



U-Turn For Christ New Jersey

Freedom from Addiction through Christ



U-Turn For Christ New Jersey Men's Ranch

We were blessed to see so many of our friends at the U-Turn Independence Day pig roast. Thank you so much for celebrating with us. Words cannot express how encouraged we were so we are sharing a few pictures below. There are more on our website.

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Pastor's Heart

When we came together as a family of believers over the July 4th weekend, we gave thanks for those who sacrifice for our liberty and prayed for our nation. Today, it seems we can't open a newspaper or turn on a news channel without witnessing tragedy first hand. As we gathered I was also pondering the freedom that we have as believers in Jesus Christ. That freedom came at a great price. By the blood that was shed on the cross at Calvary we are forgiven and set free. As the men of U-Turn for Christ NJ continue seeking that freedom through Jesus Christ, I am reminded of Galatians 5:1:

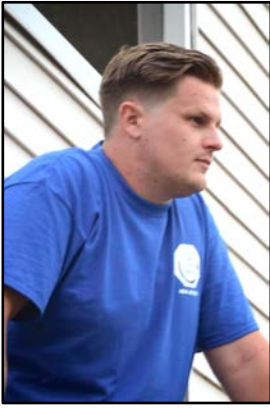
"Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage"

Please stand fast with us as we minister to the men God has entrusted to us. Pray they will not get entangled again with a yoke of bondage. Please also pray for our country and for those who continue to fight for the freedom we have today to openly proclaim the name of Jesus Christ. Let us not take the liberty we have for granted.



Pastor Kevin

Shane Rose - Testimony



When I was a freshman in high school my parents went through a very nasty divorce – it was bad, it destroyed me. It put me on a self-destructive path. I rebelled. I acted out all the time, and eventually began experimenting with drugs. I didn't care about school or my future. I was angry, and the hatred I developed towards my mother became so intense I stopped talking to her. That silence lasted twelve years. But something my grandmother said during those days stayed with me. She said, "Shane, you need God in your life." I had no idea what that meant. I thought my grandmother was a little crazy, but I never forgot her words.

I graduated from high school by the skin of my teeth and showed up at graduation wasted on drugs. Soon after graduation, I moved to Toms River to live with my father. I got a job in sales at a local mall, and quickly discovered that I made more sales when I was high. The more I sold the more drugs I bought. It was a viscous cycle. Eventually I lost that job. At my next job I met a coworker who liked the same drugs as me. We were a toxic duo. Eventually, he went into a drug rehab. I didn't pay much attention to where he went. I didn't care. I was still going strong. I wasn't broken.... yet.

About a year later my father and his new wife asked me to get out for the last time. That is what finally broke me. I had lost everything. I had no home, money, friends or family. I knew I needed help. My boss contacted the coworker who went to rehab and asked him to talk to me. That is when I came to U-Turn for Christ NJ.

About two weeks into the program I was having a conversation with Brad, one of the second phase men. As we talked I saw God's love and power in his life. It was so amazing that I told him I wanted to be saved. That is when my life began to turn around. I was raised Catholic, but I never had a relationship with God. Today, He is my loving, forgiving, and gracious Savior. Since I've been at U-Turn, Jesus has also brought restoration and healing into every area of my life. I was able to forgive my mother and today we have a great relationship. My father and stepmother trust me again and we spend a lot of time together and talk about the bible. My sister and brother-in-law even ask me to baby-sit my niece. I have a good job, and now I get many opportunities to share the love of God with the new guys who are coming into U-Turn, the same way that Brad shared with me. None of this change would have been possible without Christ in my life. Today I know that the simple words my grandmother told me a long time ago are true, "Shane, you need God in your life!" He is the only One who makes all things possible.

*"With men this is impossible,
but with God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26)*

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 donate safely online at www.uturn4ChristNJ.com or send a check 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

- R. & S., graduates
- July 3 fellowship
- J's marriage being restored!!
- Food donations
- June graduates all found jobs
- Provisions for last month's bills

Prayer Requests

- S., wife's pregnancy
- R., upcoming court issues
- J., court issues to be settled
- New men coming into house
- All find freedom from addiction.
- Restoration of marriages
- Work for July graduates
- A new ministry vehicle
- Graduates stay strong w/Lord & a part of ministry
- Provision for July's bills

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