

Mighty to Save ministries

Offering hope and new beginnings to young adults who want to be free from addictions by providing mentoring, discipling and transition assistance.

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How do you do it?

Last week I had someone ask me, "How do you do it? There are so many ups and downs in the addiction world, relapses are part of the process. How do you keep from being discouraged?"

In all honesty, I do have moments of discouragement. I have learned over the years to take that discouragement to God. We talk it through and HE always makes me feel better assuring me that HE is in this, that I am not doing this alone. Then HE blesses me with a story like the one I am about to share. Coincidentally, I received this in my email the same day my friend and I had the above conversation.

Here is the back story. Almost six years ago, I received a letter from an Island County Correctional Facility inmate. His name was Chance and he had heard about Mighty to Save Ministries from one of the other inmates we had been having clergy visits with. Chance wrote asking if he could have a visit, or even just a letter. He said he was a struggling Christian who was craving contact with other believers.

A few weeks later, Neil and I found ourselves sitting across the table from

Chance in one of the interview rooms at ICCF. Chance was young, I think 19 or 20. He was articulate, and soft spoken. He was inquisitive and had lots of questions about the Bible.



In our clergy visits, we always tell our inmates that addiction is not their problem, it has been their solution to their heart pain. Like all of us, Chance had some foundational lies he was believing about himself and about God. Chance came to our sessions ready and willing,

with an open heart to hear from God and to allow God to speak truth to his heart. Every week, Chance would receive a new truth and his foundation grew stronger.

MtSM stayed in touch with Chance throughout his prison sentence, and upon his release he came by the office a couple of times to check in and say hi. Can I say here that Chance has one of those smiles that lights up a room? He truly is a delight.

In the past few years, I have not heard much from him, but the few times I did, he said he was doing well. Then last week, I received the following email from his mom:

Hi Christina,

It's been a long time and I hope you and your family are well. I wanted to give you a quick update.

Both my "babies" graduated Skagit Valley College yesterday, each receiving an AA Transfer Degree.

Chance will be heading off to CWU working toward his Construction Management degree, and his little sister (who is also graduating OHHS tomorrow) will be off to WSU. It's a happy-sad, proud-nervous, time for me.

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I was thinking about Chance and how far he has come, and how proud I am of him for overcoming and not letting his past choices define his future. Reflecting, I remembered the important people in his life that helped him along the way.



You are one of those amazing people!

I just wanted to take a moment and thank you for being a positive influence in my son's life. You are a wonderful lady and I hope you know how much you are loved and appreciated.

Mari

As you can imagine, this message brought tears to my eyes. I love when hearts are truly healed; and out of that families are restored and abundant life is lived.

I pray that Chance's story gives hope to other inmates and to moms who are praying for their children.

We must learn to live life out of our identity in Christ. Jesus has already paid the price and made a way for us to be forgiven. We do not need to take our past sins into our future. They have been "tossed into the sea of forgetfulness", (Micah 7:19) and "as far as the east is from the west, He has removed our transgressions from us." (Psalm 103:12)

Congratulations Chance! Thank you for allowing MtSM to be a part of your life. It has been an honor.

~ Christina

Welcome Aboard

We are excited to welcome Kevin Adams as our Awesome Administrative Assistant. Kevin will be working part time focusing on grants to obtain funding for participant needs, transitional housing and upcoming projects. He will be managing the MtSM database, advancing the use of technology and communications with community organizations.



Kevin Adams





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Grant seeking and writing

Island County jail inmates

WA state prison inmates

Mountain Ministries

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The Dream Center

Underground Ministries

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