

# LAC Newsletter

By Mitchell Daniel



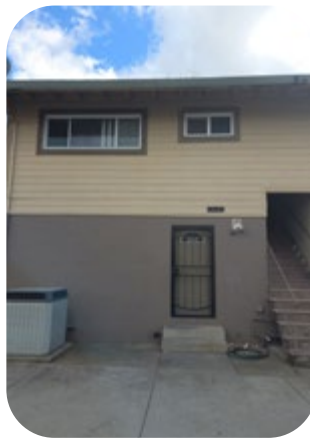
Outreach Ministries International, a partner of Faith Home, was awarded the contract to become the permanent operator of the Lodi Access Center on February 4, 2026. The Lodi Access

Center is a low-barrier emergency shelter located in Lodi, CA, focused on transitioning individuals experiencing homelessness to their next step towards a new life. The Lodi Access Center is operated from a temporary facility, yet it ensures individuals are fully cared for and equipped to get back on their feet to include showers, meals, and transport. The center also remains connected to the community to improve access to medical care, recovery meetings, church services, employment opportunities, and much more. The center's temporary facility currently supports 46 beds and is expected to offer over 60 beds with integrated mental health and respite care through San Joaquin County when its permanent facility is constructed.

Faith Home has been closely involved with the Lodi Access Center in bringing in new students who are seeking restoration through Jesus Christ. Our relationship is strongly aligned with the mission of Faith Home, especially since the current Lodi Access Center Director, Johnny Coughran featured in the center, is a Monterey Teen Challenge graduate and the Assistant Director, Zac Edalgo featured to his right, is a Faith Home Adult and Teen Challenge graduate. Our close relationship allows for increased care and more effective transitions to get those in need to the right place, not just any place, with a focus on Christ being the answer they truly need. We are thankful for their service, excited for their future, and anticipate a growing relationship focused on leading many more to Christ!

# Women's Center

By Linda Abid-Cummings



Our Mission at Faith Home Adult & Teen Challenge is "To help restore individuals and families within Amador, Calaveras, Madera, Merced, Tuolumne, San Joaquin, and Stanislaus counties. Our Vision is to put hope within reach of every individual struggling with life controlling problems.

We currently have a Christ-centered discipleship ministry for men. There is a dire NEED for a women's discipleship ministry in our 7 counties. After many years of prayer, we are going to launch a women's 12-month residential program in Amador County that will house up to 7 women. Daily routine will include chapel, prayer and devotions, bible studies, personal and group studies, chores, and church on Sundays.

Faith Home Adult & Teen Challenge is excited to partner with Generation Life Church, which has the apartment on their site. The apartment is located in a safe area, and there are many resources available for the women in Sutter Creek and the surrounding area. We cannot do this without our faithful partners. We are in need of \$25,000 to inhabit the home (remodel, washer/dryer, stove, beds, etc.) Our goal is to have the home operational by July 1, 2026.

Will you prayerfully consider donating towards the women's ministry home? You can donate online at fhct.life. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Abid-Cummings at Faith Home Adult & Teen Challenge, 209-537-0606.



# New Month

By Rick Souza  
CEO / Executive Director

As I write this article I am in a short-sleeved shirt, the sun is shining, the trees are pollinating . . . All is well!

We had wonderful services this past Friday and Saturday with Duane Hender and Aaron Swanger from Impact Ministries. Duane is a longtime friend from my Global Teen Challenge days, and Aaron brings the keyboard worship reminding me of Keith Green in days gone by. Sunday, our team and Duane ministered at Pastor Lane Olson's church, Life Community Church in Oakdale. Duane's message was one of great encouragement.

This newsletter is full of exciting things happening at FHATC. It starts with a wonderful testimony from Miguel, THE LEWIE is upon us, the Lodi Access Center is thriving and sending us students, our custom wood signs are sell outs at each and every service and event. You have to read every article. We will have a new website very soon.

Next, saving the best for last, we will be opening a Women's Center in Sutter Creek ver soon. My dream for 9 years.

We need your prayers and financial support.



# My Testimony

By Miguel Villegas

My name is Miguel Villegas. I'm a Cuban American and was born in Miami, Florida. I was raised in a good home with loving parents. I never saw my parents argue. I have one brother and one sister. My family religion was Santeria which is a type of witchcraft or worship of saints.

I was introduced to crack cocaine at the age of fifteen. I was influenced by my cousin's older friends. When I turned eighteen I started spending my paychecks on drugs. I still wanted to fit in with the older crowd. I didn't realize what I was doing to my life. I continued in addiction, on and off for about fifteen years.

In 2014 my sister-in-law started attending a Christian church. My parents took me to this church with the hope that it would help me change my life. Within two weeks of attending this church my parents and I all received Jesus as our Lord and Savior. I continued walking with God for about three years and then started drinking again. I moved from Miami to Tampa and was attending church at Lighthouse Revival. When my dad passed away in 2017, I relapsed and went back to abusing drugs and alcohol.

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## WANT TO SUPPORT?

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS OUT TO "FAITH HOME TEEN CHALLENGE"  
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Due to my addiction, my girl's mom left me and I was staying with a friend. I received a job offer to come to California. In California I met my fiancé Norma. I started an appliance delivery service and was earning a good income. Whenever my dad's birthday or Father's Day came around I would relapse. This led to me losing my business.

After losing my business I took a job at Home Depot and got deeper in my addiction. Norma made it clear that I was no longer welcome in her life due to my addiction.

At this point I started crying out to the Lord and asking Him to please help me to overcome the addiction. I didn't want to live like this anymore. Within two hours of this prayer, Home Depot called and fired me for missing too many days of work. The Lord put it in my heart to start looking for a Program that could help me. The first two I called said they didn't have any beds available. When I called Teen Challenge they told me to fill out the application and come in for an interview but that they might not be able to get me in right away. When I was leaving after the interview, Anthony stopped me and said the Lord spoke to him and told him to get me in right then.

The first thirty days were hard. I wasn't able to call my family and the enemy was trying hard to take me out of the Program. But I started engaging in the Program, praying and digging into the Bible. Some of the brothers helped me stay strong by praying with me and encouraging me.

Before my black-out ended, we went to a local revival and the Holy Spirit came over me and I began speaking in tongues. I started feeling lighter and at peace.

When my black-out ended and I called Norma, she told me that she was about to be evicted. I knew I couldn't leave the Program. I told her to trust God and pray. I walked by faith and God showed up! Three days before the rent was due, the Lord placed it on someone's heart to donate the money for her rent. From that day forward I recommitted and surrendered fully to God and I know now, that all things are possible with God.

God has restored all of my family relationships and my relationship with Norma who I plan to marry as soon as possible.

I've been working in the T.C. kitchen for the last five months. I enjoy cooking & making people happy and serving others. I love making good food for people to

enjoy. The Lord has put a passion in my heart to buy a food truck and start a food ministry and share my testimony with as many as will listen. I also would like to help the students that come thru the Program by teaching them to cook and serve. I would like to use the food truck to feed the homeless and minister to them.

I've applied for the Jimmy Lilly scholarship through the National Teen Challenge office. This scholarship would be a good start toward fulfilling my dream of purchasing a food truck or trailer and using it to bless the Kingdom.

Blessings in Christ, Miguel Villegas

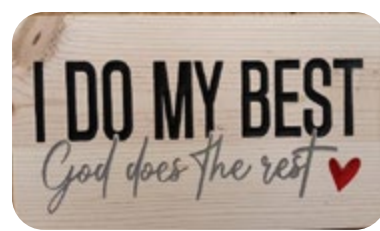
## Our Custom Wood Sign selection has expanded!

By Jeremy Nunn

A few months back we highlighted our new custom wood sign shop, showcasing our top tier, 30" live edge with bark signs suitable for any application especially outdoor post mounting.

This month we are proud to announce along with expanded Tier 1 sign capabilities, the introduction of our Tier 2 lineup that has just as much creative flexibility with smaller sizes for practical indoor display. Below are a few examples:

### Faith Based



### Non-Faith Based



These small indoor designs look great as rectangular or 8", 10", 12" or 16" squares! We offer MANY MORE designs than this along with our Tier 3 fully custom signs which we tailor every aspect to your specifications. All of our wood signs are CNC routed, hand painted in any color(s) you would like, with or without a wood stain. Please check our recently updated website under – ENTERPRISES- for more details or you can email questions to fhatcsigns@gmail.com.

## The Lewie

On Monday May 4th the 29th Annual THE LEWIE GOLF CLASSIC will return to the beautiful Spring Creek Golf & Country Club in Ripon. The format is friendly for beginners and competitive for avid golfers. Every golfer will have a chance to WIN prizes at the numerous contest holes including a new 2026 vehicle from Steves Chevrolet of Oakdale.

Register as a TEAM SPONSOR for \$1,375 and you will receive:

- 4 Paid Players (\$1,100 value)
- Name of Sponsor Billboard
- 1 Hole Sponsor Sign (\$350 value)
- 1 Play It Forward Team Ticket (\$200 value)
- 4 Play Contest Hole Tickets\* (\$200 value)

\*Contest Holes Include  
SHOTGUN PUTT  
LONG PUTT CHALLENGE  
HOLE IN ONE VEHICLE  
4 CLOSEST TO PIN HOLES  
LONG DRIVE HOLE

All you can eat Taco Bar  
THE LEWIE Ball Mark Medallion

THE LEWIE GOLF CLASSIC is not only a fun and memorable day on the links but it is also a very important fundraising event that helps us put hope within reach of every individual struggling with life controlling problems.

Register your team TODAY at [fhct.life/thelewie](http://fhct.life/thelewie).



The Lewie 2025 SOLD OUT! Sign up TODAY at [fhct.life/thelewie](http://fhct.life/thelewie)



Last year Amos Sawyer was 34" away from winning our 3rd HOLE IN ONE CAR in the past 5 years!!! Thank you Steves Chevrolet of Oakdale!



Our host golf club, Spring Creek Golf & Country Club in Ripon, is one of the best golf experiences in the valley.

