



Center of Hope Newsletter

Sowing Seeds of God's Love    Physically and Spiritually

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GOD MAKES THE CHANGE

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God is the cause. While He often uses us to communicate His love and His truth, He is the Cause. The following testimony attests to that fact. I hope it brings as much awe, and comfort, to you as it does to me. Jamie is a 45 year old woman.

Jamie's testimony: Jamie was born and raised in Kentucky. Her mother dabbled in witchcraft during all of Jamie's childhood. At age 3, Jamie and her mother saw a scary old woman in spirit. Jamie's mother told her that they both had a gift to experience spirits. For the next 30 years, Jamie regularly experimented with a Ouija board and she often prayed to Satan. At first, Jamie seemed to do better when she prayed to Satan, but life went downhill from there. But still, as she prayed a few different times to God, she seemed to receive no response. She at least had a response from Satan, so she continued praying to him.

Jamie always had an interest in spirituality in general. As a teenager, her friend Brenda would come by, mostly to do drugs together. As Brenda's family went to church, Brenda would talk to Jamie about Jesus and angels. Jamie would share about her anxiety of facing death and eternity, but would never come to the Bible studies and worship services we invited her to over the past 10 years. Jamie's home remained full of Satanic posters, art, and ob-

jects.

One night in December of 2009, she was smoking a cigarette before going to bed. She smelled something different. It was like fresh cool air and it smelled like flowers. It

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was not a draft and it was not an air freshener. Then, Jamie saw something sitting in a chair. It was not like the scary old woman or other spirits; it was an angel who said his name was Michael. At the end of an amazing conversation with the angel Michael, she asked him to make her a better person. Almost immediately, her anger and hatred of others went away. She felt compassion for people, even the people she used to hate, whom she couldn't forgive, and whom she wanted to see harmed. She had only compassion for animals before this visit from the angel Michael.

Jamie placed her trust in Je-

sus, as the angel Michael encouraged her to. However, Jamie had some of the Satanic posters and objects still on the one wall of her living room.

Sixteen months ago another encounter occurred. Earlier in the day, Jamie bought a ceramic angel and a picture of Jesus at a thrift store. Without thinking, she hung them on the wall opposite from the Satanic posters and objects. Soon, Jamie saw the wall with the Satanic items vibrating. Jamie immediately got rid of her last few Satanic items because of this amazing experience.

What now for Jamie? She's not sure, but she wants to do profound things in life. She regularly watches Christian broadcasting on TV. She reads the Bible and devotionals. She has finally started coming to the Center of Hope ministries. As well, she is enjoying this newfound feeling of compassion for others.

God is/was the CAUSE for Jamie's life, and really, for every life. Jamie's turn to God was so clearly supernatural. Jamie did not engage in a healthy spiritual conversation with anyone, nor did she attend a worship service or program. Jamie was into Satanism, until God supernaturally entered her life. Thank goodness it is ultimately not up to us. It is up to God to change a life toward Him!

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MINISTRY UPDATE

Summer Picture Summary



Journey Camp Group Picture
You Sent 20 Kids to Camp



Falls Area Bike Club Ride and
Dine (FABRAD) raised \$1,500
for the Bike Ministry



You distributed 556 Bikes and helped 200 guests
work on their bikes in the Bike Ministry Area

Volunteers have logged
over 1,300 hours of service
this year alone!



MEMORIAL GIFTS

Ken Ahlers, Dell Rapids, SD
Judy Benz, Lennox, SD
Harvey Ellefson, Dell Rapids, SD
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