

Recent Graduate Shares Testimony

Victory— Most all of the staff and volunteers at TLC have struggled with addiction at some level during their lives. Our residents have come to the point in their life where they are ready to yield to a new way of life. Our goal is to serve the residents in such a way that it spurs them forward to good works. This is challenging for all believers in the sense that it means old things must die for new things to live. The new living things aren't usually the problem, it's the old dying things that get in the way. Continuing to make that new choice over and over again is the challenge. ***"Lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth."***

Ephesians 4:22b-24 Rejoice with us in Vince's story, a recent resident, who has shared his testimony on the backside of this newsletter.

Invitation - We still have needs each month to have a "balanced budget" but God continues to provide from sources we didn't know existed. We continue to invite you to consider being a regular donor \$20, \$50, \$100, or more according to your ability. You can give using the enclosed envelope by check or filling out the appropriate information. You can also give by credit, debit, or ach on the website "Donate Now" button.

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Pray - Continue to pray for resident's for strength to choose change. Pray for staff members to be a good example of Christ in the world. Pray for our Sr. residents as they experience more freedom working jobs, etc. that they will stay grounded. **Praise** for abundance of summer work projects. We are **Thankful** for faithful supporters.

Recommend us for lawn care, tree care and other misc. projects.

Blessings & Thanks

Pastor Ricky Chance - Administrator
Mark Byfield - Work Group Coordinator
Randy Parker - Education Director
Michael Dugger - Night Supervisor
Paul Bromlow - Board Member
Erica Shaloy - Secretary/Treasurer
Terry Ratzlaff - Board Vice-Chairman
Jay Bartel - Board Chairman

Testimony – Vince Query

Let me start by giving all praise and honor and the glory to the Lord. Because it all belongs to Him. I can't take any credit for what He has done in me here at TLC or in my entire life for that matter. I'm able to see that now. He has given me choices to make throughout my life and I proved time and again I made the wrong ones all the way to my 39th year of age. But something changed me over a year ago, something that is hard for me to explain until my stay here at TLC. I read and learned and applied myself to the word of God and it changed my life. I learned about how much mercy He has shown me and through His overwhelmingly loving and undeserving grace. He has provided a place for me to finally study His word and build a relationship with Him and now to serve Him. Through His grace I'm able to grow in the Spirit. Through His grace I'm allowed to make mistakes and through his grace I'm allowed to be free. His grace is everything to me and through His grace I am who I am today. So the glory is His.

I truly see life in a different way and have confidence now that Christ has given me and the strength and guidance though Him to accomplish whatever tomorrow brings. The bible says if we surely died with Him then we are surely raised with Him and that's where it starts with me at the cross. My old ways and old self has been nailed to that cross with Him because of Him and is dead and gone. But He was raised from the dead along with me. Those passages are powerful to me and I can start a new life again. I can take off the old man and put on the new. I have adjusted my way of life to do this. I can start over and the Bible says in Romans 12:2 to be transformed by the renewing of your mind. These things are at work inside of me and are guiding me to a higher calling and a better way of life. I'm excited to see where the Lord will take me.

My journey starts now and all this is possible because of the staff and board members at TLC. Each of the staff members adds something different to the ministry and I was able to learn from them and they inspire me to move on to the next stage of my life and the next stages of my calling and faith. I will always have a place in my heart for TLC so I'm truly, truly thankful for you all. I consider each man here a part of my own family from student brothers and staff brothers, we are all brothers in Christ. TLC was the "The Transformation Center" when I first arrived here but now it has become "To Live Christ" to me as I exit.

I feel something similar to what Paul writes in Philippians 3:12-14 "Not that I have already obtained all this or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me Brothers I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do, forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead I press on toward the goad to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

Thank you for so much!
Forever in my heart.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Vincent D. Query". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Vincent D Query 4/26/17