



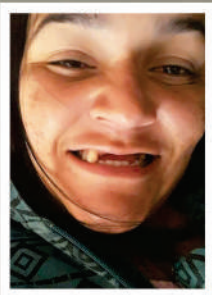
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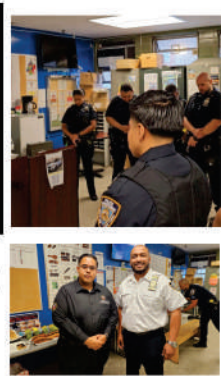
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THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH IS REACHING OUT TO
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ADDICTION

An addiction is a compulsive behavior towards an activity or substance that induces enjoyment and pleasure. People with addiction tend not to care if what they are addicted to has a negative side effect. When most people hear the word addiction, the first thing that comes to mind is drugs and alcohol. But many individuals also engage in video gaming, shopping, pornography, and even sexual relationships compulsively. They can't seem to stop, no matter how hard they try.

The word 'addiction' comes from the Latin term 'enslaved by' or 'bound to.' Suppose you have ever fought to overcome an addiction or helped someone else do so. In that case, you will understand why this is so significant. It is not something easy to overcome, and it alters the mind and life of a person. However, it is not impossible to leave that life of addiction behind. There is a cure!

On Fridays at every Universal Church, we have the deliverance service. It is an opportunity to strengthen yourself, renew your confidence, and regain the power of decision-making to fight against any negative habits. There will be strong prayers for your deliverance from all addictions. You don't have to set an appointment or call in advance; come as you are. I assure you, you will not leave the same.

| BEATING DEPRESSION |

Depression is a sadness felt in the deepest part of one's soul, which causes a sense of hopelessness and exhaustion so great that many lose the motivation to do anything and some to live at all. It is a sickness of the soul. Who can heal the soul other than the Savior of Souls, the Lord Jesus?

On Fridays, at every Universal Church, we have a service for Deliverance from Depression. Visit a branch near you today. Make a Chain of Prayer by attending a prayer meeting near you for seven consecutive weeks. You will receive practical steps and counseling, and spiritual help through prayers to overcome.

There are thousands of testimonials worldwide that prove a Chain of Prayer works. You CAN have a new life. You CAN defeat depression!

DEFEAT
DEPRESSION
THROUGH THE POWER OF FAITH

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Bishop Edir Macedo



TRUE FREEDOM

Freedom is often taken out of concept, yet humankind highly idealizes it. During their search for freedom, people become prisoners of something or someone simply because they do not know what being free truly means. They are unaware that true freedom does not mean you can do everything you want. It simply means you live WITHOUT the things you DO NOT want.

A person who thinks having freedom means they can drink as much as they want becomes a prisoner of addiction.

A son who thinks having freedom means he can disobey his parents becomes a prisoner of the consequences of his bad decisions.

A husband who thinks having freedom means he can have relationships with several women becomes a prisoner of his eternal search for satisfaction.

A wife who thinks having freedom means she can say whatever she wants becomes a prisoner of loneliness.

A young woman who thinks having freedom means giving herself to whoever she wants becomes a prisoner of an unwanted pregnancy.

Those who think having freedom means living without considering the Laws of God become a prisoner of the devil and suffering.

"During their search for freedom, people become prisoners..."

To be free is essential to man, and only the Lord Jesus can fulfill this need. He said it Himself: "Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed." John 8:36



After all, everything we DO NOT want in our lives is the evil that the devil causes – pain, sickness, setbacks, grief, tragedy, sadness, poverty. He is forbidden to provoke such things only when we are under God's protection, obeying His Word in everything. And, once we live without what we do not want, we are free to live with what we want – peace, health, happiness, harmony, prosperity, and achievements.

True freedom comes from discipline because discipline is the most effective strategy to prevent suffering and preserve order. This is why prisons are for undisciplined people – no matter how absurd it may seem, they do it by their own hands.

Obeying God is the only way to be free because it is also the only way to keep yourself from everything you do not desire.

"I WAS AFRAID OF FACING REALITY"

My father was an alcoholic, so he was not around much to help with household expenses. My mom struggled to raise three children independently and remarried when I was 7. Her new husband was very irritable and aggressive. There was constant fighting in the house because any little thing would set him off. I wouldn't say I liked living in that hostile atmosphere, so I'd find a way to sleep at a friend's house to escape reality. After a serious argument with my stepfather, I eventually left home.

During my early teens, I was strictly anti-drugs, cigarettes, and alcohol. But over time, I began giving in to peer pressure. When I realized it, I was already drinking and smoking cigarettes and marijuana. I found a promising job but decided to resign to move to Europe. In Europe, I introduced myself to religious philosophies that preached about karma and reincarnation, that only God and heaven existed, and that hell and the devil were fictitious fairytales. I did not feel the need for salvation. "Salvation from what?" I would wonder when someone told me I was lost and needed saving.

During this time, I experimented with drugs such as Hashish and LSD and different types of marijuana. At the time, I smoked every day and spent everything I earned on drugs, alcohol, and cigarettes. I later moved to Australia and met a lead singer of a reggae band. I began experimenting with ecstasy and cocaine. The bright lights of the stage and the possibility of having any fame took hold of me.

I traveled with him all across Europe. I loved all the attention they received. We got married and had a child together. While pregnant, I remember thinking: "What will I do now that I have to stop using drugs?" I had an enormous fear of facing reality without anesthesia to dull my pain.

I didn't have much of a relationship with my family because talking to them would remind me of what I tried so hard to forget. My mother and stepfather had already converted, but my pride wouldn't let me go near her house. The philosophies I followed preached about peace, forgiveness, and harmony. Still, all I had to do was set my eyes on my stepfather, and I would become enraged. My brother and his mother-in-law were the ones who showed me the way to the Universal Church. I arrived without a place to live, jobless, without a car, with a 9-month-old daughter to raise, a failed marriage, filled with hurt, anger, suffering from a stomach ulcer, panic attacks, and addiction to marijuana, cigarettes, and alcohol.

The first meeting I attended was for deliverance. Although I didn't

understand much of what was happening, I immediately noticed a different type of power there. I saw people being truly delivered through the prayers. I began to understand that I needed to be delivered more than anyone I blamed for my bitterness. It was the beginning of a new life.

I learned to be obedient; I fixed my life with God, would do what the Pastors said, and saw change. After a few years, I moved to the United States with my daughter. I began working as a housekeeper, but I remained faithful. I remarried. My husband, Alan, is a wonderful husband and father. Our kids get along really well. We live in peace with no arguments in our comfortable home. Today, we have two companies. Everything has changed because we own luxury cars and dine in the finest places. My relationship with my family has been transformed. Today, the same man I used to call stepfather I now call my father, and I no longer have any addictions.

- Rosana Wolters



DIVINE WATER

**HE BELIEVED HE WOULDN'T
WAKE UP IF HE WENT TO SLEEP.**



Peterson
and his wife.

In a surprising turn of events, Peterson's life turned unexpectedly: he woke up healthy. Still, he found himself seriously ill the next day.

A cramp revealed the presence of hepatitis C, a disease with no cure, although treatments could mitigate its effects. But there were more challenges: cirrhosis was also present, causing complications such as diabetes, an enlarged spleen, and a malfunctioning pancreas.

Fighting for three years, Peterson combined medical treatments with his faith, culminating in a complete recovery.



FREE FROM COPD (LUNG DISEASE) AFTER THREE YEARS OF SUFFERING

I suffered from COPD, and the doctors said my lungs would collapse. I couldn't walk anywhere. I had to use oxygen to keep me walking around and being able to breathe. I felt depressed and sometimes didn't want to get out of bed. I couldn't do anything by myself.

My family had to do everything, like cleaning the house and shopping for me. I was in and out of the hospital, getting shots to keep my lungs open. I started drinking the Divine water and making the chain of prayer every Sunday. And now I feel so much better; I don't need the oxygen to breathe anymore, I can walk up the stairs, and I am healed! - **Nancy, NY**

Before



Learn to apply your faith in order
to face your challenges!

**GET YOUR DIVINE WATER
EVERY SUNDAY**

at your nearest Universal Church



|Message|

BISHOP JOSHUA

DON'T QUIT NOW



Have you ever worked for something so hard, and in the end, it paid off? Anything in life that's worth something requires hard work. Whether that be a job, raising a family, enhancing your education, etc. I'm sure you can remember the joy you felt when you received your diploma, the call back from your dream job, or seeing your child take their first steps.

These landmark moments in life didn't just appear; instead, you worked for them. For our souls, it requires much more work. Working for our soul is an ongoing mission. There's no diploma at the end, no big promotion, no photo moment, but there is eternal peace worth fighting for.

"And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up His spirit. Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, ...and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many." Matthew 27:50-51,53

The Lord Jesus cried out because His burden was so heavy, but He never gave up, and as a result, today, we reap the reward of His sacrifice. Our job is not done, but we can't quit now. Quitters can't see the kingdom of God. You will face hard days, and there will be moments when it seems like giving up is easier, but never forget the reward that awaits you. Give yourself up to God. He will give you the strength to make it to the end.

May the God of the Bible bless you!

AUGUST 2023 Bible Reading						
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I HAD TO STEAL TO FEED MY ADDICTION



I grew up attending services in the Universal Church, but I only did that to please my mother. My life, however, was not genuinely committed to God. I was not entirely obedient to the teachings I received in the church. When I was 13 years old, I got involved with the wrong crowd and started smoking and drinking.

I smoked crack cocaine and marijuana. I went to nightclubs where I stole people's phones and sold them to feed my addiction. I once drove to a club and drank heavily. On my way home, I was speeding and lost control of the car, which rolled about three

times. I was physically unscathed, although the car was a wreck.

That accident made me realize that my reckless lifestyle would inevitably lead me to premature death or imprisonment. Unfortunately, two months after the incident, I faced another devastating blow as my mother passed away. I was unemployed around that time.

I had to decide to change my life. I started faithfully attending the services in the church. I engaged in the chains of prayers for my complete deliverance from addiction, and indeed, I got delivered from the grip of addiction.

I also got baptized in water to symbolize my decision to start a new life in God's presence. When the church introduced the Campaign of Israel, I saw an opportunity to change my life. I participated in the campaign, and I made my sacrifice for my inner transformation.

I fasted. I read my Bible and woke to seek the Holy Spirit at night. I was sincere with God. I attended a service, and I sought the Holy Spirit. I wanted to live only for God. During the prayer, I had peace, and I was happy. From that day, things were never the same.

I no longer have the urge to smoke or drink alcohol. I no longer go to nightclubs. I have my own business supplying mines with mine materials. I am happily married and have a daughter. We live in a good home, and we have a car," said Sonwabile.

THERE IS A SOLUTION FOR ADDICTION

If you or a family member suffers from addictions, visit any branch of the Universal Church close to you and start a Chain of Prayer for deliverance. This meeting works to empower addicts, and their families, to break their dependency on their habits or substances in order to regain control over their lives.

SUNDAY GATHERING OF FAITH AND MIRACLES IN HARLEM, NY

AMC MAGIC JOHNSON THEATRES



August 13th, 2023 - Sunday - "Hands-on Healing"

The Universal Church in Harlem held its Sunday Gathering of Faith and Miracles at the AMC Magic Johnson Theater in New York.

It was the third Sunday of the Powerful Novena (9) of Healing and Miracles with Hands-on Healing of the Attendees. The "Blessed Water" was distributed, and the pastor instructed the Attendees to take three (3) sips of the water and to take three daily, praying for their healing and miracle.

Pastor Luiz then called to the altar all those suffering from an illness or sickness who needed healing and miracles to receive "Hands-on Healing" through the laying of hands from the servants of God. After the prayer and "Hands-on Healing," several Attendees received their healing from physical and spiritual ailments.

Testimony

Mr. Michael testified that before the "Hands-on Healing" prayer, he felt heavy, as if boulders were on his back. After the prayer, he was feeling lighter and twenty (20) years younger.

Ms. Sheila noted that she walked with a cane and could not bend her knee. After the "Hands-on Healing" prayer, she could walk without her cane and bend her knee.

Mr. Guillermo testified that he received an injection in his left arm and since then had been experiencing pain in his entire left arm, which limited his range of motion. After the "Hands-on Healing" prayer, he could move his left arm again without pain.

Ms. Carline testified that she experienced a Spiritual Attack before coming to the Church Sunday. She began experiencing

these attacks after receiving a leaflet one day talking about other Gods. By the time she went home, her arm was completely swollen. Her physician gave her antibiotics. There was an occasion when after taking the antibiotics, she excreted what appeared to be the ink from the leaflet she received. But after the "Hands-on Healing" prayer today, she felt so much better and lighter.

The Message

Pastor Luiz noted that in the Gospel of Luke, there were two (2) rich men, but only one could obtain salvation, while the other went to hell. The first rich man was Zacchaeus, a wealthy tax collector who accumulated wealth by stealing from the people. "But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, 'He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner.'" Luke 19:7

After encountering the Lord Jesus, his life got transformed, and he returned four times what was stolen from the people back to the people he stole from. "Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, 'Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold.'" Luke 19:8. His actions lead our Lord Jesus to save him and his household. "And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.'" Luke 19:9-10. Pastor Luiz emphasized that if one wants a life with the Lord Jesus, one must be willing to sacrifice all that you have.

The second rich man in the bible was from the story of Lazarus and the Rich Man.

This rich man failed to receive salvation not because he was wealthy but because he was attached to his wealth. (In this world, you cannot be attached to anything but the word of God.) As a result, the rich man died and was sent to hell while Lazarus, when he died, was in Abraham's bosom resting. The rich man looked across the paths and saw Abraham and cried out for him to send Lazarus to give him a drop of water to quench his thirst. "Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.'" Luke 16:24

Abraham informed the rich man that sending Lazarus would not be impossible because their distance was too great. In addition, while he was alive, he received nothing but the best, while Lazarus received the least. "But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted, and you are tormented.'" Luke 16:25

Pastor Luiz pointed out that although the rich man called Abraham his Father, he was not a son of Abraham because his actions showed he did not belong to Abraham. This is why he was in hell and not in Abraham's bosom. He was a descendant but not a child of Abraham, and just like Abraham's descendants, he had sinned. He did not practice the ways of Abraham nor follow in his footsteps.

New Attendees

Ms. Yasmine was returning to the church after twelve (12yrs) with her daughter. She

noted that she enjoyed the service and received what she needed. She received a spiritual cleansing; she needed

to re-center herself. Today for her, was a life-changing/transforming experience to know that God did not give up on her even when she gave up.

Ms. Francis came to the church last week and invited friends to attend with her this week. She noted that she was taking the message of surrendering your all to God and that God is with us and we should trust that he will take care of us. We should not forget our first love, who is God, and should give him the honor and praise He deserves.

Mr. Guillermo was invited by Ms. Francis, and on his first visit today, he received his healing. He was suffering from pain in his left arm, which radiated down his entire left arm and prevented him from being able to raise it or move. After the Hands-on Healing prayer, he could move his left arm without limitations and pain.



What's happening at Universal.....



Bullying has been on the rise over the years and has been the leading cause of teen suicide. The Teen Power Group in New York visited a local school to host the "Stop Bullying Event" to bring awareness to the dangers of bullying. They gave tips on how to deal with bullying and the step to take if they ever witness another teen being bullied. It was an event to encourage the teens to spread kindness and to let them know that help is always at hand.



For more information on how you can join us for our next gathering, you can give us a call at 1 (888) 332-4141

ADDICTION

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introduced to cocaine. "This happened again under the influence of friends, who told me that cocaine would cut the effect of the drink. My routine was to drink, get drunk, and then do cocaine to cut the high," she declares.

She consumed 64 crack stones in a short period and remained 11 days without eating, sleeping, or taking a shower, despite being pregnant.

and stole to support her addiction. "I was arrested twice, which made me sink deeper into the problem. I went to live permanently on the streets."

She remembers that at that time, she consumed 64 crack stones in a short period and remained 11 days without eating, sleeping, or taking a shower, despite being pregnant.

Janaina declares that the nine years of addiction caused her to lose everything: "I lost my dignity, respect, love for the family, my job, and even my teeth to addiction."

After a while, she started using crack because cocaine no longer masked the effect of alcohol. "Once, after having spent the night awake and drugged, I saw some people using crack and asked to try it. That's when my rock bottom started."

Janaina started spending days on the streets. She sold her body, trafficked,



Janaina Alves spent her youth in clubs and had relationships with several guys. At that time, she consumed alcohol on weekends and smoked cigarettes sporadically. But it was at one of these parties that she discovered marijuana. "Through friends, I started to smoke sporadically. I thought it was normal and part of enjoying it."

After a few years, she met a guy with whom she had her first child. Because of the fights, Janaina decided to separate from him. From then on, she started to drink even more, to the point of consumption, making her lose control.

Shortly after, she was

When watching a program on TV that talked about the Treatment of the Cure of Addictions, which takes place at Universal, Janaina hoped to change. "I decided to go there with my mother and, in the first meeting, I saw a difference. I put everything that came out of the Altar into practice because I didn't hesitate to do it when it was for addictions."

Today, she no longer feels like consuming alcohol and drugs. "I have peace and restored my dignity, the love for life and my children. I finished my studies. I have a job, a car, and my Salvation, which is the main thing," she concludes.

I TRIED TO KILL MY WIFE AND DAUGHTER WHILE DRUNK...

Ulisses knows well what it's like to have a family destroyed by addiction and betrayal.

Married to Rosana, he had been cheating on her since they were dating. After the wedding, the situation worsened: in addition to the betrayals, he became dependent on alcohol. "My life was destroyed by alcohol. When drinking, I tried to kill my wife and daughter. In one of these attempts, she kicked me out of the house."

After the separation, Ulisses went to live alone and thought that was the best solution he had taken. He remembers that the momentary feeling of freedom soon turned into his torment. "Due to addiction, I could not keep to work schedules and commitments. I was fired and didn't even have the money to pay the rent. That's when I went into

Addiction has a treatment.

destructive power in a person's life. Regardless of the substance used, drugs cause severe consequences for those who use them and those close to them. Many are the parents who have already chased, day and night, even without financial or even health conditions, looking for their children or in search of treatment. And when they found it, they welcomed the addicted son back into the house after a failed

When the individual uses a chemical substance, it harms his body. However, there is another issue behind addiction, which is the spiritual factor. Addiction leads the person to present a behavior change, leaving responsibilities aside, losing sanity, and thus also their identity. Therefore, it is essential, more than physical detoxification, mental and spiritual detoxification.

Combating addiction works only in the spiritual sphere. By understanding what spiritual problem causes addiction, it is possible to overcome it. Therefore, if you need help to break free from addiction, whatever it may be, join the deliverance services every Friday at your local Universal Church.

See the back page for locations.



depression."

Desperate from debts and loneliness, Ulisses attempted suicide twice. In the first one, he was drunk and got in front of a truck,

the gap in the window, he saw Ulisses. The boy called colleagues, who broke into the door and helped him.

Already discharged at home, Ulisses turned on the TV

Ulisses began attending meetings and soon got rid of his addiction and the desire to cheat. After a year and a half apart, he decided to fight for his family. His wife gave him another chance, but she didn't want to go to church with him, and he didn't insist. "On a stormy day, there was no electricity at home, and I told her I was going to church. She asked if I would leave her home alone with our baby, and I said yes. I walked in the rain. When I returned, she said she wanted to go because there could only be something powerful for me to leave her alone that night."

Since then, the couple has been attending the Universal Church for 15 years. After 22 years of marriage, three children, and a completely transformed life, he and his family can say they have found peace in all areas.

Ulisses attempted suicide twice. In the first one, he was drunk and got in front of a truck, miraculously avoiding him. On his second try, drunk, he tried to hang himself with the ropes of a hammock.

miraculously avoiding him. On his second try, drunk, he tried to hang himself with the ropes of a hammock. He was helped by a neighbor who knocked on the door of his house, and through

and started watching a Universal program at dawn. "It seemed the pastor was talking to me, and I decided to attend church. I felt that a burden had been lifted from my shoulders."



IT WORKS!

A Chain of Prayer is when you attend a prayer meeting for a certain number of weeks without interruption in order to see a breakthrough in your life. Whether it is healing, a financial breakthrough or spiritual deliverance that you need, a Chain of Prayer helps you develop the faith and determination to overcome.

**Monday - Strong Nation
7am, 10am, 4pm & 7pm**



Learn the secrets to overcome financially. Receive direction to grow and become a successful person.



**Tuesday - Prayer for healing
7am, 10am, 4pm & 7pm**

Receive prayers for your physical, mental and spiritual well-being.

**Wednesday - Night of Salvation
7am, 10am, 4pm & 7pm**



A meeting will be held for those who want to invest in a genuine relationship with God.



**Thursday - Family & Love Therapy
7am, 10am, 4pm & 7pm**

The goal of the family meeting is to bring families together. No family is perfect, but they can be free from any hate, separation and other underlying issues.

**Friday - Deliverance
7am, 10am, 4pm & 7pm**



There is a root to every problem. No issue can be dealt with permanently without removing its root. Every Friday, strong prayers is provided for anyone who is facing a problem that is influenced by negativity.



**Saturday - Impossible Cases
8am & 12pm**

Have you ever looked at a problem or situation and thought, 'this is impossible, there is no solution to this?' If you want to see the 'impossible become possible', join us every Saturday.

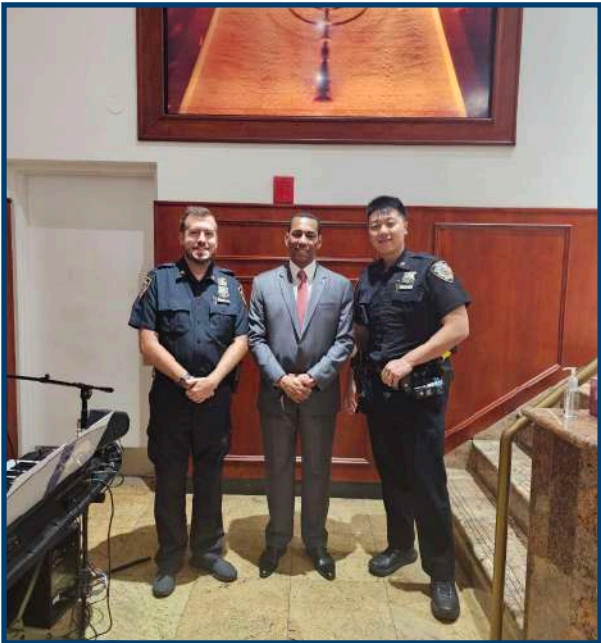
**Sunday - Gathering of Faith & Miracles
7am, 10am, 3pm & 6pm**



These meetings aim to help people connect with God, to empower people and teach them how to use their faith to achieve what they want in their lives.



UNIVERSAL IN LAW ENFORCEMENT



To the left, you see Officer Frank and Officer Wu, who attended the service at our headquarters in Brooklyn, NY.

They stated it reminded them of when they were younger and involved in the youth group of their local church. It was a moment of reflection and peace for the officers.

Participating in the service took that back to that moment of their youth, helping in their church. We can take this as an eye opener for us always to remember God whether you are young or now in your age of maturity.

God gives a chance to everyone to return to Him; He doesn't discriminate against anyone nor have exceptions. He is open to those that are open to receiving Him.

As the U.L.E. continues to work within the precincts, we believe many more officers, firefighters, and nurses will also have the opportunity to receive God's grace and mercy.



Precinct 81 also had the privilege of receiving prayers of faith during their afternoon shift. Seeing the officers' joy gives us pleasure here in the U.L.E. We know that each word we offer is not from us but from the word of God, which brings life.

Everyone receives God's word according to their situation, and we know that His word renews each one that receives it with an open heart.

We made prayers of faith for the officers according to their needs. Along with the word of faith, they received

an afternoon snack to enjoy together.



Here in this photo above, you can see Commander Abdul together with Pr. Rafael was present to receive the prayer of faith made.



Here we can see in importance of prayer for Law Enforcement is crucial. A lot of the times in this world they do not have the support they need apart from loved



ones. They are the heroes of society, and sometimes looked at as the vilians, with no one to see past their badge/uniform and give them the

additional support they need also.

We have taught that, with God, they will have all the protection they need.



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THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD NEVER CEASES; HIS MERCIES NEVER COME TO AN END; THEY ARE NEW EVERY MORNING; GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS. “THE LORD IS MY PORTION,” SAYS MY SOUL, “THEREFORE I WILL HOPE IN HIM.” LAMENTATIONS 3:22-

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UNIVERSAL BEYOND BARS

YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

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THE SECRET OF
CHANGE, IS TO
FOCUS ALL YOUR
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FIGHTING THE
OLD, BUT ON
BUILDING THE
NEW.

- UNKNOWN



I was born in the church, and my parents always taught me the ways of faith. I grew up in a happy household and very united. But things changed when I started high school; I began to live a double life.

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The minor errors slowly escalated and worsened; I would start drinking with my “friends” and partying with them as well.

When I came home, I would pretend to be this “perfect child,” but deep down, I knew I was not at peace and living a double life.

I went to school, and I would do the same wrong things.

I decided to move away from home because I did not want to feel the pressure that I was supposed to live a correct life.

I desired to live freely to drink, do drugs, and “enjoy life” to see what the world had to offer.

From smoking marijuana to taking pills, this led me to MDMA (a hallucination drug) and cocaine.

I would consume other substances all in one night. My life was spiraling out of control.

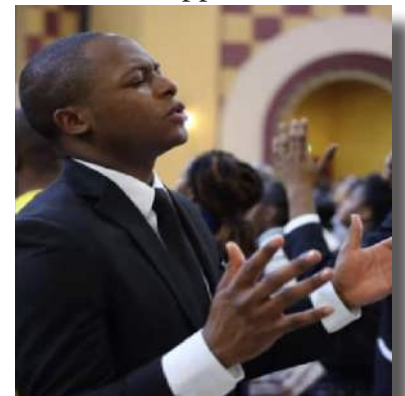
I was sleeping around with girls and partying daily; this impacted my grades because I wasn't attending classes due to being hungover/high. My lowest point was getting arrested and jailed for misconduct or behavior.

Upon my release, I was thinking about my life, future, and where I was headed. I

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remembered the church and the faith; I knew I could find the solution in the Universal Church (UBB).

My life is a blessing in every single area. I have the Spirit of God, and this is the most extraordinary transformation that could happen.



My love life is blessed, and God has blessed me financially; my life is complete.



I gave my life to God 100% without holding back.

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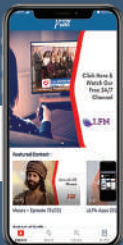
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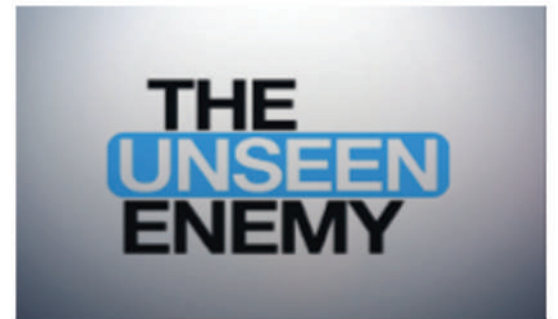


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Many people think about leaving work as an employee and starting their own business. The photographic area can be an excellent alternative for those who want to launch their own business, as there are many options to work with. However, it is good to know that, in addition to the entrepreneurial spirit, those who intend to embark on this area must necessarily know how to photograph well and have technical knowledge, aptitude, and talent.

Indeed, you know someone who likes to take pictures. It's a friend with a sharp eye for capturing remarkable moments with potential and who has an aesthetic sense when taking a picture. It could be someone already a professional but still works as an employee in a company. For some, they are afraid to take a step forward to be able to start their own business, but deep down, what can be fundamental to reach that resolution can be summed up in one word: preparation.

Photographer Silvino Junior is a perfect example of someone in a professional dilemma, as he could not achieve anything for himself or his family. As a result, other problems arose: "I had many debts and, because of several problems, my marriage started to fall apart. The fights were constant, and we thought that separation would be the solution," he reveals.

But, when everything pointed in that direction, something changed Silvino's story. "I really wanted to change my life and have my own company. My wife started participating in the 'Strong Nation' meetings and came back motivated with many ideas. That made me want to follow her," he says. Gradually, Silvino started to have new ideas, and things started to change, especially in his marriage. He is enjoying a happy marriage. "Each week, I received inspiration to develop my business, and the clients increased over time," he says.



Silvino realized that, in addition to all the technical knowledge and talent, one of the paths to the success of his venture would be focusing on a specific area of the photographic business. "We started to dedicate more to baby photography. And we portray unforgettable moments, such as pregnancy and the babies' first photos, with respect, dedication, affection, and professionalism. We are always searching the internet for the best equipment on the market. I have been working with photography since 1992, I started as a technician, and today we are leaders in this field." He concludes



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