soon after, I found myself walking, moving, and even dancing. Today, I no longer have any pain in my knees or my lumbar spine. I thank God for my healing. You can do the same. Use the blessed water, follow the instructions, pray, and believe. Faith is essential. -Cynthia



## “Today, I have no more dizziness”

Three months ago, I began feeling dizzy when I got out of bed and even while walking on the streets. This bothered me because I like to walk fast, but I had to slow down because of the dizziness. Whenever I walked quickly or made a sudden turn, I felt like I was going to fall.

I went to the doctor and explained what was happening, but he could not identify the cause of the dizziness. He prescribed medication for me to take every night at bedtime, which I did. Even though I took the medication as instructed, my condition continued to get worse.

By faith, I drank the blessed water I received at the church. I prayed and said, “Father God, heal me from the crown of my head to the soles of my feet.” Today, I am healed. I no longer feel dizzy. I can jump, walk at the same pace I used to before, and move freely. I feel great. -Norine

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## | MESSAGE |

Bishop Joshua

### My way



I like to begin my mornings with prayer and Bible reading. It is my way of putting first things first and setting the tone for the day.

How do you start your day?

Maybe it is a morning run.

Maybe it is a cup of coffee.

Maybe you begin, like I do, with prayer and Scripture.

I realize not all of my readers are active churchgoers. Maybe your day starts with a smoke.

Listen, I am not here to judge you. I am here to help. But imagine your doctor told you that habit was not good for your health and could eventually damage your lungs or even shorten your life. Would you keep doing things your way, or would you follow the doctor's guidance?

There was a young man in Bible times who was also committed to his own way. Here is his story:

*The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?"*

*Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in Heaven. Then come, follow Me." But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.*

*(Matthew 19:20 to 22)*

In other words, Jesus told him, "Your way is not the right way. Try it My way."

But the young man chose to hold on to his own way instead of following Jesus.

This message is not meant to make you religious or push you into church. It is simply an invitation to consider two paths and choose between them: your way or God's way.

If you decide you want to try God's way, do not take my word for it. Go to the best source, the Word of God, the Bible. What better way to end the year and begin a new one?

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*"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."*

*(Psalm 119:105)*

Let God's Word guide your steps and illuminate your path.

So let me ask you: how many years have you been starting the year your way?

If your way has been leading you in the wrong direction and you are ready to begin walking in His way, we would love to welcome you. Join us at a location near you and start a chain of prayer for a new life.

## More than a new year, a new life

For years, Dayele placed her hopes in rituals and offerings, believing they would bring her a new year and a new life. Every New Year's Eve, she dressed in white, jumped seven waves, and repeated the same traditions, convinced they would offer spiritual protection. Yet true happiness never came.

Instead, the opposite happened. Although she achieved material success, her health began to decline. A serious car accident left her with a spinal injury that six doctors said was irreversible. From that point on, she lived with constant pain, daily medication, and the fear of becoming completely paralyzed.

At the same time, her love life was marked by arguments, instability, and frequent breakups. The religion she refused to leave even became a source of separation. Her nights were restless, filled with insomnia, anxiety, suffocation, and constant fear.

Even with professional success and financial stability, something continued to trouble her deeply.

"Why is it that, having everything so many people want, I still do not have peace inside of me?" she often asked herself. The emptiness only grew stronger.

Then, at the insistence of her boyfriend, Robson, Dayele agreed to something she never imagined:



spending New Year's Eve in a church instead of on the beach. At first, she resisted. Parties and rituals had always been her tradition. But something

within her told her to go.

During the New Year's Eve Vigil at the Universal Church, she heard something different about the importance of speaking with God openly and sincerely. That night, for the first time, Dayele cried, prayed, and poured out her heart to God.

After that moment, she committed herself to a spiritual journey of forty days of prayer, Bible reading, and daily meditation. Little by little, she began to understand what was missing and what she



needed to do to fill the emptiness she had carried for so many years.

Determined, she made a life changing decision. She left behind her former spiritual practices, was baptized in water, and devoted herself to seeking the Holy Spirit. She committed fully, attending vigils, waking up early to pray, and giving her all.

On Pentecost Sunday, her prayer was answered. Dayele was baptized with the Holy Spirit, and her transformation was immediate.

"A certainty was born within me of who I am, that God was with me, and that I was no longer alone," she says.

With her faith firmly rooted, and against all medical expectations, she regained full mobility. She returned to walking normally, running, working on her feet, and living without pain. Her spinal injury and heart condition disappeared.

Today, as a health professional, she shares her testimony with confidence. It was not medicine that saved her, but the power of God in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Her transformation also reached her marriage. Dayele and Robson were married at the Universal Church, and their relationship is now marked by peace, balance, and love. Inspired by his wife's change, Robson also sought and received the Holy Spirit during the purpose of Israel.

"I realized the emptiness I felt was the absence of the Holy Spirit. Today, I am a complete man," he says.

Now, every New Year's Eve has a new meaning and a new destination: The New Year's Eve Vigil. Not as someone searching for answers, but as someone who has already found the

greatest gift of all, the presence of God.

Her story proves that no material achievement can replace the peace that only the Holy Spirit can give.

**Dayele & Robson**





# What's happening at Universal

## 15 Years with Depression



Depression took over my life for more than 15 years. It all started in my teens, when I became a victim of sexual abuse. From then on, my life was completely destroyed. I became withdrawn, full of trauma, with no will to live. I felt so alone and empty inside and even began having suicidal thoughts.

When I was 12 years old, I moved abroad with my family. I was very happy at the time, because I thought that moving to a new country could change my life. But unfortunately, a few days after the move, I realized that I had taken all my internal baggage with me. The trauma, loneliness, and emptiness were still there, and the urge to end my own life only grew stronger.

At school, because I was not well received, I suffered from bullying for several years. There were days when I did not even want to leave the house. At 15, I began suffering from panic attacks, as well as spiritual attacks. There were nights when I was afraid to go to sleep because many times during sleep, I felt my body was paralyzed and as if someone was suffocating me.

On top of all this, I began having problems with my physical health. I started looking for refuge in smoking cigarettes, drinking

alcohol, dating, and going out at night, but nothing seemed to help or fill the void I carried. I spent many nights just crying, not knowing how to go on living. During the day, I wore a mask of being happy in order to show people that everything was fine with me. But when I got home, only I knew the suffering I was going through and the emptiness inside me. I lost the will to live, to make plans, to fulfill dreams, and to make resolutions.

Years went by, and I continued the same way. I felt so alone. I just wanted someone to tell me, "Let me take care of you." I understood that I was sinking deeper and deeper into depression. I needed to find the strength to move forward, but I could not, until the day I heard about the Universal Church.

I decided to go. I was at rock bottom, so deep in the pit that I had nothing to lose. On the very first day I went, I felt a peace I had never felt before. I felt embraced in an inexplicable way. In that moment, I understood that I had found hope for life. I decided to continue attending the meetings and began making a chain of prayer for my deliverance.

Today, thanks to the power of God, I am a new person, totally healed from all traumas and depression. I glorify the name of the Lord in my life through my testimony. I was healed from my physical infirmities and healed internally. But the most important blessing of all was being sealed with the Holy Spirit. Despite all my external struggles, I continue to have peace and the assurance that I will overcome, because I know I am never alone and that the Lord now lives within me.

Yanna

## "We didn't know which way to go"



pressure. Joana received the worst possible news.

"When the doctor told me that I had Hodgkin's lymphoma, cancer of the lymphatic system, my world collapsed. As soon as I received the diagnosis, I was in such distress that I thought it was a death sentence," she recalls.

The cure

Joana learned about the Universal Church through a church newspaper. After reading a testimony of someone who had overcome a similar diagnosis, she decided to go. There, she says she was very well received and cared for.

"It was wonderful. I received prayer, encouragement, and learned how to put my faith into practice. I learned about the power of making a chain of prayer and of tithing. As I applied what I learned, everything began to change for the better. God restored my health and healed me. Today, I am cancer free. I also managed to get a job that seemed impossible to get and, with my new financial situation, we were able to buy a car and live in a nice apartment."

Happiness

With her husband by her side throughout the entire process, supporting her and uniting with her in the chain of prayer, Joana's life has been completely transformed. Today, the Holy Spirit is her pillar, and she has the certainty of salvation. Faith has given her a new perspective, because she now knows that everything that is a problem today will be a testimony and a reason for joy tomorrow.

Joana and her husband do not hide the fact that, at a certain point, they experienced moments of extreme anguish. Nothing seemed to be going right for the couple. Their professional lives and health were affected, and tension between them was rising due to financial problems. They were on the brink of separation.

"There were many arguments between my husband and me because of the lack of money and because we did not know which path to take to get out of the hardship we were in," says Joana. "My husband and I were both anxious. We could not find or afford a place to live, so we considered emigrating. In spite of all our efforts, nothing seemed to work out financially the way it should."

Joana even went so far as to seek help from palm readers and witches, having her cards read to find out whether they should emigrate or not and if this decision would work out. But it was all in vain.

The disease

When a person is going through a difficult financial situation, receiving a serious health diagnosis only adds even more

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## Success story



"I had serious issues with my dad when I was young. There was definitely verbal and even some physical abuse. Because of that, I became angry and developed a terrible attitude. No one could tell me what to do. I got involved with gangs and started doing things that were destroying my life. I hated my life but didn't know how to change it.

When I was first invited to the YPG, I sat in the back, trying to ignore everything that was being said. But as I started to listen, something changed inside of me. I found strength and purpose in life. I lost the desire to hang out with bad friends and fixed my attitude. Today, I am excelling in my career and in college, and I am happier than I have ever been in my life."

- BryAnna

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## Are you ready? A New Life Awaits!

**The first move, it is yours to take.**

How long have you been saying, "God, I'm going to change. I'm going to do better. I'm going to fix this," and now it is December, but nothing has changed?

Here is the good news: God is full of mercy, and He wants to see you win more than anyone else ever could.

But here is the key 🗝️

God wants you to believe in your own words as much as you want Him to believe what you are saying. Faith is not just talk, it is action. So make the first move.

End this year strong. Write down your New Year goals and actually stick to them. Your next level starts now.

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The much-anticipated time of year has arrived, when everything seems possible. Have you already reviewed 2025 and made your list of goals for 2026? For many people, this is a familiar exercise. The tradition is clear: look back on the last 365 days, renew your hopes, list goals and desires, and feel motivated. Then, within the first few days, the excitement fades. Routine returns, goals are forgotten, and life continues as before, or sometimes even worse.

With so many resolutions aimed at creating a perfect year, we often forget something simple yet important: we do not control everything, or at best, almost nothing. Unforeseen events happen, from those that affect our personal lives, such as accidents, illness, the loss of a family member, unemployment, or unexpected expenses, to events that affect everyone.

With each passing year, unpredictability only increases. We see it in global political and economic instability, increasingly destructive natural disasters such as earthquakes, hurricanes, extratropical cyclones, and record temperatures, as well as alarming developments like rapid technological advancement and the emergence of new diseases. Listing desires does not mean scripting life. While some people write their dreams on paper and wait for them to come true, others actively work to make them a reality. Among everything you have already listed, or plan to list, who or what comes first? If, when planning 2026, God is not at the top of your priorities, desires, and dreams, then He is not at the center of your life. That is why the years pass and everything stays the same, or even gets worse.

The Holy Scripture is clear about the fact that our priorities and anxieties dominate our minds, hearts, lists, and consequently, our attitudes: “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.” (Matthew 6:31-34). Worrying about the future is part of human nature and reflects how far humanity has drifted from the Creator. God, however, knows our real needs and knows how to provide for them. When we prioritize His Kingdom and His righteousness, we gain peace and confidence, knowing that He will take care of what we need.

But how do we put God at the top of the list?

The answer is simple, though not always easy: abandon wrong paths, empty yourself of self-reliance, and surrender completely to the Lord Jesus. When this happens, you receive the greatest treasure, the Holy Spirit, who will guide you through every moment of 2026 and every day of your life. This does not mean the year will be free from problems or that all your dreams will come true. However, when you prioritize your relationship with God and stay connected to Him, you gain peace. No matter the path, He will be with you, and His will shall prevail in your life. Start a chain of prayer at the very beginning of 2026 and watch God’s power unfold in your life. See the back page for locations.



**“I was admitted to rehabilitation clinics eight times.”**



Fights at home were a constant part of Fabiano’s childhood. Although his family attended meetings at the Universal Church, God’s teachings were not put into practice, which made the home environment unstable and tense. This reality led Fabiano to develop a deep sense of inferiority. He explains, “I started questioning why I had even been born and felt less than everyone else. Things got worse when we stopped going to church and my parents separated.” Looking for answers in the wrong places, he began listening to what the world had to say. As a result, he faced problems at school and at home, isolated himself, and became addicted to online games.

#### **Drawn into crime**

Friendships played a decisive role in the direction his life took. “I got involved in fights, skipped school, and tried to please my friends,” he recalls. He started going to parties, drinking, and smoking hookah. Soon after, marijuana became a daily habit. Drug use quickly opened the door

to crime. “I sank into criminal activities and committed thefts and robberies,” he says. His addiction escalated, and he

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began using cocaine, inhalants, ecstasy, and living a lifestyle surrounded by prostitution. The situation became so severe that he started experiencing hallucinations. “There was so much hatred inside me that I even tried to kill my stepfather.”

At constant risk of dying or being arrested, Fabiano’s family

admitted him to rehabilitation clinics eight times. “I even smoked crack and went to drug houses, where I spent nights using drugs,” he remembers.

#### **A turning point**

Fabiano lived what he describes as “hell” for ten years. One day, however, he remembered the peace he had once felt in church. “I returned to church on a Thursday and attended a service. At the end, I spoke with the pastor, who guided me. I came back the next day, and that’s when something changed,” he says. “I surrendered completely and threw myself into my faith.” From that point on, Fabiano immersed himself in the Word of God. He understood the importance of baptism in water as a way to bury his old life and begin again, and he chose to be baptized.

According to Fabiano, his transformation involved changes in his behavior, his mindset, and even his friendships. To preserve what he had fought so hard to achieve, he knew he needed the presence of the Holy Spirit. “I received the Holy Spirit during a Daniel Fast,” he explains. “As I poured myself out before God, I was sure He was with me. From that moment on, I found the strength to deny myself and do God’s will. Today, I am a new Fabiano.”





## “A new life, a new Father.”

Roseli Teixeira knew she needed a new life. Her childhood and teenage years were marked by constant violence from her father. “I don’t remember a single day without fights in my house. Many times, I wished he would die, because I thought that if he died, everything would finally end,” she says.

Tired of the situation, Roseli and her sister left home when she was 16. A few days later, they returned only to pick up some clothes and were shocked by their father’s reaction, which nearly caused a family tragedy. Roseli recalls, “He grabbed a revolver. We ran, and I heard him pull the trigger twice, but the gun jammed and didn’t fire. It was a miracle.”

A few months later, with nowhere else to go, they returned home. However, the routine of violence continued. “My father beat everyone, and that created a deep hatred in me. I reached the point where I didn’t consider him my father anymore. I called him ‘that man,’” she says. Two years after that traumatic incident, an aunt invited Roseli to attend a meeting at the Universal Church. After much insistence, she finally agreed.

“I felt peace, calm, and a satisfaction in my soul that I didn’t understand at the time. I remember thinking, ‘I don’t know what this is, but I’m never leaving this place,’” she recalls.

As she continued attending the meetings, Roseli began to understand the spiritual root behind her family’s suffering. She realized that if she truly wanted a new life, she would

need to let go of everything connected to her past. “I knew I had to forgive my father, even though I wasn’t speaking to him anymore. We didn’t live in the same city, but I went to see him and asked for forgiveness,” she explains.

She also understood that she needed to stop doing what was wrong and, above all, cleanse her heart of resentment. “I did that. I was baptized to seal my repentance, and it wasn’t hard for me to take that step. I truly saw that it was the answer to all the prayers I had made

to God, even before knowing Him. I desperately wanted a new life, but I didn’t know how to change. When I met the Lord Jesus, I finally saw the way. I couldn’t take that life anymore,” she says.

Roseli acknowledges that change did not come easily, but her desire for a different life pushed her to make the necessary sacrifices. “I was walking one path, and then I chose another. It was a path I didn’t know, but as I learned, I practiced it. My greatest sacrifice was going against the person I had become. The day I received the Holy Spirit was the most glorious day of my life,” she says.

Now, after 33 years of living a new life, Roseli believes that without the Lord Jesus, she might not be alive today.

“I still face struggles, but the Holy Spirit guides me, shows me how to move forward, and leads me on the right path. I live from faith to faith,” she concludes.

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## 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.

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**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.





*“¿Hablas español? En la aplicación de Pando puedes encontrar segmentos de la UBB ¡también en español!”*

Can someone speak credibly about success, faith, or transformation without living it? Can a pastor speak about God while having nothing of God within them? These contradictions may sound absurd, yet they happen far too often. They expose a world filled with hypocrisy, where truth is known but not practiced. Jesus confronted this problem directly.

but not what they do,” revealing a faith rooted in knowledge without obedience. Their religious pride blinded them so completely that they failed to recognize the very Messiah they studied.

Jesus taught differently. At the Last Supper, while His disciples argued about status, He quietly washed their feet. He taught through action, not speeches, and said, “I have set you an example... you will be blessed if you do these things.” The message was clear. Knowing is not enough. Doing is what brings blessing. This is the central truth. Knowledge without practice has no power. Faith is not information or appearance. Faith is obedience. Blessing, transformation, and spiritual authority come from living what one knows. Faith is also not religiosity. Rituals, traditions, and church attendance do not equal faith. The Pharisees were deeply religious, yet far from

God. True faith begins with a humble heart that reads Scripture willing to change and obey. Faith is hearing God’s Word, understanding it, and living it out.

In Matthew 23, He warned about the scribes and Pharisees, religious leaders who knew Scripture but did not live it. He said, “Do what they say,

**Jesus is not a religion or a system—He is a Person. A real relationship with Him produces consistency between belief and behavior. That is true faith: not speaking well, but living truthfully.**





### Crime became my identity

From a young age, a negative word spoken by my aunt stayed in my mind. She said I would become a criminal, and that word followed me for years. At first, my life was normal. I studied, worked during my teenage years, and, like many young people, I had dreams for my future.

and entered a life of crime. I dropped out of school, stopped working, and began committing robberies daily.

even shot at others without any reason. Crime became my identity. Trying to escape that life, I moved to another city to live with my father. During that time, my father invited me to attend the Universal Church. At first, I went only to accompany him. But over time, God began speaking to me through the meetings.

to God. I decided to abandon everything that displeased Him. I sought God earnestly, sacrificed my own will, and persevered. I cried out to God with complete sincerity, and I received the Holy Spirit. My life was filled with peace, joy, and the certainty that God was with me.

bringing God’s Word to young people involved in crime, just as I once was. Today, I can say with certainty that it is worth saying yes to God’s voice. True life is found when we surrender everything and choose to live according to His will.

During my adolescence, I began to fall under bad influences. I started drinking, smoking cigarettes, and eventually using marijuana. Slowly, that negative word became reality.

*I was arrested several times, but instead of changing, I developed a false sense of power. My life was empty, and my addictions grew. Later, I began using cocaine as well. Tragically, my parents were also involved with drugs. I used cocaine and marijuana with both my mother, shown in the photo above, and my father. That environment made destruction feel normal.*

Through God’s Word, the negative voice that had followed me since childhood was finally silenced. One day, I made a sincere vow

*After that, I felt a strong calling to do more. I no longer wanted to live for myself, but to do God’s will. I answered that calling and dedicated my life fully to serving God at the altar. My family was also restored. My parents left their addictions and returned to the faith.*





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# Micronesian community in action

## Christmas begins with Christ:

*Micronesian Community gathers to rediscover the true meaning of the season*

As the Christmas season arrives, many people become consumed with decorations, lights, gift shopping, and festive gatherings. While these traditions have become part of modern celebrations, the original and most important meaning of Christmas is often overlooked. Christmas is not about material things. It is about God and the birth of Jesus Christ.

**With this purpose in mind, members of the Micronesian community came together for a special Christmas gathering dedicated to restoring the true meaning of the season.**

The meeting focused on faith, reflection, and spiritual renewal, reminding attendees that Christmas is a time to draw closer to God and to strengthen family and community bonds through faith. This meaningful initiative extended beyond a single location.

Christmas services were held across several states in the United States, including Iowa, Colorado, and Washington, as well as throughout the Micronesian Islands



**These services united communities across great distances through a shared message of hope, salvation, and gratitude.**

A historic moment took place in the state of Missouri, where, for the first time, a Christmas Eve service was



held specifically for the Micronesian community. Many attendees described the service as a powerful opportunity to seek the presence of God, learn more about His Word, and receive spiritual encouragement during the holiday season.



The service included a cultural presentation by the Young People Group, who performed a traditional Micronesian dance. This performance highlighted the importance of preserving cultural identity while honoring God through worship and expression.



In addition, a special prayer was offered to bless the bread, symbolizing the desire for God's protection, peace, and blessings to dwell in the homes and families of those present.

**Throughout the meeting, it was emphasized that faith does not pause during the holidays.**

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**The Universal Church continues to operate as a nonstop ministry, remaining open throughout the season to offer prayer, guidance, and spiritual support to individuals and families in need.**

As the year comes to a close, this gathering served as a reminder that Christmas begins and ends with Christ. Beyond celebrations and traditions, the true message



of Christmas is one of love, sacrifice, faith, and hope for all.





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## Night Angels reach the streets of Jacksonville, FL

On December 23, the Night Angels group in Jacksonville went downtown to serve those living on the streets. The outreach took place near the Sulzbacher shelter, an area where many people gather, especially when the shelter reaches full capacity.

During the outreach, around 50 people received assistance, including men and women who had nowhere to stay that night because the shelter was already full. Volunteers offered hot meals, soup, canned goods, drinks, and clothing, helping to meet both physical and emotional needs.



## Toy Drive in San Antonio, TX

This past week, Unisocial was present in San Antonio through a special Toy Drive that brought joy, care, and hope to families in the community. More than 100 people were welcomed, including parents and children who came seeking not only toys, but also encouragement and support during this season.

In addition to toys, each family received a Holy Bible, reminding everyone that the greatest gift of all is the Word of God. Volunteers took time to listen, talk, and pray with each family, trusting that God knows their needs and the challenges they are facing.

Many shared that this time of year can be especially difficult. For some, the holidays bring sadness, loneliness, or uncertainty about the future. Through prayer and simple acts of love, Unisocial showed that no one is forgotten and that there is always hope in Christ.

Before leaving, families were invited to return for the upcoming event, Ending Holiday Gloom. This invitation served as a reminder that the doors of the church are open and that there is a place where they can find peace, strength, and a fresh start.

Unisocial continues to serve as a bridge between the church and the community, demonstrating God's love through action. Small gestures, guided by faith, can make a powerful difference in people's lives.



More than food and clothing were shared. The team took time to pray with each person and offer words of faith and encouragement. Many opened their hearts, grateful not only for the support, but also for being seen, heard, and cared for.

Those who received help expressed sincere gratitude, sharing that their faith and hope were strengthened through this simple act of love. What could have been just another cold and difficult night became a moment of warmth, compassion, and renewed strength.

Through actions like this, the Night Angels continue to show that faith is not just spoken, but lived. By reaching out to those who are often forgotten, they bring light, hope, and God's love to the streets of Jacksonville.



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