

CONGRATS
Grads!



We are excited to announce that this year's graduation class consisted of sixteen men. The ceremony was held on May 25th here at the Faith Home ranch. The morning began with a beautiful breakfast prepared by our kitchen crew especially for the graduates, to sit down together with the Faith Home staff and celebrate their accomplishments over the last year.

Approximately 150 people attended the ceremony where we heard the heart-warming stories of each man's journey that led him to this place and time. Of course, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was at the forefront of each life that was changed.

We are so proud of our graduates and look forward to how God will continue to move in their lives. Our whole staff feels extremely blessed to be a part of what God is doing to renew minds and transform lives here at Faith Home Adult Teen Challenge.

RICK SOUZA

Something to Pray About



We hope you are enjoying your summer and as you can see, we are having a great time at the Ranch and throughout our region with Ready Now Recovery. Lance, Manny, Mel, and I were in Dallas for a few days at the Adult Teen Challenge National Conference. It was a tremendous conference and we really enjoyed it. Mel and I each conducted a breakout session on Ready Now Recovery. We are making a great impact with that ministry. It is a non-residential Adult Teen Challenge program that greatly enhances the ministry of Teen Challenge.

You might be wondering why there is a dollar bill next to my photo for this article. I have a special need, and need to ask a special favor. We are at maximum capacity here at Faith Home. Every resident in our program costs a little over \$3,000.00 per month. That covers everything. We never turn away anyone even if they do not have the \$500.00 deposit or financial support from family, church, or friends. That includes 98% of the men in our program.

My hope and request is that everyone who receives our newsletter would donate \$1.00 a day or \$30.00 per month to help cover the cost to house and minister to the men who are in our program. For most folks that is affordable, and it would be such a blessing for everyone here. Remember, we receive absolutely ZERO funds from any governmental agency, mostly because we would need to become secular and not Christ-centered. Our uncompromising vision is to "Put hope within reach of everyone struggling with life controlling issues."

Please pray about it.

Thank you.

Rick Souza



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JESSE MICHAEL

My Testimony



Hi, my name is Jesse Michael, and I am an Adult Teen Challenge graduate. I came to Adult Teen Challenge completely broken and desperate to be free of heroin addiction. Jesus had set that appointment long ago and welcomed me to a new way of life with open arms. It was nearly a decade ago that I entered the program after doing a detox. It's been a decade free from a crippling addiction, and a decade of working on all the pain beneath that addiction. God has done so much in my life during that time. Since leaving the Ranch, I became deeply involved with New Life Christian Center, and eventually became the Co-Director of their special-needs ministry "Embrace."

I met a wonderful woman who I will celebrate 7 years of marriage with this fall. We have two beautiful children: a boy and a girl. Life still has its obstacles at times just as Jesus warned it would. However, since leaving Adult Teen Challenge I have experienced the abundant life Jesus spoke about. In my addiction I merely existed, but now I live a life with purpose. I am a husband, father, counselor, and most importantly, a child of God who has been called and commissioned to do good works long before the foundations of the earth were set! That is an encouraging and humbling reality. As an addict I bought into so many lies of the enemy, and often felt worthless.

Fortunately, I have a Father in heaven that speaks truth and life. When choosing a 'life verse' for my completion ceremony God brought me to 2 Corinthians 10:3-5: "For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ." I had yet to understand just how significant that verse would be on the calling in my life. Now, just a few weeks away from receiving my MS in clinical mental health counseling (with an emphasis in Christian counseling) to become an LPCC, it makes so much sense.

The evidence of God's grace and mercy in my life is overwhelming. I know these men will look back on their journeys and be able to say the same thing. "Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful" (Hebrews 10:23, NIV).

GEORGE MACINTOSH

Baptism Service



George MacIntosh, a staff member of Faith Home Adult Teen Challenge on May 19, 2024, had a water baptism service at One Church Turlock with our new Pastors Daniel and Christian McElwain. Eleven students were baptized: Dakota, Ivan, Bradley, Nathaniel, Daejier, Carlos, Isaac, James, Tyler, Rayshawn, Ramon, and Donnie.

Galatians 3:27: "For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ."

It was one of the most awesome days of my life to be a witness and to participate in the baptism of eleven men whose lives have been changed by Christ through Faith Home Adult Teen Challenge.

2 Corinthians 5:17 says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation: old things have passed away; behold all things have become new."



WHAT DO YOU MEAN

Chicken Therapy?



In early May of this year, we purchased four baby chicks from a farm in Oregon that specializes in quality pet chickens. We began the taming process by having our intake students hold the chicks twice each day.

The students were surprised at how much they enjoyed this. They found that in their attempt to calm and relax the chickens, they themselves became calm and relaxed. This turned out to be therapeutic for the newer students that are trying to adjust to life in the Adult Teen Challenge program.

The men assembled a chicken coop and secured it well to prevent predators from entering. We named the chickens Faith, Hope, Love and Annabelle. They're growing fast and have recently begun spending time roaming free on the ranch. They like to stay close to their coop where they feel safe and at home. But they do love hunting bugs and other delicacies that they find in the grass and flower beds.

This has been a great success as the chickens have become tame and friendly with the students, and the students are learning to take responsibility over keeping the coop clean and the chickens fed and watered each day. There are lessons to learn and joy to be found in the simplest of God's creations.

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Growth



The year 2024 marks the end of twenty-five plus years of farming almonds at Faith Home Ranch. Almonds have been a tremendous blessing financially throughout the years for this ministry. Because of the combination of price per pound for almonds going down and our production decreasing, we made the decision to apply for a grant through the San Joaquin Air Quality Board to remove the almond trees. The grant covered 90% of the costs; the requirement was for the trees once removed to be grinded up and incorporated back into the soil.

Knowing we could not afford to replant the orchard with new almond trees, we initially reached out to a few sweet potato farmers to lease the ground but none were interested—until I reached out to Allen Peterson, a well-known local farmer, who happened to be farming alfalfa nearby. It turns out Allen used to farm our ground when it was the Boy's Home before Teen Challenge acquired it. Allen said he would be interested in leasing our ground yearly, first planting corn, and then rotating it into alfalfa year-round. So the ranch not only has a new crop but a new look as well. What a blessing this transition has been with Allen, and we could not be happier. We give our thanks, praise, and glory to our loving Father who closed the doors that needed to be closed, and opened the doors needed to make this possible. We could not be more grateful.