

“...drug addiction took over my life “

I started experimenting with drugs at the age of 16 with weed and then cocaine. I loved the way drugs made me feel.

At 25 I went in for two knee surgeries and discovered the feeling of pain pills. It was the best feeling I ever had until I realized I needed them around the clock.

After the doctors took me off of them, my body and mind still needed them, they took over my life.

I was married but selfishly spent every penny we made on this drug. After three years my wife wanted a divorce. Miserable and completely lost, I needed help.



So I told my family and we looked into treatment centers and found one in Milwaukee, where I went for a 30 day program. This is where I learned about heroin, which was more affordable and more deadly.

Almost immediately after I got out of treatment my life was worse than ever, and I decided to try treatment further away, in Florida where I wouldn't have contact with dealers. I made it to the airport and ordered a drink from the bar. When I got back to Wisconsin, I realized everything I had lost, my wife, my job, and my life.

I went back to my alcoholic girlfriend who cheated on me, and the people who I thought were my friends. Life was empty. I used Xanax, Ambien, Valium or anything that would make me pass out and stop the pain I felt when I was awake.

This made it real hard to keep a job. I was broke, desperate and homeless. I started doing burglaries and thefts, something I thought I wasn't capable of doing.

Facing four counts of felony burglary, bail jumping and theft, I thought my life was over. An article in the paper said I faced 16 years in prison.

Embarrassed, ashamed, scared, and not knowing where to turn, my family bailed me out of jail. They had turned to God about a year prior and asked me if I would go to Teen Challenge. They knew they were going to lose their son at the rate I was going. They knew the only way I could do this, is through Jesus!

I agreed and turned my life over to Christ. God is working in every aspect of my life, restoring my family, and taking my anxiety and depression away.

Since August 2009 when I came here and accepted Christ, by his grace all my felonies have been dropped, my family is being restored and I am happier than I have ever been. I know God has brought me through all this for a reason and I look forward to the journey he has for me.

Jeremy is currently in the Emerging Leaders Program at Fort Meyers, Florida. Please pray for him as he goes forward with his new life.



Pictured above are special guest speaker Mark Sanders, District Four, Assistant District Attorney and the completion class of July 2010, We honored one full graduate, Jeremy Kupsch, six students who completed the first four month induction phase and and one restoration student. Also pictured are good friend of Teen Challenge, Andy Fleckenstein, Craig Harper Executive Director, and Allison Malcolm, Staff & Program Director at the “Robby Dawson” Home for Women.