



U-Turn For Christ New Jersey

Freedom from Addiction through Christ



U-Turn For Christ New Jersey Men's Ranch

We were greatly encouraged by a visit from Pastor Gerry Brown and his wife Peggy!

Pastor's Heart

Prayer is the power behind this ministry. We begin and end every day on our knees. Over the years, I have seen God do amazing works in the lives of many, in answer to prayer. It is not our strength or our wisdom that accomplished these things; it is the power of God.

"Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit," says the Lord of Hosts. Zechariah 4:6

That is why the phrase "Prayer Changes Things" is at the heart of this ministry. Without prayer U-Turn would be just another program. But because of prayer, we are seeing chains being broken and lives set free.

One of our goals is to teach the men the importance of developing strong prayer lives. By becoming men of prayer they are learning how to lean on the Lord in all things and their lives are being dramatically changed. Families are restored, relationships are reconciled, and Jesus is glorified.

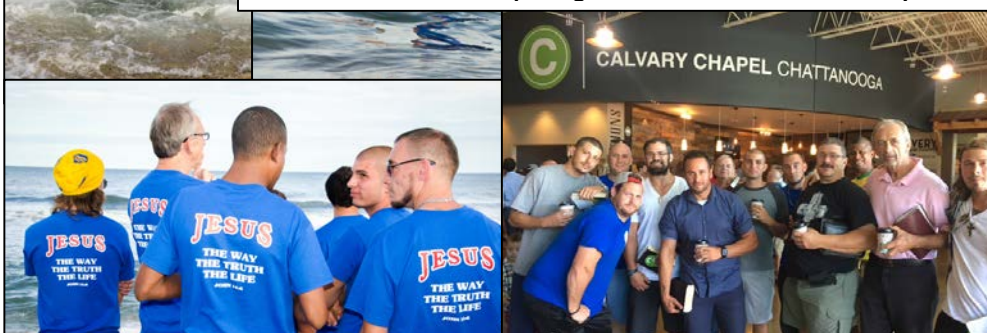
Thank you for joining us in praying for the men and the ministry of U-Turn for Christ NJ.

The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

- James 5:15



Pastor Kevin & Josh baptizing one of the men at the Jersey shore



Josh, EJ, Rob & the 1st phase U-Turn men traveling to Baton Rouge, LA this week to minister to those who lost their homes.



Pastor Kevin

James Aiello - Testimony



I grew up in a Catholic home and was taught to believe in Jesus Christ from a young age. As a child I thought that if I was good enough, and did the right thing, I would go to heaven—that was my ticket. It wasn't until I came to U-Turn for Christ NJ that my relationship with Christ began to grow and I learned what it means to have a personal relationship with Jesus.

I have a large family: father, mother, brother, two sisters, and lots of aunts, uncles, and cousins. My father and his brothers started a family business together "Aiello Brothers Cheese" and I always knew that one day I would be a part of that business. When I was a junior in high school I met the love of my life, Kristina Bieli. Kristina was my high school sweetheart, so when she died in a tragic car accident three years after we met, my life spun out of control. I completely gave up on the Lord—I could not believe in a God who would allow such a tragedy to happen.

My life was shattered and I couldn't put the pieces back together, so I turned to drugs and alcohol to numb the pain.

It wasn't long before drugs took over my life and I began to push everyone who loved me away. I even turned my back on my family (although they never turned their backs on me). I struggled with the sin of addiction for six years. During that time I went in and out of a number of different rehabs, always wanting to change but never actually being able to do so.

When I came to U-Turn in March 2016, my plan was to stay for two months and complete first phase. After that I was going to go back to my father and beg him for my job in the family business. But as my relationship with the Lord grew I had a change of heart and decided to stay for another six months in second phase. I also decided to get a new job. These were both humbling decisions for me, but since I made them I have started to see real change happening in my life.

When I gave my heart to the Lord in U-Turn, His peace came over me. Since then I have been growing in my faith and getting deeper into His word. I realize that there's so much that I don't understand, but every day I thank God for opening my eyes and for giving me the assurance, through prayer, that my life is in His hands.

I thank Jesus every day for this house. It is here that I accepted the Lord's forgiveness and a man who was once dead came to life in Christ! The Lord has also brought healing to my heart and restoration to my family. I can't believe that after so many years of hurting them they still love me.

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

- James 4:10

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

- Abundant food donations. Men used extras to minister to a Haitian community & to the women of Barbara's Place at America's Keswick.
- Provisions for last month's bills.

Prayer Requests

- Judge finds favor with JC's restitution
- J's physical therapy.
- Healthy pregnancy for S's wife
- God would use the men of U-Turn in Baton Rouge, LA for His glory. Safety on the road
- Van for the ministry
- The men would grow strong in their walk with the Lord.
- Victory over the sin of addiction for all the men.
- Provisions for this month's bills

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