



U-Turn For Christ New Jersey



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Ministry Update – January 2016

At the start of this year, I was spending time one morning with the Lord asking Him to make His plans clear for the ministry. I had also been looking over budgets, insurance costs, food costs, fuel, utilities, etc. and to be honest my heart had gotten a little overwhelmed. I cried out to the Lord that morning, reminding Him, "*Lord, this is YOUR ministry, if you want it to continue, you will have to provide.*" After I prayed, I felt a sense of peace.

About 30 minutes later my phone rang. It was a woman who told me that her boss asked her to call me to see if we could use any food. He had heard about the ministry through his church in Pennsylvania and wondered if we could use help. He owned a trucking company and asked if one of his drivers could drop by the next morning with the food. Of course I agreed!

Much to my surprise, the next day the truck showed up and the driver began unloading pallets of food. We received dozens of hams, fresh vegetables, Greek yogurt, and a whole lot more. Over 4,000 pounds of food was delivered in total. It was then that I said, "Okay Lord, I will trust you!"

Since then, we received a few more deliveries from our friend in Pennsylvania—Thank You Jesus! As a matter of fact, we had so much food that we decided to take our excess and bless other ministries and food banks in the area. Through meeting this need the Lord has encouraged us all and reminded this lowly pastor that He has many ways to provide for His ministry. I just need to keep my eyes on Him.

"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Jesus Christ to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." - Ephesians 3:20-21

God bless,
Pastor Kevin

Pastor's Heart

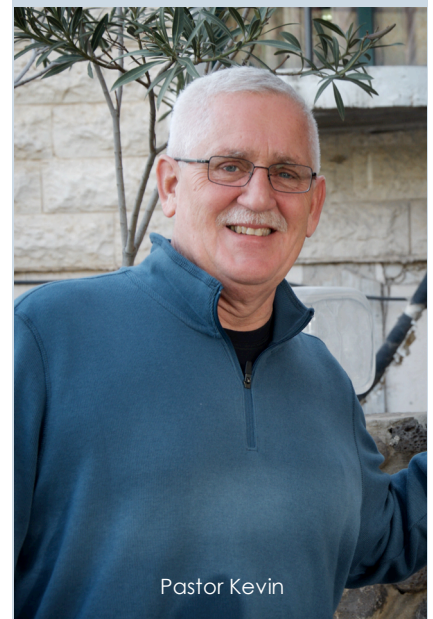
One of the Scriptures the Lord has given me for the ministry of U-Turn for Christ NJ is Isaiah 58:12. This verse reminds me that wherever there is a life in ruin, He desires to bring restoration.

Whenever I sit with an addict who wants help, I look him or her in the eye and share the story of how Jesus restores lives. I promise them that if they are willing, God is able to restore their lives too.

Jesus is the Repairer of the Breach and the Restorer of Streets to Dwell In. And He loves to rebuild the old waste places in all our lives.

"Those from among you shall build the old waste places; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; and you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach, The Restorer of Streets to Dwell In."

– Isaiah 58:12



Pastor Kevin

Tim Kinney - Testimony



Drugs first became an issue in my life in the 7th grade. I suffered from migraines and the doctor prescribed Tylenol with Codeine. I took them every day. They made me feel good. I began sneaking beer then too. By 8th grade I was buying pills on the street and stealing them from my parents. I soon began smoking weed and by my freshman year of high school I was in full party mode. At 18, I was into "Roxys" pretty hard, and by the time I was 24 I was having suicidal thoughts. My mom was desperately trying to get me to come to church. I went once and even said the "sinner's prayer," but I was so high I barely remember it. After that everything spiraled out of control until I found myself in a detox trying to kick heroin.

I celebrated my 27th birthday at the Salvation Army in Newark. That is when I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. After graduation, I began attending Cornerstone Calvary Chapel with my family. But it wasn't long before I was hooked on heroin again. At a home group I attended occasionally, I heard about U-Turn for Christ NJ. I wasn't ready to go then, but when my life finally came crashing down around me, I called my friend and entered U-Turn.

I am sharing my story to give God the glory. With His help, I finally kicked dope. By fully surrendering to Him, He got me through the sickness. By learning to follow Jesus and do what's right each day, my life has changed. I no longer live to please man, and to fulfill my own desires; I live to please God, and let Him fulfill His desires for my life. The greatest blessing of all is having joy in my life today. Drugs had stolen that from me but Jesus restored it. I no longer want to end my life; I want to live it for Him. I'm so grateful to God for using the U-Turn ministry to help me find freedom from addiction, and for teaching me that true restoration is more than just stopping drugs, it's about choosing to say no to sin and yes to Jesus, every day.

I am so amazed how the Lord has blessed me. I am rebuilding trust with my family and those around me. I am being trained in ministry, the pastors at my church even trust me enough to allow me to serve at the info counter each weekend. I so am grateful to the Lord for delivering me from the bondage I lived in most of my life. I am excited for what He has ahead for me as I continue to walk with Him.

Ways U Can Get Involved

If you would like to come alongside this ministry there are three important ways you can help.

First and foremost we ask that you would **pray** for the lives of the men we are ministering to, and for their families. PRAYER CHANGES THINGS!

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you" - John 7:7

Another way you can help is through **financial support**. U-Turn for Christ is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. We receive no outside funding and rely totally on donations. If you'd like to support us financially, you can send a tax-deductible donation to: U-Turn for Christ NJ, PO Box 286, Allenhurst, NJ 07711.

"The generous soul will be made rich" - Proverbs 11:25

Finally, **let us help you!** If we can come alongside you or someone you love who is struggling with addiction, **please call us**. We are here to offer the help and hope that is found in Jesus Christ. That is what we do!

"Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted" - Galatians 6:1

Praise & Prayer

January Praise Reports

- An abundance of food provisions.
- P's cancelled probation
- T's ability to work and serve at church.
- EJ's acceptance into Patmos School of Ministry

February Prayer Requests

- Chaplain Kenny and his family
- Jayne's continued healing
- J's court hearing. Pray the judge would have favor on his request.
- A new ministry van.
- Pray the men would grow closer to Jesus and find freedom from the bondage of addiction in Christ.

THANK YOU JESUS

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