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The **Impact** of Drugs on American homes

1 in 4 children in the United States lives with a parent who struggles with substance abuse. This means nearly 19 million children are growing up in homes affected by addiction, showing how deeply drugs impact families across the country.

Source: <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/nih-research-matters/millions-us-kids-live-parents-substance-use-disorders>



"After three decades under the influence of various substances, Debora Bell shares how she broke the habit that included an 8-year crack addiction, and why she believes that no one is ever a lost case."

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The impact of drugs on American homes

Addiction in families has steadily increased over the years. It has become one of the main causes of family dysfunction and separation. Living with someone who struggles with addiction can be very difficult. At times, addiction can make a person mentally unstable. They may act impulsively, steal, or even become violent. As much as families love that person and try to help, it can feel overwhelming. Many begin to believe that change is impossible.

But what really happens in the mind of someone who is addicted? What drives a person to keep using drugs or alcohol even when they know it is destroying their life?

Many people who struggle with addiction try different forms of treatment. Some take medication to suppress the addiction. Others spend years going through different programs, entering and leaving rehabilitation centers. Yet even after so much effort, many relapse, which deeply discourages their families. In some cases, their loved ones eventually lose hope that recovery is possible.

In certain countries, such as England, some programs even give daily doses of heroin to addicts who are severely dependent. The idea is to keep them off the streets and reduce harm. However, this approach does not cure addiction. It only manages the problem temporarily while the addiction itself remains.

So why does it seem that nothing truly works for many people? Many do not realize that addiction often has a spiritual root that affects a person's mind, behavior, and life as a whole. When that root remains untouched, the struggle continues. Once that root is addressed, a person can finally find the strength to overcome addiction.

For this reason, the treatment for addictions at The Universal Church has helped many people rebuild their lives. Through faith, spiritual guidance, and practical support, thousands have found freedom from addiction.

The Universal Church in the United States holds deliverance services on Fridays and spiritual support on Sundays. The doors are open to anyone who struggles with addiction or has a loved one who needs help. We believe that addiction has a cure and that through faith and the help of God, lives can truly change.



Bishop Edir Macedo

Five steps for an addict's family



using drugs and I will not stop," "I use because I want to and I can quit whenever I want," or "There is no point in looking for help because I will not stop."

These words may sound convincing, but the spirit behind the addiction uses them to discourage the family from fighting. The best approach is to wait for the right moment to encourage the person to seek help. This moment often comes when the addict begins to see what he has lost and how much pain his actions have caused. The family can help him recognize this reality.

Step 1

Understand that your family member's addiction does not mean he has a bad character, that he is a delinquent, or that he simply has behavior problems. Addiction shows that a spiritual force controls the addict's mind. When the family understands this, they begin to see that the battle is spiritual. The family must fight with faith and determination to free their loved one from this control.

Step 2

Do not wait for the addict to ask for help before you take action. Most of the time, the addict will say he does not need help or will deny that he has a problem. This often leaves the family feeling powerless because many treatments require the addict to be present.

The Treatment for Healing of Addictions allows families to seek help for the addict even if he or she is not present.

Step 3

Do not let the addict's words influence you. Many addicts say things like, "I do not want help," "I like

Step 4

Many families respond with anger or accusations, but the addict needs love and understanding. Avoid constantly blaming or condemning him for his addiction. This can be very difficult, but it helps keep the connection between the addict and the family. When the family pushes him away, he often turns to other addicts who face the same rejection and struggles at home.

Step 5

Do not accept the idea that addiction has no cure or that you must live with it for the rest of your life. Some treatments promote this belief, but it only discourages families from continuing the fight.

The treatment for addictions at the Universal Church has shown that addiction can be overcome. Thousands of people around the world have experienced real freedom. Families should come to the treatment at the Universal Church nearest them, believe, persevere, and follow the guidance they receive. When they do this, they can see their loved one restored and their family transformed.

| 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.



"I fell into depression and started drinking excessively"

wanted something that could take away the pain.

My sister suggested that I attend services at the Universal Church, and I decided to go. I remember that the pastor preached about the importance of taking care of ourselves and presenting ourselves well in the house of God. His words touched me deeply, and I started taking care of myself again. I also took part in the chains of prayer for my deliverance from addiction and depression. Little by little, as I kept attending the services, I broke free from alcohol. However, my children still lived with their grandmother because I could not support them financially at that time.

Determined to change my life, I started looking for a job and eventually found one. I dedicated myself to prayer. Many times I

woke up during the night to pray and seek the presence of God. As I followed the guidance I received in the church, I overcame my depression. I also got baptized in water, which marked a new beginning in my life with God.

God has blessed me greatly. Today I am no longer addicted, depressed, or suicidal. I have also received financial blessings. After leaving my job, I decided to open a daycare center. Today I live with joy and sobriety, and I can take care of my children. One of my children is now married, and I am part of my grandchildren's lives. I feel truly grateful and blessed.

Even so, I continue to move forward with a humble heart, knowing that everything I have comes from trusting and believing in God."

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

Mark 9:23



Pain, despair, and fear

Because of her studies and responsibilities, educator Rozangela, 56, postponed preventive exams for several years. In January 2017, during a routine checkup, doctors found a lump in her breast. At first, they believed it was not malignant and removed it through surgery in 2018. Later, however, further analysis revealed that breast cancer had been hidden behind the lump. The delayed diagnosis brought fear and uncertainty. Specialists warned that the treatments might not work and that the disease could return at any time. Hearing this left her feeling desperate and without hope.

Faced with the possibility of more surgery and a long treatment, Rozangela decided to take a spiritual stand. She made a vow to God for her healing and began using her faith. She also started using the Blessed Water while continuing the treatment prescribed by her doctors. During that time, new exams showed lymph nodes and additional lumps in both breasts, which deeply discouraged her. Even so, she continued praying and trusting God while faithfully following her medical treatment.

The answer

After a year of perseverance, new exams in July 2024 showed no lumps or abnormalities. In October 2024, her oncologist discharged her and stopped her medication. Today, Rozangela lives a normal life. She says that surrendering her life to God gave her the certainty that His power has no limits. She believes her healing came through faith and perseverance.



“The lump disappeared and I can hear well too”

I used to feel pain in the lower left side of my abdomen, and I could feel a lump in that area. At the same time, I was also suffering from hearing loss. When I went to the doctor, they ran several tests, but everything came back normal. I left the office feeling devastated because I still had the symptoms and did not know where to look for help. Then I remembered a friend of mine from the Universal Church. When I told her what I was going through, she said, “Today is Friday. Go to the church. You will find the pastors there.”

When I went to church, I learned how to use the Blessed Water by praying and drinking it with faith. After some time, I realized that the lump had completely disappeared. Later, I went back to the doctor about my hearing. After examining me, the doctor said that my condition was stable and that I was hearing perfectly well. Ms. Hopper

“The results showed that there was no cancer”



One day, while I was taking a shower, I felt a strong pain in my left breast. Because of that, I went to the doctor, and they referred me for a mammogram. They also told me to return one week later for a biopsy.

The doctor later explained that they had found two lumps in my breast. He said, “Ms. Campbell, it appears that you have cancer.” At first, I accepted what I heard, but later I became upset and refused to accept that diagnosis.

I began using the Blessed Water on my breast and prayed with faith. I told God that my sister and my grandmother had died from cancer and that I would not be the next. I washed my breast with the Blessed Water and continued praying every day.

When I returned to the doctor to receive the final results, the tests showed that there was no cancer. The lumps had disappeared.



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Bishop Joshua

Searching for permanent solutions in temporary things



Have you ever tried putting a bandage over pain? Not a cut, scratch, or burn, but real physical pain like a headache or a toothache. Probably not, because you know that would not solve the problem. It would be a pointless attempt at a solution.

Now imagine doing the same thing with spiritual pain. Trying to cover loneliness, sadness, depression, anxiety, or any deep feeling of despair with a quick fix. It does not work. Unfortunately, many people try to do exactly that. They turn to addictions, parties, long drives, and constant distractions in an attempt to ease the pain in their soul. But this is just like putting a bandage over a headache. The real problem remains.

The true solution is found here:

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’” John 14:6

If you are looking for a way out, it is found in Jesus. Maybe you have been searching in many places and still feel empty. Maybe you wonder why nothing has worked. The reason is simple. Permanent solutions are never found in temporary things.

If you are searching for life, look to Jesus. You will not be disappointed, and the pain in your soul can finally be healed.

May the God of the Bible bless you.



My name is John Mendes, and today I am 62 years old. For many years, my life was completely destroyed by bad choices, addictions, and the wrong friendships. But God had mercy on me and changed my life.

I started working at a very young age. As I grew older, I allowed myself to be influenced by the wrong friends. One day after work, I accepted a marijuana cigarette from them. What seemed like something small quickly became a regular habit.

“Addiction had taken everything from me—my family, my dignity, and any hope for the future.”

One day, right after we had bought drugs, a police car approached us. It was the first time I ended up at a police station. I signed the report and was released, but it was a great disappointment for my mother.

Even after that, I did not stop. At that time, I already had a wife and two children, but my life was falling apart. I was addicted to drugs, alcohol, and prostitution. I spent many nights in nightclubs, and I could not keep a job because I would return from lunch drunk. I lied constantly, people stopped trusting me, and since I could not keep a job, I began selling drugs.

In the 1980s, I was arrested and spent ten years in prison.

Free from 47 years of addiction

After I was released, instead of changing, I went even deeper into drugs and alcohol to escape reality. During that time, I was set up and shot six times. I almost died. Today I understand that God already had a plan for my life.

My family felt ashamed of the things I had done, and we did not have a single day of peace. There were constant arguments. My wife could not bear so much suffering, and we separated. I left home and went to live in a dirty basement with a friend, and we basically survived on alcohol.

In 2019, while I was standing outside a bar, one of my daughters approached me. She invited me to go to church and told me something I will never forget:

“Dad, this is not the life God has prepared for you. He has something better for you. You just need to listen to and obey His Word.”

Those words touched me deeply. Even though I felt empty and hopeless, I realized that God still cared about me. I began attending church meetings and slowly started surrendering my life to God.

As I did that, I saw God restoring my life. I was baptized in water, and four months later I received the greatest gift of all, the presence of God.

My process of deliverance was not easy. Sometimes I went to church with two cigarettes in my pocket so I could smoke after the service. But something inside me was already changing. I felt terrible listening to the Word of God and then returning to my old habits.

One day I spoke to the Lord Jesus with complete sincerity and asked Him to help me. From that moment on, I left my old life behind and was freed from all my addictions, including cigarettes, which had been part of my life for 47 years. I had tried many times to quit before, but I could never do it on my own.

Today my life is completely different. My family has been restored. My wife and my five children forgave me for everything I had done, and now we live in peace.

The most important thing is that God lives in me. I no longer need any addiction to be happy. With God, my joy is constant, even in difficult moments.

Today I can truly say that I am a new man.

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What's happening at Universal

I was on drugs most of my life



"From the time I was about 12 years old until my late 40s, I suffered a lot, mostly because of drugs. I started by inhaling glue. I would put it in a bag and breathe it in. Later I moved on to lighter fluid. I would soak a rag or a towel with it, hold it to my face, and get high. After that came marijuana, hallucinogenic drugs, acid, cocaine, and heroin. I lived like that for many years.

At one point I stopped for a while. I got married and started a family, but even then I still used drugs from time to time. I did not know how to stop.

One of my biggest problems was the people I surrounded myself with. I stayed around people who were doing the wrong things. I was not around anyone who wanted to guide me or help me grow. I chose the wrong path. I drifted away from church and went back to drugs again.

In 2004, my youngest son passed away. I believe drugs played a role in his death. Even after going through that pain, I still went back to drugs, and it became even worse than before.

When I came to the Universal Church, the

first thing that caught my attention was that everything focused on saving souls. That spoke to my heart.

When you use drugs for as long as I did, the problem starts in the mind. That is where the change began for me. God cleared my mind when I came to Christ. I have now been free from addiction for about ten to twelve years. I do not live that way anymore. People tell me, 'You look good, man.' I thank God for the deliverance from everything He freed me from. I want to continue being an example, not only for my family but also for anyone who sees the difference in my life.

If you are addicted, I understand because I was addicted too. Today I do not live that way anymore. But it was not by my strength. God did it. I just had to be willing to sacrifice and truly want to change. I reached a point where I was tired of that life. I knew there had to be something better on the other side.

If you are addicted to any kind of drug, even strong ones, as long as you are alive right now, you can stop.

Help exists, and that help is Jesus. He is real. But you have to work with Him. He will help you, but you must truly want to stop. The decision has to come from your heart.

I spent most of my teenage years and a big part of my adult life on drugs, but I do not live like that anymore because I know there is a better life than drugs. Be careful with the company you keep. Look for new people to walk with. Find a church home. The Universal Church is my home, and I am staying right here."

- Rushell Magee

I couldn't sleep or do anything unless I drank



"I was in an abusive relationship. One of my boyfriends even tried to kill me. One day he came to my house while I was walk-

ing down the block with my friends on the way to the store. When he saw me, he pulled out a gun. I immediately started running. The shot came so close that people thought I had been hit in the back while I was running.

I actually had a good childhood in many ways. My mother was a nurse and worked two or three jobs to take care of us. My father struggled with heroin addiction, so my mother had to raise us as a single parent. Their relationship ended because of his addiction. Later she remarried, but my stepfather was abusive. One time he beat me so badly that I had bruises and black eyes. After that, my mother forced him to leave.

I had my first cigarette when I was in fifth grade. In junior high school I had my first drink, a forty ounce beer. I did not start with liquor right away. I started with beer, and that eventually led me to drinking liquor. I drank every day. It became a habit and something I felt I needed. As soon as I finished work, I would go straight to the bar and stay there all night, then wake up the next morning and go back to work.

I also tried cocaine a few times and used ecstasy on a few occasions. Even after I had children, I did not stop drinking. I could not sleep or function unless I drank. I felt depressed and hated being alone. I had no self esteem. I knew I needed something in my life, but I did not know

what it was.

My brother came to the Universal Church first. I saw the changes in his life. He started acting differently, and by that time I had already decided that I wanted to change. I wanted to come closer to God. I had been searching for a church, and my brother told me about the Universal Church.

The first time I came, I felt like I had found my home. I had visited many churches before, but what made me stay was the honesty of the pastor. He did not tell me what I wanted to hear just to keep me there or to make me give offerings. He told me what I needed to hear so I could grow spiritually.

I surrendered everything to God, including myself. I even put God before my children. When I truly placed God first in my life, that is when I received the Holy Spirit.

Today I no longer struggle with alcohol or any other addiction. I do not use drugs anymore. I have been free from alcohol for more than three years. I no longer deal with depression either. Before, I could not stand being alone, but now I actually enjoy my quiet time. Today I am kinder and more friendly. I am a better mother and a better friend. My children and I now have a strong relationship. They talk to me about everything, and I talk openly with them. My daughter serves as a volunteer assistant at the church, and my son is training to become an auxiliary pastor. God has truly blessed my family.

Now my greatest desire is to help save souls. I want people to experience the same transformation I experienced. Receiving the Holy Spirit is the most important blessing anyone can have."

- Azalea Latimore



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YPG Sunday live outside together

YPG Sunday Live Outside Together was a fun and energetic day where the youth gathered outdoors to connect, play games, and grow in their faith. Through team activities, laughter, and friendly competition, everyone enjoyed building stronger friendships while celebrating unity. The day showed that serving God can also be joyful, lively, and full of unforgettable moments.



"I did not have to hide myself"

Nilen
-YPG Member

For me, the YPG has been a great tool to help me grow closer to God and experience the activities the church offers for young people. Being around other youth and servants of God who are always ready to help made it easier for me to open up, receive spiritual guidance, and build meaningful connections.

The YPG also showed me that you can have fun and express yourself while still living a life with God. Many young people think that church and the things of God are boring, but the YPG proves the opposite. Through sports challenges, games, and group activities, young people enjoy themselves while still receiving the Word of God and allowing it to change their lives.

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HOLY BIBLE
Verse of Reference
Acts 20:35

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According to the United States National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH):

- 48.4 million Americans aged 12 and older, about 16.8 percent of the population, struggled with a substance use disorder.
- 27.9 million Americans aged 12 and older had an alcohol use disorder.
- 28.2 million Americans aged 12 and older reported dealing with a drug use disorder in the past year.

Source: <https://americanaddictioncenters.org/rehab-guide/addiction-statistics-demographics>

When people hear the word addiction, they usually think about illegal drugs or excessive alcohol use. While these are the most common examples, the reality today is that many addictive substances and behaviors surround us.

Addiction happens when a person becomes dependent on something to the point that going without it causes withdrawal symptoms. Because those symptoms feel unpleasant, the person keeps using or doing what they crave, and the cycle continues.

Addiction does not only harm the individual. It also affects families, friends, and the entire community.

At the Universal Church, we hold special meetings on Fridays and Sundays designed to help people break free from negative habits and addiction. These meetings aim to strengthen individuals and families so they can overcome destructive behaviors and regain control of their lives.

If you struggle with addiction and want to leave that life behind, or if you worry about a loved one who needs help, visit the Universal Church nearest you. With the right help and support, it is possible to become free from addiction and stay free. See the back page for locations.

“My 8-Year Crack Hell”

My story began with a simple desire to fit in and follow the example of older friends. When I was 13, I smoked my first cigarette. By the time I turned 18, I was already smoking marijuana and drinking alcohol. Later, when I moved away to study with my older brother, I was introduced to ecstasy, LSD, and the party lifestyle. At first I only used cocaine at parties.

During that time, I met my first boyfriend and became pregnant. The birth of my daughter briefly interrupted my drug use. Back then it all felt like fun. I never imagined it would turn into an addiction that would trap me for years.

When I returned home for a while, my parents discovered my secret life. They noticed things disappearing from the house. I was stealing, selling my daughter’s belongings, and abandoning all responsibility. My addiction became obvious. In desperation, my parents even took me to witch doctors hoping for a cure, but nothing worked. My life kept spiraling out of control.

If I was not smoking drugs, my mind was constantly thinking about how to get the next hit. I lost jobs and relationships because I repeated the same behavior everywhere I went. Friends started distancing themselves from me. Eventually my addiction also affected my daughter’s health. Because I smoked around her, she developed a serious lung infection. Since I could no longer smoke inside the house, I

moved into a crack house.

The place was dark, dirty, and filled with smoke. The living room was where everyone gathered to smoke and the kitchen was where we prepared the drugs. Broken furniture, stained mattresses, pipes, syringes, and lighters were scattered everywhere. I knew it was dangerous, but I did not care. The only thing

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The only thing that mattered was the next hit.



that mattered was the next hit.

Sometimes I would disappear for weeks. When I came home, my family still welcomed me, even though I had caused them so much pain. One day my father reached his limit. While I was resting in my room, he chained my ankles and locked them to the bars



of the window. For a week I stayed there, a prisoner in my own home. My father believed it was the only way to keep me from returning to the crack house.

But even that did not stop my addiction. Eventually I found a way to unlock the chains, took some money, said goodbye to my daughter, and ran back to my old life. Later my father came to find me and gave me one final ultimatum. This time I accepted help because deep down I was tired of that life. I agreed to enter a six week rehabilitation program. While I was there, I decided I would never smoke crack again, although I still continued smoking cigarettes.

After rehabilitation, my life seemed to improve. I stayed clean, met a good man, and my daughter came to live with us. We got married and later had two more children. For a time my life revolved around my family and everything seemed complete.

But slowly I began returning to old habits. I started drinking again and later smoking marijuana, which began to affect my marriage.

A major turning point happened during my oldest daughter’s 17th birthday party. Two intruders entered



our home and held a gun to her head. After that frightening moment, we decided to move to the United Kingdom where some relatives lived.

There, my cousins invited me to the Universal Church. From the first time I attended, something felt different. The people welcomed me and I felt a peace I had never experienced before. I began attending meetings for people struggling with addiction.

Everything changed when I heard the pastor say that I had the power to break the cycle, not only for myself but also for my children. Those words stayed with me. I started praying for strength, attending the Friday meetings for deliverance, and committing myself fully to my faith. Just as I once gave everything to drugs, I

decided to give my full effort to seeking God.

Breaking free from addiction was not easy, but with faith, determination, and support, I rebuilt my life.

Today it has been 16 years since I last used crack cocaine, and two years since I stopped using marijuana, cigarettes, and alcohol. Life still brings challenges, but now I face them with peace and strength. I am no longer an empty person. My marriage and my family are a blessing, and I live with a renewed sense of purpose. People once thought I was a lost case, but today my story inspires others. I am grateful for the life I have today and thankful that I accepted the help I found at the Universal Church.” - Debora Bell



I had addictions that began in my early teens

I arrived at the Universal Church carrying a lot of resentment and grudges against many people. I had developed addictions in my early teens. Even when I managed to stop smoking or drinking for a while, those habits were always the first things I returned to whenever I felt stressed or overwhelmed. I felt deeply unhappy and carried an emptiness that would not go away. It did not matter how intoxicated I became or how many loved ones surrounded me. The emptiness was always there.

Things began to change the very first night I stepped into the Universal Church. I started attending the chain of prayer, even though I did not fully understand it at the time. I simply believed that God was there and that He would hear my prayers and do something great in my life.

Every time I attended a service, the message the man of God shared felt uplifting and powerful. The words were so direct and meaningful that I knew God was speaking to me. The messages

touched things in my life that only the people closest to me could have known. The only thing I never shared with anyone was the emptiness I felt inside, because I was afraid people would think I was crazy. That was the life I lived.

Today I can say that I am completely free from all addictions. I forgave those who hurt me, and I also learned to forgive myself. I discovered that the emptiness I felt for so many years came from living without God in my life.

Today that empty place is filled. It belongs to the Holy Spirit. I do not believe that life will always be perfect. Challenges still come. But now I know where to turn when I need help. God is all I need, and whenever difficulties arise, He is the first one I turn to for strength.” - Antoinette Takiari

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Holy Oil Event

Easter Sunday, April 5th at 10 a.m.

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- To anoint those who are emotionally distressed
- To anoint objects or places that represent difficulties

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This event will happen at every Universal Church nationwide

Why the Olive Oil?

In the Bible, the pure first press of the olive oil, when consecrated, represents the Holy Spirit. Therefore, this element was used in several biblical passages by the people of God for anointing, sanctification, healing, and several other manifestations of the Presence of the Almighty. Check out the miraculous testimony of Umeka Holley, who used the Holy Anointing Oil* with faith based on the Word of God:

“My mother struggled with crack cocaine addiction, which led to a broken family and an abusive environment. As I got older, I also became involved with drugs. I eventually entered an abusive relationship and fell into depression. Later, I was diagnosed with breast cancer and had to go through the severe effects of chemotherapy.

During that difficult time, someone invited me to attend The Universal Church. I started going to the services and received the holy oil. After the prayers and the anointing, I am happy to say that God gave me victory over cancer. Today I am healthy, free from depression, and no longer struggle with any addictions.” - Umeka Holley

For many months, I suffered from lower back pain that would come and go. I ignored it and did not try to find out the cause. One day, the pain suddenly became unbearable and I collapsed. I could not sit up or move without help. My legs began to go numb, and my friends had to support me and carry me to a car to take me to the emergency room. At the ER, I stayed for several hours, but the doctors did not give a clear explanation. They told me to follow up with my doctor because they believed it was a developing condition that needed further evaluation. A few days later, my doctor examined me and said I was having muscle spasms. He prescribed medication, painkillers, and vitamin sprays for my

back. He also said I would need a few weeks before returning to normal activities. During that time, I used my faith with the blessed oil. I anointed my back and my feet while praying. Within three or four days, the pain disappeared and my back was completely healed. I was able to move normally again. Today I have returned to my activities, including dancing and gymnastics, without any pain. I believe that God healed me through my faith and the blessed oil, transforming what doctors said would take weeks into a healing that happened in just four days. - Julia Bieniek

Save the Date: On Easter Sunday, April 5th at 10 AM at The Universal Church.
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Many times I thought about throwing myself in front of a train.

In my home, we were all religious. My parents had the habit of taking us to church on Sundays, so I learned how to pray and had a simple religious life. My father worked as a freight loader at a company. Over time he began to grow financially, and his progress attracted envy. After that, everything started getting worse very quickly. My mother became sick, and my father got involved in a situation that caused him to lose one of our houses. **The small stand where he had first started selling fruit, vegetables, and bread ended up becoming the place where we lived. We fell into misery. It was a shack made of mud and pieces of wood. Six of us lived there. Sometimes we woke up in the middle of the night with our fingers or toes bitten by rats. Then things got even worse. My mother passed away at the age of 35, and my father got involved with another woman. That was when everything truly fell apart, because she began mistreating us. I saw my sisters being abused. One time she punched one of them and broke her nose. Eventually my father had to choose between his children and that woman, and he chose to stay with her.**

By that time I was 13 years old, and he forced me to leave the house. I ended up living behind a gas station where there was an old abandoned car wash. While I lived there, I started stealing from the store at the gas station. **Soon I began to see stealing as a way to make money. Eventually the police arrested me. The cell where four people were supposed to stay held about thirty of us. It felt like hell. After I got released, I tried cocaine for the first time. Later I moved in with my sister in**



a place where people sold drugs. Before long I started smoking crack. Many times I thought about throwing myself in front of a train. I used to think that it would only take one moment of pain. **Once the train ran over me, everything would finally be over.** One day a drug dealer called me over, pointed a gun at my head, and said he was going to kill me. I remember his wife running out of the house and begging him not to do it. I left that place in complete panic. Around 7:30 that same night, my brother in law, who was married to another one of my sisters, came into the shack and



asked, *“Romero, are you okay?”* I answered, *“No, I am not okay.”* He asked what had happened, and I told him someone had threatened to kill me that day. He looked straight into my eyes and asked, *“Do you believe that the Lord Jesus will not let you die?”* I said that I believed. When he told me that my life was going to change, something inside me felt certain. I felt peace, something I had never felt before. I looked up at the sky and prayed. I remember that prayer clearly: **“God, I cannot take this suffering anymore. I am tired. I am tired of smoking crack.”** Right away I called my sister and told her, **“I do not want to use drugs anymore. I want a room to live in.”** I paid for a small room and moved there. **It was close to my brother in law’s house. He was part of the church where the UBB was, and he invited me to go with him on Sunday.** Just one message, one meeting, and everything felt different. They spoke about faith in such a powerful way that when the meeting ended, I did not want to leave. As I walked home, I already wanted to return to church on Monday. Something inside me began to change. All I wanted was to be involved in the things of God. Then I heard messages about leaving sin behind, repenting, and letting go of my old life. During one meeting I ran to the altar and said, **“Pastor, I want to be baptized.”** When I went

under the water, I felt like I was going to fly. When I came out, it felt like I was not even walking. It felt like I was floating. From that moment on, I knew my life would be different.

I started living my faith. I began seeking God and dedicating myself to His work. One day I ran into a drug dealer who had once sworn he would kill me. When he saw me, he said, **“Romero, you look different. Your expression is different. You look happy. What happened?”** I told him, **“I go to church now.”** He replied,



“Then pray for me.” That moment marked a turning point for me. A man who once wanted to kill me now asked me for help. Later I learned about the Holy Spirit and understood that He could guide me and live inside of me. I knew that with Him no one would defeat me. I began seeking Him with all my heart and surrendering my life more and more. Then one Sunday, the Holy Spirit came. The church was full, but it felt like it was just me and Him. Today I live fulfilled in every area of my life. The greatest gift I have received is the Holy Spirit. He brings joy, strength, peace, and love that I had



never experienced before. Now I live in that love every day.

My most precious treasure is the Lord Jesus. Having the Spirit of God inside me is something I would never trade, never give up, and never let go of for anything or anyone. That is the greatest wealth in my life.



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Micronesian community in action

Women's day marked by care and compassion at St. Joseph nursing home

In celebration of International Women's Day, members of the Universal Church of the Kingdom of God in St. Joseph spent their weekend serving elderly residents at Advanced Care of St. Joseph. Their visit brought comfort, encouragement, and companionship to many residents who often feel alone.

The nursing home houses more than 100 elderly residents, many of whom experience loneliness,



especially during special occasions like Women's Day. A group of church volunteers visited the facility to show appreciation and care for the women who live there.



Through small but meaningful gestures such as hand massages and nail care, the volunteers aimed to bring joy and restore a sense of dignity to the residents. Along with these acts of care, the volunteers prayed for the residents so they would feel remembered and

valued. The local pastor also shared a message of faith and encouragement, highlighting the importance of hope and spiritual strength.

During the visit, the pastor prayed for healing and salvation for those who wished to participate. Each resident received a hygiene kit and a copy of the book *In the Footsteps of Jesus* by Edir Macedo.



Church leaders explained that initiatives like this form part of the Universal Church's ongoing outreach efforts across the country.

Through volunteer work, donations, and visits to community institutions, the church works to show

compassion and support to people in need.

"Showing love through action is one of the ways we express our faith," one volunteer said.

"Moments like these remind the residents that they are valued and remembered."



Events like the Women's Day visit reflect the church's broader mission to bring encouragement and practical support to communities across the United States.



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Unisocial reaches out to the community in the Bronx

During the event, clothing, shoes, toys, and children's items were distributed to families in need. Many people arrived carrying heavy burdens, but they left with smiles and gratitude for the help they received.

and that God cares for them.



A few days ago, an important social outreach took place in the Bronx, near the Gun Hill Station in Arnow community. Volunteers from Unisocial came together with one purpose: to help those who are going through difficult times.

More than the material assistance, the most valuable gift offered that day was a word of faith and a sincere prayer. Volunteers took time to listen, encourage, and remind people that they are not alone

Through the work of Unisocial, lives continue to be reached and transformed. Every outreach is an opportunity to extend a helping hand and share the message of hope that comes from the Word of God.



New York City in action

Recently, UniSocial volunteers carried out a special outreach on Bedford Avenue in New York City. It was a day dedicated to helping the community and showing that a simple act of kindness can make a big difference.



During the event, many people received support. Children were excited to receive toys, while families were given clothes and shoes donated by volunteers who wanted to lend a helping hand.

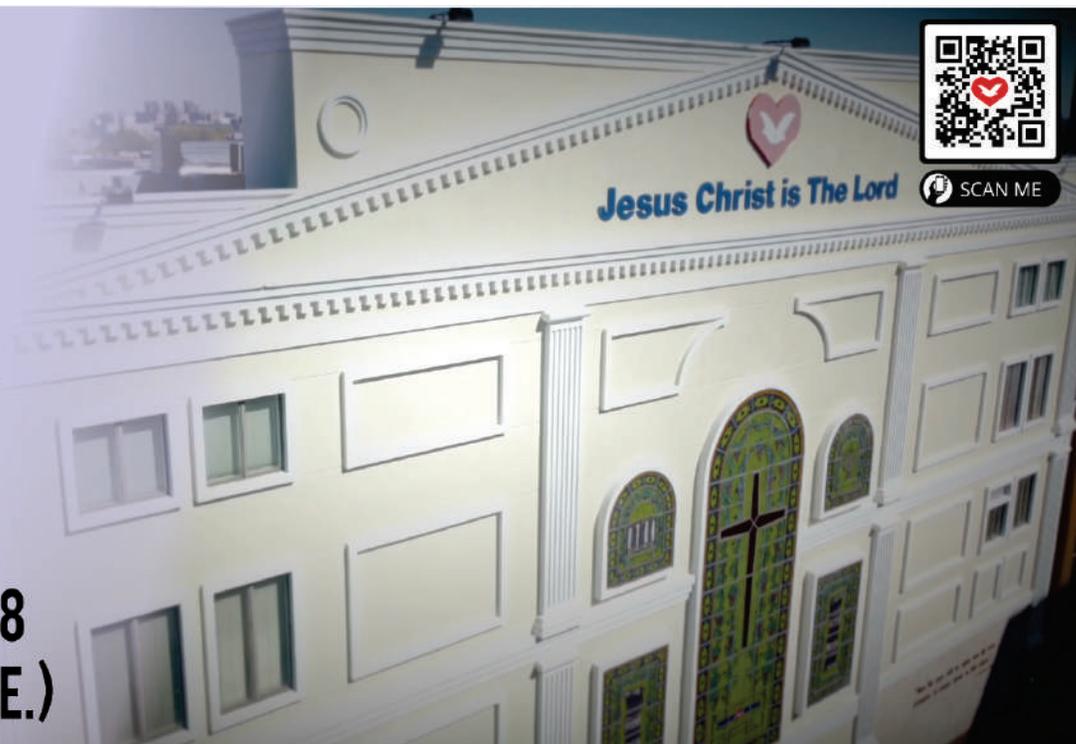


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But the most important part of the day went beyond the material help. Each person also received a prayer and a word of faith. Many listened with open hearts and left encouraged, knowing that God cares for them and that they are not alone.

Everyone welcomed the help with genuine joy and gratitude. Moments like this show the true purpose of UniSocial. The group continues to work tirelessly, reaching out to those in need and sharing faith, hope, and practical support with the community.



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