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RICK SOUZA *Some Past and Present Events*



What a summer it has been. In case you haven't noticed, it has been slightly warm. Fortunately, no power went out or ACs crashed, and the freezer is holding.

I wanted you to get a bit of history with this edition. We have been having Roger's Run at the Ranch as a great fundraiser for several years. Louise Williams has written an article about her late husband, Roger, and who he was and how the event came about.

I also asked Emmanuel Jenkins, our Campus Supervisor to share with you his journey at FHATC and more about himself than many of you know. He was a student of mine about 14 years ago in a class discussing the great book "Anchor Man" by Steve Farrar. He has been Campus Supervisor and I have been here almost 8 years. His experience and wealth of knowledge is a blessing to me and this ministry.

We participated in the Turlock 4th of July Parade with a float. It was the kickoff for our annual Ball Drop, which will be in October. Once again, the flight team for Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department will provide the helicopter. They flew over us on the parade route. Sheriff Jeff Dirkse also provided a SWAT vehicle and patrol car. He has been such a wonderful partner for this event.

The bi-annual Teen Challenge Conference was held in Dallas in June. It was a very impactful 3-day event. Mel King and I were asked to conduct sessions about Ready Now Recovery. They went very well. Lance Amarante (Director of Operations) and Emmanuel Jenkins (Campus Supervisor) also attended. We met new resources and got reacquainted with old friends. The Lord provided the funds for us to go.

I am just completing a very extensive class on the Holy Spirit. Spiritual Emphasis week is in September. We have some powerful speakers scheduled. Cannot wait to see what the Lord will do.

Many blessings.

Rick Souza  
CEO /Executive Director



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## EMMANUEL "MANNY" JENKINS

# Still Here After All These Years



Greetings to all. I am praying you all had a great summer. I am Emmanuel (Manny) Jenkins, currently the longest serving staff member at Faith Home Adult Teen Challenge. I am so thankful for God's grace and mercy every day. In 2003, after moving to California from South Carolina, I entered graduate school to work on my master's degree. Halfway through I started using crack cocaine and dropped out because of failing grades. With no family accountability, my drug usage escalated. Rent money, scholarship funds and my paychecks all went to support my drug habit. Believers at my church saw the dramatic change in me and helped me enter Teen Challenge in 2006. Psalm 34:6 says, "This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him and saved him out of all his troubles."

After completing the year-long program in April 2007, what was then called San Joaquin Valley Teen Challenge, I became an intern and later joined the staff in December 2008. Throughout the years I served as Weekend Supervisor, Intake Coordinator, and now I am the Center

Supervisor. I have also become very active in my local church.

Even though all my family lives on the East Coast, I visit them often and I'm thankful that since coming to Teen Challenge those relationships are restored. I'm also grateful to be a kidney cancer survivor. In August 2014, I became extremely ill with cancer, and then in October 2014, I had surgery to remove the left kidney which was at stage 3 cancer. After a brief malfunction of the right kidney, ten years later my right kidney has been stable and functioning well.

The best thing about Teen Challenge is its emphasis on your day-to-day personal relationship with Jesus Christ. As I minister to the students in the Center, the Lord has taken me to a deeper level in my Christian walk. I strongly believe in our vision: "To put hope within reach of every individual struggling with life-controlling issues." Our core values of discipleship, building relationships, and providing hope is the vehicle for transformation for our students.

For the first ten years at Teen Challenge, I was under the wonderful leadership of the late Dennis Whitman until he retired from being Executive Director in 2016. In 2017, Rick Souza became the new Executive Director and took the ministry to higher heights to adapt to our changing world and our new student demographics. No longer are we just dealing with students with drugs and alcohol problems, but those who have mental and trauma issues because of drug usage. We can see the effects of drugs laced with fentanyl and how it can alter the function of the brain of students coming into the program. Our staff fully understands that we must educate ourselves constantly in dealing with new classes of illegal drugs that changes the chemical balance of the brains.

Along with solid biblical teachings, chapel services, praying, shared devotions and, an excellent curriculum from Teen Challenge National office, we believe that our students need life skills to survive after completing the program. We want our students to be prepared for success in the real world. Training them to live and work in the community will teach them important lessons. They will need to learn how to work well with others and work with integrity. The time at FHATC will help them to grow spiritually, socially, and emotionally to face the world. We have an in-house class called "Restoring Dignity" which is taught by one of our volunteers. Students learn how to write resumes, do mock job interviews, how to search for jobs, financial management, and other pertinent life skills.

My personal goal for the next seasons of my ministry at FHATC is to continue to develop life-long discipline by transforming lives. I will intentionally and strategically do this by connecting, equipping, modeling, and sending. I want to have relational connections with the students to cultivate a safe environment where growth among them can occur. President Theodore Roosevelt said, "People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care." They need the positive connection to feel they are cared for, loved, and valued. I need to have patience by taking time to listen to them, and the grace to be empathetic to their needs.

Next, I want to make sure I am equipping them with tools they need to live a successful Christian life after transitioning out of the program. This comes by teaching the students how to maintain accountability and how to have healthy boundaries so they can maintain sobriety. When there is sensitivity to the Holy Spirit, the right decisions will be made. Finally, by sending them back into society after the year-long program, I would like to be a part of helping them develop personal growth plans and have an individual transition plan for the necessary components of living a fruitful life. During the last two or three months the student must assess and address the following: Housing, Transportation, Church, Mentorship, Education, Employment, Legal Issues, and Financial Accountability.

I want to thank all the donors and volunteers who have supported FHATC in all kinds of ways for all these years. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

## OUR ANNUAL ATC

## District Picnic

We gathered together on a warm Wednesday, June 12, 2024. In attendance were six centers in all totaling around 350 staff, students, family, and friends. Fun was had by all. What a whirlwind of excitement and joy.

The men and women's softball tournament started early morning and went throughout the day with great hits, several homeruns and lot and lots of cheering. Faith Home Adult Teen Challenge won the men's portion of the tournament. Way to go, guys. They brought home the big win for Pastor Rick, who by the way is now the proud owner of an irreplaceable softball. The tournament winners for the ladies was Happy Valley Adult Teen Challenge. Good job, ladies; way to play hard and bring home the win.

Lunch was cooked to perfection and enjoyed by all. It included hamburgers, hot dogs, chili beans, chips, fruit, and cookies for desert. Worship was a tender time of surrender and togetherness. Campus Pastor Jesse and his wonderful wife, Crissi, led us into the presence of the Lord.

Our keynote speaker was Pastor Juan Ochoa from Merced-Calvary AG. He brought an eye-opening message of getting out of the thickets. It hit home with his audience. He then offered a time of prayer for those who wanted a deeper, richer relationship with our Father God. To say our picnic was a success is an understatement. It was for me a true picture of The Body of Christ in full swing.





# OUR ANNUAL *Rogers Run*



Roger's Run – cool name. How did we come up with it and who is Roger? Well, I am glad you asked.

Roger Williams was a long-time supporter of Faith Home Adult Teen Challenge. His relationship with Teen Challenge was one of the many “coincidences” in life that can only truly be explained as God’s divine timing. Roger wanted to use his passion for golf as a tool to raise money for his church. As a businessman, he knew his small church would do well to partner with another organization to expand their reach—but who could they partner with?

Within a few weeks, Teen Challenge came to Roger’s church to share about their ministry—God opened the door and Roger walked through it. The relationship started with Roger facilitating an annual golf tournament in partnership with Teen Challenge. To fully understand how and why Roger’s heart for the Teen Challenge ministry grew, it is best to know more about Roger as a young man.

Roger was born July 8, 1947, and spent his formative years right here in the Central Valley, mostly Modesto. Roger was a typical jock, who loved fast cars, and lived a bit of a, shall we say, fast life. School was not one of his favorite activities and when he was done with school, he enlisted in the Army. Word on the street was that an option was presented to him, with the other options being quite undesirable. Thankfully, Roger had always had a praying mom. In his later years, he often remarked that he is not sure how he survived some of the dumb stuff he did and that he was grateful for the path that eventually led him to a relationship with God. Knowing this about Roger makes it easy to understand his heart for Teen Challenge and the men there.

While working with Teen Challenge on the golf tournament, he got to know Lewie Roche III and Dennis Whitman. At that time, Dennis was the Director and Lewie was “just a student.” Roger was invited to join the Teen Challenge team in the early 2000s. Roger’s work evolved over time as the needs of the ministry changed. He was involved in all the fundraising activities (annual galas, spaghetti dinners, golf tournaments, vehicle donations to name a few) as well as the enterprises which teach men skills for life after Teen Challenge. There were many projects that Roger was involved in—some as mundane as cleaning out a storage area, some as

exciting as relocating the ministry from the house in Turlock to the current ranch location. Once they were on the ranch property, Roger was known to take prayer walks around the perimeter, sometimes using the walks as an opportunity to clear his head or talk with the Lord. Other times he would walk the perimeter with one of the guys, talking about whatever challenge they were facing. Roger always felt that “but for the grace of God, go I.” Recognizing that it was God’s grace that kept him relatively safe in his youth and what each of these men needed in their lives now.



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Roger was passionate about being physically active and he participated in all kinds of activities. Roger joined the Modesto Moves walking/running club, which holds weekly group walks. Modesto Moves members also train for and participate in all types of events (5K, 10K, half and full marathons). Always looking for ways to use his connections to expose others to the amazing ministry of Teen Challenge, Roger began talking with Modesto Moves about having a fundraiser of some kind. Before Roger was able to get anything off the ground with Modesto Moves, he tragically and unexpectedly passed away just 6 days before his 70th birthday in July 2017.

Laura Nance and Mike Mason picked up the torch and approached Teen Challenge with the goal of making Roger's wish come true. In July 2018, the inaugural Roger's 5K Walk & Run was born. The patriotic theme of Roger's Run comes from Roger's love of America. The event is held in July to honor the month that God placed Roger on this earth and when God called Roger home. The event is free for participants and funds are raised through sponsorships, donations, and raffle items. Participants are awarded for top three finishing times, a mystery finishing time, and Most Patriotically Dressed Male and Female. All participants are served a pancake and bacon breakfast by the Teen Challenge students.

Modesto Moves, through the leadership of Mike Mason and Laura Nance, has faithfully continued to carry this torch. This year marks the 6th Annual Roger's Run. Some would argue the best part of Roger's Run is the pancake and bacon breakfast. While the raffle tickets are sold and race results are tallied, participants sit on the picnic benches in the shade, fellowshiping. There's lots of cheering as the winners are announced along with the typical cheers and groans that come with the high drama of raffle prize drawings. The event concludes in a moving ceremony where Modesto Moves dedicates Bib #1 to Roger Williams and then presents Teen Challenge with a check for the funds raised.

Thank you to this year's walkers and runners who raised \$6,614. A good time was had by all. Teen Challenge and Roger are so very grateful for these blessings!



IN LOVING MEMORY



OF ROGER WILLIAMS

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Faith Home Boys Ranch gave this wonderful 35 acres to Adult Teen Challenge in 2004. Words cannot describe our gratitude. However, with the gift came the responsibility of good stewardship.

The photos I have enclosed are of a mobile home that was set in place in 1983, and is housing for three of our single staff. Two years ago, we remodeled the interior but were unable to do anything with the exterior due to lack of finances. We have been chipping away at the exterior. Two weeks ago, it was brought to my attention the desperate need to replace the roof and make other repairs. The two halves are beginning to come apart. I made the decision, with no construction funds, to repair the building so it will last another 40 years.

This is where you come in. Would you please help us save this much-needed home with a generous gift. You can go to our website and donate online or send an offering in the mail. You will be helping us put "hope within reach of everyone struggling with life-controlling issues."

Thank you so much for your help.

Rick Souza  
CEO/Executive Director

