



# U-Turn For Christ New Jersey



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## Ministry Update – March 2016

One of the greatest examples Jesus gave to us is that of being a servant. He said, “I am among you as the One who serves (Luke 22:27). That is why serving plays such an important role in the ministry of U-Turn for Christ. By the time the men come to us, most of them realize that living for self has destroyed their lives, so learning to serve others is a key component in helping them to restore their lives and rebuild their relationships.

Every day the men serve one another by sharing responsibilities around the home. This month they also worked hard breaking ground for a new vegetable garden that will provide fresh food in the months ahead. We also had many opportunities to partner with local ministries and Christian-owned businesses on a variety of service projects this month. This is one of the most powerful ways to teach the men what it means to give their lives away. As they work together helping meet the needs of others they are not only building friendships with godly men, but they are learning from them what it means to be men of integrity. We are grateful to those at Cornerstone Calvary Chapel, Allenwood Bible Church, Branning Auto, New Monmouth Baptist Church, and the Broken Loaves Ministry of Calvary Chapel Old Bridge, who have co-labored with us in the ministry.

God Bless,  
Pastor Kevin



### Pastor's Heart

Every week broken men come through our door—some have walked away from the Lord, others have never known Him. Most are desperate for change. It is our privilege to point them ALL to the saving grace of Jesus Christ and show them a more excellent way.

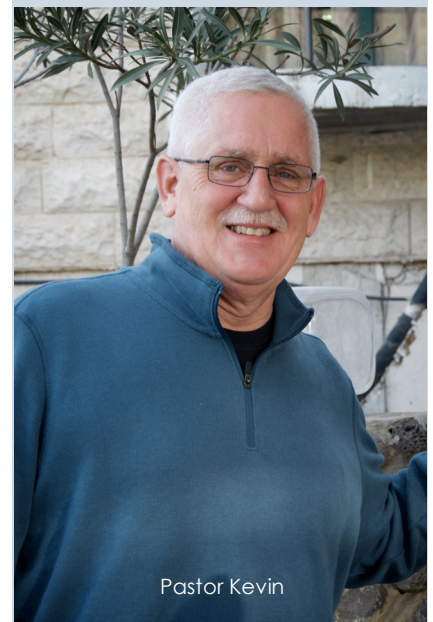
There's no benefit in focusing on the past or talking about how much dope or alcohol we consumed. It's obvious that every one in the ministry has a substance abuse problem. Instead we focus on the new life that can be theirs if they surrender to Jesus Christ.

Our hope is that every man will have a victorious life in Christ. That is why we do this ministry! We know in Him, old things have passed away and all things have become new.

When I read 2 Corinthians 5:17, I am reminded of the MANY new creations I have seen in this place. **It doesn't get any better than this!**

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."*

—2 Corinthians 5:17



Pastor Kevin

## Jeff Corragio - Testimony



I didn't have a problem with drugs until a few years after I graduated high school. It began when I was prescribed painkillers for a back injury and before long I became addicted to them. That is when my life spiraled out of control.

When the pills became too expensive I started using heroin, because it was cheaper. But that "cheap" alternative to pills soon became a heroin addiction that cost me everything—my job, my car, and my family.

Once all my money ran out I started robbing houses in order to feed my addiction. Eventually I got arrested and wound up in jail. That is where I heard about U-Turn for Christ. I was not a Christian, but anything that would get me out of jail was worth a try. So after a few months in prison, I was released into the U-Turn for Christ program in New Jersey.

In U-Turn I met men who were faced with similar challenges as I was dealing with, but they were handling them very differently. They had a peace in their lives that I didn't understand, but it was something I knew that I wanted and needed. Since I accepted Christ into my life, things are getting better. I still have to deal with the messy consequences of my past, but I now have that "peace" and I am handling everything differently.

The Lord has blessed me more than I could have imagined. I graduated from Phase 1 and Phase 2, and have elected to stay on in the ministry. I have a job and have begun to pay back what I owe, and make restitution for my past actions. I have also been able to reconcile with my family and they are beginning to trust me again. I was recently able to buy a car and now I can visit my son whenever I am able. With the Lord's help I am hoping to become the hero that he already thinks I am.

One of the hardest things has been the loss of my marriage. I continue to ask the Lord to heal my wife from the hurt I caused her, and that one day she may be able to forgive me. I also have many legal challenges ahead, but I know, as I trust Jesus He will continue to give me that "peace that surpasses understanding."

## 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

#### Praise Reports

- P's salvation
- V's graduation from phase 1.
- C prepare to graduate and find employment
- New garden and for the fruit that will come of it
- Provisions for March's bills

#### Prayer Requests

- J's court hearing
- EJ as he continues in Patmos
- Restoration of marriages
- The men would grow closer to Jesus & find freedom from the bondage of addiction in Christ.
- Those graduating in April would find employment.
- A new ministry van
- Provision for April's bills

### THANK YOU JESUS

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