

Victorious Valley Homes

A Ministry of Victorious Valley Baptist Church

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Pastor's Update

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Once again, it's my favorite time of year. It's a time to celebrate our Lord's triumphant victory over death, Hell, and the grave. You know, I love that old hymn, "One Day." It says:



*"Living He loved me, dying he saved me,
Buried, He carried my sins far away,
Rising He justified, freely forever,
One day He's coming, O glorious Day!"*

I don't know about you, but I can hardly wait until the day Jesus comes again! What a day that will be, but until then, I'll just keep pressing on.

We've had some wonderful revival meetings this year. Our first meeting was with Bro. Bobby Barnes, and our second meeting was with Bro. Johnny Jones. We had folks saved in both meetings, one being my oldest son, Roby. I can't thank God enough for the wonderful things he is continuing to do here at Victorious Valley.

Young People are still getting saved, and what a joy it is to watch them grow in the Lord. That's what it's all about. That's why we do what we do.

If just one more soul gets saved, it will be worth it all. Please continue to pray for us as we endeavor to be a bright and shining light to young people all across the globe.

Once again – Your Servants to America's Youth,

The Caseys: Jason, Nikki, Roby, Coleman, and Selah

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Boys' Home Update

My name is Tyler Meares. I'm sixteen years old, and I'm from Mullins, South Carolina. I vaguely remember attending church when I was about 3 – 5 years old, and then my family just stopped going. It wasn't until I was about 12 or 13 that I realized my parents had developed a severe drinking problem. The fact that my parents were alcoholics really affected me in school, eventually triggering the "I don't care, I'm going to do what I want to do, and nobody's going to stop me" mentality. I started hanging around the wrong crowd and getting into trouble. I started selling and condoning marijuana, and, worst of all, I continually blasphemed the Lord's name and thought nothing of it.

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DSS became involved in my family life, and I started living away from home; I'm thankful that I did not end up in foster care. Looking back, God gave me many opportunities to get my life right. I was staying with a family that attended a Church of God regularly, but I was always reluctant to go. One of my best friends talked me into going to youth group a few times, but I still denied Christ. Later, I started dating a girl who was a Christian; I went to youth group with her all the time — for her, not for God.

Finally, all the sin caught up with me. My uncle told me about Victorious Valley, and I immediately dismissed the idea. I was extremely reluctant about coming here, but I had no choice. After two months of being here, I started to actually en-

joy going to church and reading the Bible. On January 22, after two months of conviction, I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. Bro. David showed me John 3: 16, probably one of the most important and well-known verses in the Bible; I prayed a simple prayer, asked God into my heart, believed on his name, and I was saved.

Before I came here, if you had handed me a Bible, I wouldn't have been able to find Genesis. Now I do everything I can to study God's Word. When I first got here, I was extremely homesick. One day I was reading Philippians, and I stumbled across this verse: "Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content,"(Phil 4:11). I realized that it was God's will for me to be here, and that no matter where I am or what I am going through, Jesus is always there to help me be content. I thank the Lord for having mercy on me. If he had not put me here, I don't know where I'd be, or what I'd be doing right now.

- Tyler

Girls' Home Update



Key! My name is Taylor Pittman. I'm fifteen years old, and I'm from Pickens, South Carolina. I've been in the home now for seven months, and it has probably been the best seven months of my life.

Growing up, I loved my freedom and hated always having to abide by rules, so I got very bitter and angry toward my family. I was very miserable inside, so, for my comfort, I went to the world.

I became more and more consumed with myself and with what I wanted. I spent my whole freshman year in high school partying. Drinking and doing drugs became a casual thing for me. I had thousands of friends and a very popular reputation. I thought I had it all, but in all actuality, I had nothing of value.

In the beginning of my sophomore year, my parents couldn't handle me anymore, so they made a placement call to Victorious Valley. Two weeks later, I was here. My first week at the home I was very angry, but God put me under very heavy conviction.

On Wednesday, September 14, 2011, Brother Bo Moses preached on "Hell-Fire" at our church, but I wouldn't go to the altar because of my pride. God wasn't through with me, though. That night, God awoke me from sleep and gave me a very vivid mental picture of what he did for me on Calvary. I jumped out of bed, and, before my feet could hit the floor, I was choked with sobs. Right there in my bedroom I dropped to my knees, face to the floor, and ask God to save my soul. And you know what? He did!

I thank Jesus for what He's done for me, and how He has changed my life. It's amazing to think that He would take a life as messed up as I was, and make something beautiful out of it. If it wasn't for Him, I don't know where I would be.

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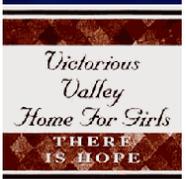
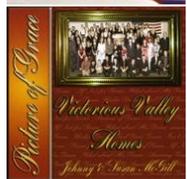
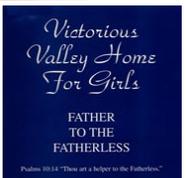
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