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Depression rates in the U.S. have reached historic highs, with nearly 48 million adults (18.3% of the population) currently experiencing or being treated for the condition as of late 2025. Source - <https://news.gallup.com/poll/694199/u.s.-depression-rate-remains-historically-high.aspx>

Do you need a way out of it?

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See how she overcame the depression that had followed her since her teenage years.

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Just because you can't see depression doesn't mean it isn't real. In fact, studies show that more than 18 percent of American adults are experiencing depression and are being treated for it as of 2025. That's roughly 48 million people.

Depression causes ongoing sadness, a loss of interest in activities you used to enjoy, and overwhelming fatigue. It can even make you feel worthless. But depression is more than an emotion you can simply shake off. It settles deep inside and can last for years if you don't get help. It can turn someone's life into a living nightmare, like being trapped in a dark place that feels tighter and heavier with each passing day. Sadly, many people have taken their own lives because they felt there was no way out and no reason to keep living.

"Cheer up," "Get over it," "Stop feeling sorry for yourself" — how often do you hear words like these? Maybe more often than not. When someone is struggling with depression, one of the most important things they need from others is patience. That is why at the Universal Church we will never give up on you.

Do you feel stuck? Has your life become a cycle of lows with no end in sight? If you answered "yes" to these questions, keep reading. In this edition, you will find real testimonies from people who, like you, never thought there would be a way out. They found the light at the end of the tunnel and are now in a much better place in their lives.

The people you will read about are real. They all felt stuck at some point, but with guidance and encouragement, they were able to overcome their struggles. You don't have to face depression alone. We believe that everyone deserves a chance at life, and we want to help you through this challenging time. We want to show you that things can and do get better.

If you would like to speak to someone immediately, call our 24-hour helpline at 888 332 4141 or visit a local branch anytime. You do not have to wait.

| Beating Depression |

Sometimes life's struggles can be so intense that it feels like the world has turned gray. All joy, anticipation and excitement fade, giving way to a profound sense of weariness. This is what depression does. It weighs down the soul with sorrow. It brings hopelessness, drains motivation, and makes even the simplest tasks feel impossible. And unfortunately, in the most severe of cases, it can even take away a person's desire to live.

Depression is more than just feeling sad or a state of mind, it is a sickness of the soul. Yet, hope is not lost. With faith, it's possible to restore what has been lost and recover the joy, strength, and purpose that was stolen. The Lord Jesus, has the power to heal the soul and restore color into your life.

Every Sunday, The Universal Church opens its doors to those who are battling depression. If you need support, we invite you to visit a branch near you. Join a 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 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 beat depression.

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BEATING DEPRESSION THROUGH THE POWER OF FAITH!

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Bishop Edir Macedo



The cause of depression

Did you know that God does not want to give you just one blessing? He wants to make you a blessing, just as He did with Abraham. The Bible says, "You shall be a blessing." Genesis 12:2.

When a person becomes a blessing, everything they do carries light. Light does not bend around objects or move in circles. It travels in a straight line. That is why the first thing God created was light. "Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light." Genesis 1:3.

When you become a blessing, you become light. Wherever you go, you bring clarity, peace, joy, and strength. Your presence makes a difference.

God is looking for people, especially those who have suffered, who feel lost, confused, or burdened. He wants to transform them into light. He wants to make them a blessing so the world can see that He is great and recognize His power in a transformed life.

The problem is that many say they want to be a blessing, but not everyone wants to pay the price. Not everyone truly wants to do God's will.

Many people choose their own way. They follow their emotions and personal desires, but they do not want to listen to God's voice through His Word. As a result, they continue to suffer.

Even so, God keeps reaching out. But He does not force Himself into anyone's life. He does not break down the door. God is respectful. He will not go against your will. You must choose to let Him in.

The Bible says, "Behold, I stand at the door and



knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me." Revelation 3:20.

Have you ever imagined what it would be like to have Jesus living within you?

Peace, joy, and true fulfillment would fill your life.

But this requires surrender. You must give up your own will, your personal desires, and your plans for the sake of the Lord Jesus. When you do that, you honor God. To honor God means you put Him first in your life.

This decision depends entirely on you. You do not have to pay money. You do not have to stand in line. You do not need a theology degree. When you honor God with your life and practice intelligent faith, He honors you by giving you the Holy Spirit. He makes you a blessing.

The Bible says, "For those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed." 1 Samuel 2:30.



I found true happiness

"Since I was a child, I have been very shy. My classmates bullied me because of my appearance, and for a long time their words and teasing stayed in my mind. As I grew up, I avoided looking at myself in the mirror because I did not like what I saw. I compared myself to others and felt terrible about who I was.

Over time, those negative comments and thoughts led me into

depression. I stopped enjoying time with my family and started feeling like a burden to them. I even thought that if I died, no one would really care and it might be better for them. I felt like my life had no purpose. When my dad passed away, everything got worse. We moved to another city, and I tried to fill the emptiness inside me by going to parties and surrounding myself with the wrong crowd, but nothing gave me peace.

During that time, my mom was already attending the Universal Church. She had taken me before and talked to me about God, but I did not believe. I thought God and church were only for older people. One day,

exhausted from everything, I prayed and said, 'God, if the happiness they talk about is real, I want it.' From that moment on, I began sincerely seeking Him. I started learning His Word and attending services.

As I continued, the desire to die, the fears, and the sadness began to disappear. The greatest change happened when I received the Holy Spirit. With God living in me, I learned to love myself and stop depending on what others say about me. I found true happiness. Even though I no longer have my earthly father, today I have a spiritual Father."

Ximena Estrada

“If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.”

Mark 9:23



“My intestine was almost completely out.”

Nine years ago, Solange, now 45, started feeling intense abdominal pain. Doctors diagnosed her with an umbilical hernia. Because she had lived with severe anemia for more than 20 years and also struggled with high blood pressure, doctors told her she could not have surgery. As time went on, her condition got worse, and the pain became part of her daily routine. She went to the hospital many times, but she could not afford private surgery. Even so, she stayed strong in her faith and continued serving faithfully in church.



One week after she made a vow to God, her condition suddenly took a serious turn. Doctors rushed her into emergency surgery. During the procedure, they removed part of her

intestine. After surgery, she developed a severe infection and doctors moved her to the ICU. She stayed intubated for 24 days, faced kidney failure, went through dialysis, and received several blood transfusions. Doctors told her family that her chances of surviving without lasting complications were very low. Still, her family kept praying and believing God for a miracle.

After spending weeks in a coma and nearly a month recovering in the hospital, Solange finally woke up. Little by little, she regained her strength. Even after all the complications and the tracheostomy she underwent, she made a full recovery and no longer needed treatment.

Today, she no longer suffers from the hernia or anemia. She says that while doctors saw her case as almost impossible, God restored her health and gave her a new beginning.

“I was told I had the HPV virus that can cause cancer.”



I went to the doctor for my routine checkup and Pap smear, and the results came back positive. The doctor told me I had the HPV virus, which can lead to cancer. When I heard that, I felt scared and overwhelmed. After that, I started going to church, picking up the Blessed Water, and praying every day. Every morning, I took three sips of the water in faith and asked God for healing.

When it was time for my next annual checkup, I went back to the doctor. This time, all my results came back negative. Everything was clear. To God be the glory. I am healed in Jesus' name.
Roxanne Aaron

“No more insomnia or bipolar disorder.”



When I first came to the Universal Church, I was deeply depressed. I did not grow up with my mother, and that played a big role in the many times I tried to take my own life. The last time, I drank bleach and ended up in the emergency room. I struggled with chronic insomnia, bipolar disorder, and other mental health issues.

I started using the blessed water in my food, in my bath, and in every way I could. Today, it has been one year since I received deliverance from all of it.

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Bishop Joshua

The real antidepressant



Nothing seems to explain the sadness you feel inside. Your life feels dull, and you no longer enjoy the things you once loved.

You notice changes in your appetite, but what really wears you down is the constant battle with sleep. Some nights you cannot sleep at all. Other times you sleep too much, even when you know you should be awake.

The pain feels so strong that you cry for no clear reason. You feel hopeless all the time. Empty. Completely empty. You cannot even put into words the agony, the weight, and the deep sense of worthlessness that fills your heart.

You start to feel distant from your family, your friends, and the people who truly care about you. They tell you it will pass, but one question keeps running through your mind: When will this end?

If you read this and see yourself in these words, you may be dealing with depression. But do not give up hope.

The Word of God says: *“Anxiety in the heart of a man causes depression, but a good word makes it glad.” Proverbs 12:25*

To overcome depression, you must take care of your soul. And to do that, you need to hear the Word of God. When you read and meditate on the Holy Scriptures every day, they bring strength, direction, and healing to your inner life.

The true antidepressant is the Word of God.
May the God of the Bible bless you.



She wanted to end the pain, not her life

The end of 11 years of pain

One day, while watching a Universal Church program on television, she heard a testimony from someone who described a situation very similar to hers. That testimony gave her the courage to return to church after 11 years away. When she arrived, she opened up to the pastor. He prayed for her and encouraged her to attend the Friday deliverance services.

“I did not want to end my life. I just wanted the pain to stop. Even so,

“The more I looked for something or someone to fill the void, the worse I felt”

Luciana Terto, now 38, attended the Universal Church from age 8 to 17 while she lived with her aunt. Just before she turned 18, she moved to another city to live with her mother and help with household expenses. Their relationship was difficult, but Luciana started working and tried to adjust to her new routine. Over time, work and responsibilities pulled her away from church, and she eventually stopped going altogether.

A frustrated and empty heart

After she drifted away from her faith, Luciana tried to fill the emotional emptiness through relationships. She became pregnant by a young man with whom she had a troubled relationship. During the pregnancy, she felt a strong rejection toward him, something she now believes had emotional and spiritual roots.

“When he was far away, I missed him. But when he was close, I could not stand him. We lived surrounded by constant conflict. We could not communicate, there was no respect, and all of that fed the hatred and resentment I felt,” she says.

After they separated, her behavior changed. She began having anxiety attacks, constant nervousness, insomnia, and severe headaches. Later, doctors identified panic disorder and symptoms of depression. In an attempt to escape the emptiness, she turned to drinking, parties, and more relationships.

“The more I looked for something or someone to fill the void, the worse I felt. I reached a point where my panic disorder became so intense that I stopped leaving the house. I isolated myself inside my own home. I stayed locked in my bedroom, cried constantly, and could not sleep at night,” she recalls.

She lived in a constant state of irritation and often took her frustration out on her son. “If he did anything that bothered me, I would lash out and curse. When suicidal thoughts came, it felt like he did not even exist.”


suicidal thoughts kept coming. So I decided to go to the services.”

Even when she felt discouraged, she refused to give up. “Many times I walked into church crying, but I would tell myself, ‘I gave my word, and I am going to keep it.’”

During that time, she realized that only the Holy Spirit could give her the peace she had searched for all those years. Within two months, she chose to be baptized in water and received the Holy Spirit.

“That is when I knew I was healed. When I finally felt peace inside, the peace I had wanted for so long, I also felt a strong desire to help others find the same opportunity,” she says.

Now, nine years free from depression and living a renewed life, Luciana volunteers at church and reaches out to people who struggle with depression and face the same battles she once fought.

BIBLE READING MARCH 2026 						
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What's happening at Universal

Today, I am a complete woman



Someone listened to her and guided her. As she began attending services regularly, she heard about the Holy Spirit, and a strong desire grew within her to know more.

"I started seeking to understand the Spirit of God. That is when I realized I needed His presence in my life. I decided to let go of the wrong choices I had been making and the lifestyle I was living. I asked forgiveness from those I had hurt.

A few months later, during a Women's Self Help meeting at the church, I heard the testimony, which is featured in the book From Wound to Scar. I saw myself in that story. When the Bishop encouraged us to surrender our lives to God without fear, I did exactly that. That day, I received the Holy Spirit.

Today, I am a complete woman. I no longer struggle with depression, and I know I am not alone. The Holy Spirit guides me, leads me, and strengthens me."

She no longer wants to take her life. Now she wants to live. Her relationship with her daughter has grown stronger, and today they live in peace and happiness.



After suffering for many years, Hope discovered that there truly is a way to be happy.

She struggled with a serious stomach condition that doctors could not cure. The illness caused her to lose a lot of weight and left her feeling insecure about her appearance.

"I thought I was ugly and felt inferior to other women. I also went through a toxic relationship where I suffered sexual and verbal abuse. All of this led to depression and anxiety. I carried a lot of anger inside me. I became aggressive, even with my own daughter, and I reached the point of attempting suicide."

Deliverance

When she arrived at the Universal Church, Hope received counseling.

"Exhausted by so many struggles, I wanted to die"



Invitation

"The day I went to the Universal Church, my life started to change. Even though my problems had not disappeared, I left feeling calm and at peace.

During one of the services, I heard about the purpose of faith, a sacred opportunity to place my struggles in God's hands. I saw it as my chance to use my faith and trust that the Lord would transform my situation. So I decided to take part."

Change

"I began praying more, fasting, and holding on to the promises in God's Word. More than anything, I wanted His presence because I knew that in Him I would find everything I needed.

Little by little, I started to feel different. The depression lifted, and I experienced peace. I felt truly happy. I stopped being angry, and my mindset changed. Before I realized it, my body was healed.

Today, I do not hesitate when I face challenges. I trust in God, use my faith, and find strength in His Word."

- Minerva Luna

"I was dealing with several health problems, including pneumonia, diabetes, hemorrhages, and fibroids. I had also struggled with depression since childhood.

Financially, my family and I were in a very difficult situation. My husband did not earn much, and I no longer had the strength to do anything, much less work. Alcohol became my escape. For a moment, while I was drinking, I felt happy, but afterward I felt even worse.

I also began experiencing tormenting thoughts. At night, I could not sleep because I had disturbing dreams of animals attacking my daughters. I felt overwhelmed. Exhausted from so many struggles, I wanted to die."

Generation set apart

"A family that prays together stays together"



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YOUTH POWER GROUP

Youth consecration: A generation set apart for God's will

Youth across the country came together for a powerful moment of faith during the Youth Consecration. They dedicated their lives to doing God's will. With sincere hearts, they stepped forward to receive prayer and anointing, placing their careers, studies, families, and future in God's hands.

Leaders prayed over each young person, asking God for protection, wisdom, and direction. Many left feeling renewed, with a clear sense of purpose and identity. This was more than just a service. It marked a personal decision to live set apart and to follow faith instead of the pressures of the world.

This consecration revealed a generation committed to holiness, discipline, and service. They are ready to be a light in their schools, workplaces, and communities.



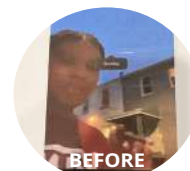
Today, I am 19, and so much has changed in my life since then. I am more outgoing, free from depression, and no longer use weed. I can smile more, and I am even doing things I never thought I could before discovering my talents and finding God through the YPG. I recommend any young person join the YPG, especially if you feel lonely, depressed, or are struggling with smoking, drinking, or finding the right group of friends. The YPG is the best place to be.

-La'Bria

"No longer in a box"

"When I first heard about the YPG, I was 13. I thought it stood for Youth Program, and I assumed it was just another program full of boring people. I wasn't close to anyone at the time. I kept to myself, didn't trust anyone, felt depressed, and smoked weed.

They talked to me about God, but I didn't trust Him either. It went in one ear and out the other. I thought my way was better."



Verse of Reference:
Ecclesiastes 12:1

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Depression: The disease of the 21st century

In 2025, about 18.3 percent of adults in the United States live with depression or receive treatment for it. That equals roughly 47.8 million Americans, the highest number ever recorded.

About 88 percent of people with depression say it seriously affects their daily lives. Even so, only 39 to 43 percent receive therapy.

2026 Depression Statistics at a Glance

18.3%

of U.S. adults currently have depression or are being treated for it

47.8M

Americans affected—a historic high

60%

increase in depression prevalence since 2013-2014

11 Years

average delay between symptom onset and treatment

Sources: Gallup 2025, CDC 2025, NAMI 2025

<https://www.southdenvertherapy.com/blog/depression-statistics-2026>

For many, living with depression feels like riding a Ferris wheel. Emotions swing from highs to deep lows. A heavy sadness can suddenly replace moments of joy without any clear reason. This illness slowly drains a person's sense of pleasure and purpose. Simple tasks like studying, working, or even taking a shower can feel overwhelming.

Some psychiatrists explain that depression takes away a person's initiative. It becomes very hard to fight a disease that attacks your ability to take action. They also point out that depression goes far beyond temporary sadness. It is a serious clinical condition that affects emotional, mental, and physical health. Common symptoms include trouble concentrating, changes in sleep and appetite, constant fatigue, and memory problems.

How to fight this silent battle

With numbers this high, many people ask the same question: How can we fight this silent battle? The Universal Church teaches that faith plays a key role in the healing process. When someone believes in God and receives emotional and spiritual support, that faith can bring hope, strength, and the courage to move forward.

Join us every Friday and Sunday for this faith-based treatment.

See the back page for locations.

I felt a deep sadness, but I tried to silence the emptiness with alcohol

Between trauma and failed attempts to find happiness, Andressa finally found the answer through faith.

For years, Andressa, 32, who works as a hairstylist, fought a silent battle. She grew up attending the Universal Church, but she admits she only went to please her parents.

"I was in church, but I did not know God, and I did not want to know Him," she says. At 15, Andressa started sneaking out to parties.

"I drank so much that I lost control. The next day, I could not remember anything. I felt a deep sadness, but I tried to numb that emptiness with alcohol."

What started as fun quickly became a destructive cycle. At 18, she moved out of her parents' house and began living without limits. She went out every day and could not sleep unless she drank first.

"My life was falling apart. I struggled with depression, anxiety attacks, low self-esteem, and family problems. I felt like I was just going through the motions."

Rock bottom

Over time, she distanced herself from her family and got involved in abusive relationships. At 18, she became pregnant.

"I thought having a baby would give me the happy family I always wanted, but I ended up in a relationship full of physical and emotional abuse. There were times I thought I was

going to die. The person who rescued me was my mother, the same one I had pushed away."

Even after that, Andressa kept trying to fill the void with parties and unhealthy friendships, which only made things worse.

"Five years later, I became pregnant again from another failed



In 2022, someone invited her to attend the Youth Power Group, and she decided to give it a chance.

Returning to God

The process of coming back was not easy. "I learned that I needed to forgive the fathers of my children and also forgive myself."

She got baptized in water as a sign of a fresh start. "I felt light, free, and forgiven."

Still, she sensed something was missing. "I wanted that peace every single day. I realized I needed the Holy Spirit."

A new beginning

In January 2023, during a service at the Universal Church, Andressa experienced the change she had been searching for. "I prayed with all my heart, and in that moment, I received the Holy Spirit." From that day on, her life took a new direction.

"Today, I have peace. I no longer carry trauma, and the emptiness inside me is gone. God healed me from depression. My family is united, I am truly happy, and I sleep peacefully."

“There were times I thought I was going to die.”

relationship. He asked me to end the pregnancy, but I refused. I chose to have my son. Still, I found myself alone, raising two children and fighting an even deeper depression." That was when she realized she needed help.

"I thought my family did not want me around, but they welcomed me back with open arms. They never gave up on me. My parents were praying for me the whole time."

Held hostage by her own thoughts



As she grew older, the problems only got worse. She started believing she should have died as a child. She felt like nobody liked her and that she was a bad person. One day, she even attacked one of her brothers with a knife.

“I blamed myself for feeling sad and for having dark thoughts. I believed God would never accept me because of the way I was,” she says.

Seeking refuge

After years away from school and stuck in deep depression, she decided to go back to studying and moved in with her sisters. She began working at one of their hair salons.

During that time, another sister, who already attended the Universal Church, invited her to a service.

Even though she had negative opinions about evangelical churches, she accepted.

“People close to me spoke badly about evangelical churches. But the first day I walked into the church, I felt something different. I knew my problem would be solved,” she says.

One word changed everything

Even after attending for more than a year, she still had not fully committed to her faith.

“There were still things in the world I wanted to do. I knew that if I got baptized in water, I would have to make a real commitment to God.”

Then one Bible passage changed her perspective. When she read Luke 22:31, she understood the importance of saving her soul. That realization led her to make a decision. She chose to get baptized in water and joined the Youth Power Group at the Universal Church.

The baptism with the Holy Spirit

During a faith campaign, she intensified her prayers and fasting. Before making her vow, she told the Lord Jesus that she wanted to help people, but she knew she could not do it without His Spirit living inside her. That day, she received the Holy Spirit.

“Today, I am truly happy. I enjoy my own company, and I do not depend on anyone to feel okay. Even though I live alone, I am never alone. God’s presence lives within me,” she says.

In her early teens, Jacirleide started having panic attacks with no clear reason. She felt constant chills, and the fear of dying took over her mind. She also worried that something terrible would happen at any moment. Because of that, she pulled away from people and avoided social situations. Over time, she became trapped in her own thoughts.

The beginning of suffering

As time went on, the signs of depression became more obvious. On rainy days, she did not want to get out of bed.

The sadness felt heavier.

“When the weather was cloudy and rainy, the sadness got worse. It felt like my emotions completely changed,” she remembers.

Since childhood, Jacirleide had always cared about her education. She set goals for herself and wanted to grow in every area of knowledge she explored.

But when depression took over, she could not keep up. She eventually dropped out of school.

“At school, I felt like crying all the time. I felt such deep anguish that I asked the principal to let me go home. I just could not stay there,” she says.

Even though she kept isolating herself, she also felt desperate for someone to stay close to her. She thought having someone nearby would bring at least a little relief, even if it did not last.

Seeking a way out

Her sudden change in behavior worried her parents. Hoping to see her free from that suffering, they took her to a spiritual center. There, someone told her to perform a ritual every day at 6 pm and promised it would drive away the sadness and anguish.

Instead, 6 pm became the worst time of her day.

“I followed all the instructions and did everything they told me to do, but nothing changed. After I stopped, that time of day still felt unbearable,” she explains.

“**One day, she attacked one of her brothers with a knife.**”



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

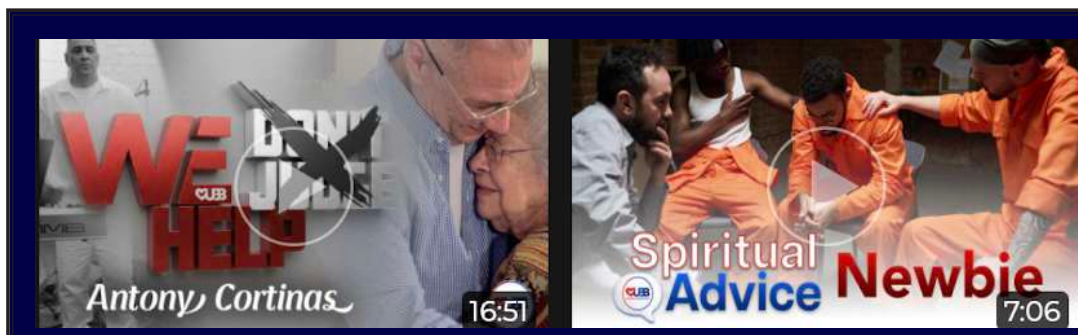


Have you ever looked at a problem or situation and thought, ‘this is impossible, there is no solution to this?’ If you want to see the ‘impossible become possible’, join us every Saturday.

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.



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He escaped mutliple times



At 15 years old, I got involved with cocaine. Because of my drug use and the robberies I committed, my life spiraled out of control. People gave me the nickname Rat because the police could never catch me. I would escape on a motorcycle after committing robberies, and no one could stop me. The first time they caught me, I ended up at the police station. After five months, I escaped by digging a tunnel. From that point on, my life in crime escalated. I became a fugitive, addicted to drugs, and committed robberies on the streets regularly.



They arrested me again and sent me to a detention center. Later, they transferred me to a semi open facility, and I escaped from there too. During one temporary release, I left and never returned. I went back to robbing and using drugs, sinking even deeper into addiction. Eventually, they caught me again. No police district wanted to hold me because whenever I arrived, riots, chaos, or escapes followed. Finally, one district accepted me. During lunchtime one day, I handed out popsicles and released 54 inmates, escaping with them. During another robbery, the police captured me again and brought me before a judge. Because of my long criminal record, the court changed my sentence to a security measure. Instead of prison, they sent me to a forensic psychiatric hospital for an indefinite period.

jumped the wall, and escaped. They caught me again and transferred me to another custody hospital, where they held the most dangerous inmates in the system. I stayed there for three years. At that point, no one believed in me. I did not even believe in myself.

While I was in prison, I learned about the work of the Universal Church prison ministry. Pastors and volunteers came inside to share a message of salvation, healing, and transformation. I listened from a distance. At first, I was skeptical, but the Word of God began to take root in my heart. After I was released, I tried to live a normal life, but addiction still controlled me. Crack still had a grip on me. I went to visit my parents and met a young man who had just gotten out of prison and needed help. **Instead of helping him the right way, I robbed a car and a bank, took the money, and fled. The police chased me, and we exchanged gunfire. Five bullets hit me. They rushed me to the prison hospital. I was badly wounded, but God had mercy on me and gave me another chance.**



Back in prison, I started attending the services held by the Universal Church prison ministry. I went to the chapel because I truly wanted a new life. I wanted transformation. I wanted freedom from that lifestyle. From the prison to the altar, I made a vow with God for my freedom. Unexpectedly, they granted me early release through sentence remission. Even after that, I was

My life was completely destroyed. I arrived there in terrible condition. Even in that environment, I managed to have a firearms mugged inside. In the middle of patients with serious mental health issues, I brought in a gun, took control of the facility,

still smoking crack. One Saturday, someone said to me, “Let’s bury your pipe. There is treatment for addiction. I will pick you up tomorrow. Do you accept?” I said yes because deep down, I wanted out. At one point, I almost left again to use drugs when a pastor noticed me and called me over. He asked what was wrong. I told him, “Crack. I want to stop, but I cannot.” I had used crack for 20 years. My life was in ruins. He asked me to place my hand on my heart and prayed for me. It felt like I woke up from a deep sleep. A sense of well-being filled me. He looked at me and said, “Evil has not given up on you. Now you must seek the Holy Spirit. You must give your life to Jesus.”

Just as I had given myself completely to crime and drugs, I chose to give myself completely to God.

I used to smoke crack every day. I began attending church daily because I wanted that peace to stay in my life. I broke the phone I used for drug contacts, cut off harmful friendships, cleaned my room, and handed my pipe to the pastor. From that moment on, I committed fully.



One Wednesday, during a service while I was seeking the Holy Spirit and speaking to God, I felt something powerful inside me: “I am with you.” Joy filled my life. It was a real transformation. Before, I relied on two pistols at my waist for protection and respect. Today, my security is the Word of God and the peace that surpasses understanding. His Word sustains me, comforts me, and guides me. Today, I have finished my education and I am studying radiology. I serve God as a church assistant. I have my wife by my side, my partner and companion, and we have a son who is a blessing. Most importantly, we serve God. Nothing compares to the life I lived before. Today, I live with constant joy and peace. I remember a message from Bishop Macedo: I was saved, I am saved, and I will be saved if I remain



faithful to the end. No matter what happens, I remain in the hands of the Lord Jesus, on the altar.



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Micronesian community in action

The Universal Church brings hope and joy to Sioux City nursing home

Last weekend, members of the Universal Church in Iowa spent their time serving residents at a local nursing home in Sioux City. They brought meals, music, and meaningful moments to elderly residents who often go long periods without visitors.



Before the visit, church members prepared homemade meals and snacks to make sure each resident felt cared for and remembered.

But they did more than serve food. They sat down, talked, laughed, played simple games, and even danced with the residents.



"For many of them, having someone sit down and really listen makes all the difference," one volunteer said. "We wanted them to know they matter and that no one has forgotten about them."

Smiles filled the room as volunteers danced with the residents and created a warm, joyful

atmosphere. The pastor also prayed with those who asked for prayer, lifting them up and asking God for healing, deliverance, and peace in their hearts and minds.

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This outreach reflects the Universal Church's ongoing commitment to serving the community.

Every week, members take part in different efforts, including food bank distributions, prison ministry,



and regular visits to nursing homes across the region. Through these actions, the church makes it clear that its mission goes beyond meeting physical needs. "We



want to help people not only in practical ways but also spiritually," a church representative said. "Our goal is to bring hope, faith, and comfort to those who need it most."

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For the residents of the Sioux City nursing home, the visit meant more than just a special event. It reminded them that they are valued and truly part of the community.



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Unisocial reaches the streets of Harlem, NY



In partnership with the Unisocial and the Angels of the Night volunteers, the Church went out to the streets of Harlem to serve those who are suffering during this harsh winter.

With freezing temperatures affecting many families and individuals, especially those living on the streets, volunteers stepped out in faith and compassion. They distributed warm coats and winter clothing, hot meals, water, and soft drinks. Each item was given with care and respect, reminding people that they are not forgotten.



But more important than the material help was the spiritual support. Volunteers offered a word of faith and a sincere prayer to everyone who was willing to receive it. Many shared their struggles. Others simply asked for strength. There were moments of gratitude, emotion, and hope right there on the sidewalks of the city.

Those who received the help were truly

thankful. A simple meal and a warm jacket made a difference, but the prayer touched their hearts.

Unisocial is a non stop ministry. No matter the season or the need, the mission continues. The work goes beyond walls and reaches people where they are, bringing practical help and the love of God to the community.

Nursing home visit in Chicago, IL



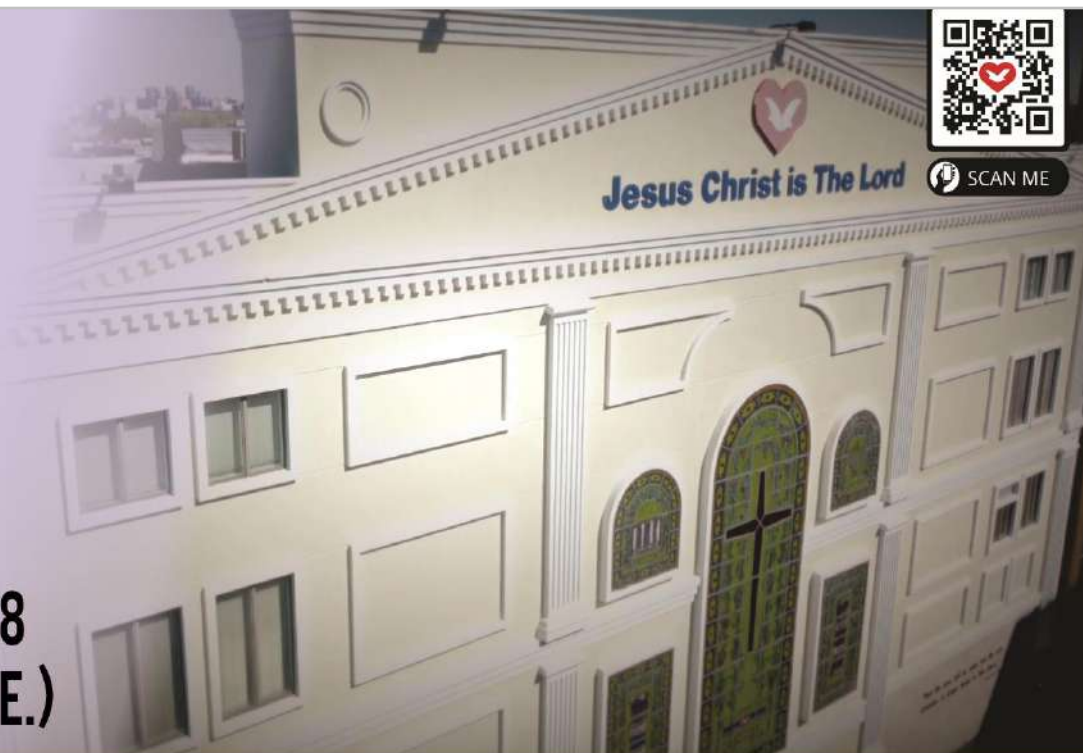
Along with the gifts, prayers were offered and words of comfort were shared. These moments brought hope and encouragement to those living in the nursing home, reminding them that they are valued and not alone.

Through actions like this, Unisocial continues its mission. The work does not stop. It remains committed to reaching out and helping those who are most in need of support.

In partnership with the Caleb group and the Youth Power Group, volunteers visited a nursing home in Chicago to spend time with the residents and share kindness.

The group prepared a special gift for each resident. They received everything with joy and gratitude, and many were touched by the simple act of care and attention.





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