

Victorious Valley Homes

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PASTOR'S UPDATE -

Greetings Friends,

This summer has started off to be a hot one indeed. Thank the Lord for Air Conditioning.

On a more serious note, we have some praise reports to tell you about. First of all, we want to thank the Lord for the wonderful Jubilee Meeting in June. Our preachers included: Bro. Alfred Willis, Bro. John Morgan, Bro. Matthew Morgan, Bro. Jimmy Milsaps, Bro. Bobby Laws, and Bro. Steve Coldiron. We had a wonderful day in the Lord and 2 got saved. Praise the Lord He's still in the soul-saving business!



We also want to thank Lakeside Baptist Church of Clearwater, SC for the great blessing they have been to this ministry. They brought about 22 men to the home to do some work around the property. They painted the church, put down hardwood flooring, put up new basketball goals, helped hang drywall, and worked on our AC units. They also bought some new desks for our Learning Center and are planning to install them around the 16th of this month. Do remember their Pastor, Bro. Tad Marshall, as he recently lost his wife.

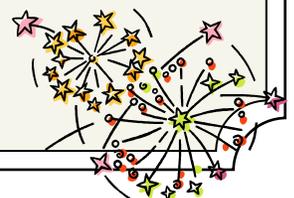
I also would like to thank all of those that have continued to pray over and support this ministry even in this difficult economy. I assure you your sacrifice is not in vain. God is still working in the lives of these teenagers, and I trust He will continue to work for many more years to come.

I love and pray that all of you have a blessed and most prosperous summer, and remember to keep looking up.

Love in Christ,

The Casey Family: Jason, Nikki, Roby, Coleman, and Selah

**"It is when people forget God that tyrants forge their chains."
 - Patrick Henry**



BOYS HOME TESTIMONY -



My name is Seth Mills, and I'm from Hagerstown, Maryland. I've been in the boy's home for just a little over a month. At home, I was miserable. From about age 11, DSS was heavily involved in my life. It was not the life that I wanted, I just thought that I did at the time because I was having fun doing my own things. The bad thing was that I thought what I was doing was OK, but boy did the Devil have me deceived.

I didn't know what to do with my life, but God had a plan for me that I didn't even know about. I was terribly wrapped up in my sin and everything I was doing. I had a terrible hurt in my heart because I didn't have a father in my life. He was alive, but I wasn't allowed to see him. Every time I had the opportunity to see him I would take advantage of it because I love my dad. What really broke my heart was that he would turn down every opportunity to see me. I became so depressed with that situation that I tried everything I could to escape the mental pain—even hurting myself physically, but it didn't help at all.

I lived with my Grandmother and showed horrible feelings toward her when, as I see it now, she was only trying to help me. I would cuss at her day and night when I thought she was keeping me from my dad. She was only protecting me because she knew he would only hurt me. I didn't see it at the time. I thought she was just trying to keep me from my father because she hated me.

In the end, I know she really loves and cares for me. That is why she sent me to Victorious Valley to get the help I need. I got saved on Friday, June 14th during the all day Jubilee. The preacher was having a time of invitation and simply said, "If you're not saved today, just slip your hand up." I knew I wasn't right in my heart, and I knew I couldn't make it through my life on my own any more — I needed Jesus Christ. That day, I could just feel the Holy Spirit urging me to go to the altar and pray and ask for forgiveness. My flesh said, "No," but the Holy Spirit kept egging me on.

Finally, I went up to the altar and started praying. Bro. Bobby Laws came up beside me and asked me, "What's wrong?" I told him what was going on, and he asked, "If you were to die right now, do you know you would go to Heaven?" I said, "I have No Idea." He prayed for me, then I prayed out loud and asked God for forgiveness. That moment I could just feel a thousand pounds lift off my shoulders. I knew I got saved by the wonderful grace of God.

I have a new love for my family and they can expect to see a new boy next time they see me. Here I was a 13 year old boy going to Hell, but I'm not anymore! I now understand God has a plan for my life, and He loves me more than anybody else ever could. I am excited to see my Father in Heaven and live a wonderful and everlasting life with my family in Heaven.

Psalms 18:2
Seth Mills

"It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For this very reason people of other faiths have been afforded asylum, prosperity, and freedom of worship here."

- Patrick Henry



Happy 236th Birthday, America!

GIRLS HOME TESTIMONY -

Hi, my name is Micaela. I'm 15 years old, and I've been in the Home for a year and two months.

Before I came into the Home, I was extremely depressed. I had been taken away from my family at least four times, maybe five, because of the bad choices I had made. When I moved from New York, I went to live with my "grandparents" in Florida. Between the ages of 12 and 13, I started to do things my own way, and not care about anyone or anything except myself and a few friends.

After having gone so far, I plainly didn't care about pretty much anything. If anyone got in my way, they would get hurt, and I didn't care. I would walk away and act like I didn't do anything wrong.

At the early age of 14, I felt like I was alone, and that nobody cared about me. I had been in church for about 6 years, so I knew a lot about the Bible. I said a couple of prayers, but I didn't mean any of them; I just wanted people to notice me and love me.

On May 23rd, I came into the Home, kind of scared, but feeling more like an outcast than anything else. A couple months after my arrival, God had put me under conviction for about a week or two. One Thursday night, Bro. Jason told us to go to the hill with the flagpole and pray. One of the girls came over to me and started to ask me questions. One of the questions was, "Are you saved?" After a few moments of silence, I shook my head. "No"

Ms Sarah and the rest of the girls told me "It will be the best thing you've ever done." "You won't feel alone anymore," and so on and so forth.

I finally gave in. I asked Jesus to come into my heart and be my Savior, and He did! Not only that, but He has filled the emptiness that was in my heart and has become my best Friend. I love Him so much, and I want to serve Him the rest of my life!

Micaela

"In my view, the Christian religion is the most important and one of the first things in which all children, under a free government, ought to be instructed. . . No truth is more evident to my mind than that the Christian religion must be the basis of any government intended to secure the rights and privileges of a free people."

- Noak Webster



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Left to Right: Japhia Rugh, Adam Brown,
William Moody, Chara Rictor, Kora Carlock,
Coleman Casey—Kindergarten (Down in Front)

**"Education is useess without the Bible"
- Noah Webster**

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