



# U-Turn For Christ New Jersey

*Freedom from Addiction through Christ*



U-Turn For Christ New Jersey Men's Ranch

## Ministry Update

The greatest struggle every addict has in his or her battle to overcome the sin of addiction comes from within. Years spent yielding to destructive habits, and rationalizing away the consequences of those choices, has cost them everything. They've hurt loved ones, severed relationships, and destroyed every good thing in their lives, all to maintain a deadly addiction. Regardless of the circumstance that brings a man to us for help, they all tell a similar story—they cannot find freedom from addiction. The world calls this a disease, but the Bible calls it sin. A person doesn't wake up one morning and discover they are addicted to drugs or alcohol. It is a life they willfully choose, one day at a time. It is my prayer that every man who comes into U-Turn for Christ NJ will wake up one morning and realize the destructive hold sin has had over his life, and how, with God's help, he can willfully chose not to live that life one more day!

I know how difficult it is to overcome a life of addiction, because it was a battle I struggled with for far too long myself. As a young man, I never believed a little fun with my friends on the weekend could destroy my life, but it did. Partying helped me forget my troubles for a little while, but eventually it became the greatest problem of all; one that I was told had no cure. I tried many times to free myself from its death grip, but each time I was left more hopeless and fearful. It wasn't until I hit bottom and surrendered my heart to Jesus Christ that I found the power to change. As I began living my life yielded to the Holy Spirit, instead of myself, I discovered true victory over the sin of addiction, and was finally set free.

I know it was the faithful prayers of others that made the difference in my life, and it is my prayer today that each of the men in U-Turn will experience that same freedom in their lives as well. Below is our current roster; I ask that you would commit to becoming a prayer warrior for these men this month. I firmly believe every victory we win, in 2017, will be won, together, on our knees.

God Bless,  
Pastor Kevin

**Prayer Changes Things, because it changes us!**

## Pastor's Heart

Charles Spurgeon wrote, "I would rather teach one man to pray than ten men to preach."

As I look forward to what the Lord will do in the ministry this year, I know that prayer is essential. This month I have been sharing my heart with the men on the necessity of developing a strong prayer life. I want them to understand the importance of prayer in ALL things, big and small. This ministry has been built on prayer. Prayer Changes Things!

There is nothing we need to do more than to pray. The Holy Spirit uses men and women who pray. He does not flow through methods, but through people. He does not dwell in machinery, but in people. He does not anoint plans, but godly people.

The greatest advice I can give anyone who wants to have an effective prayer life is to guard their time in prayer. Satan knows the power of prayer, and will do anything to keep us from praying. Don't let him get that victory today!

*When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ...And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.*

—Acts 2:1-5



Pastor Kevin

# Ministry Prayer Roster



Robbie – Assistant Overseer  
Prayer Request: Perseverance



Shane – 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase Overseer  
Prayer Request: Continued faithfulness to the Lord and in his relationship with M.

## Phase 2 Prayer Requests (Completing Six-month commitment)



Joe - Healing in relationships with family; favor with courts and legal issues.



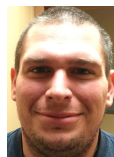
Josh - Faithfulness



Victor – Perseverance; legal issues



Austin - Continued maturity in the Lord; missing his family in Louisiana.



Adam – New job; continued growth in the Lord.

## Phase 1 Prayer Requests (Completing Two-month commitment)



Ted – Restoration of marriage



Paul I – Anxiety, legal issues, family issues



Paul F – Salvation



Antwon – Kids & family



Doug – Peace of mind & total surrender

## 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

- A's graduation and job
- Abundant food donations
- Opportunities to minister to and serve others
- Provisions for last month's bills

### Prayer Requests

- Unity and accountability
- V's upcoming court date
- Healing for Elisha's back
- The men would grow closer to Jesus & find freedom from the bondage of addiction in Christ.
- Those graduating in February would remain strong and be able to find employment.
- Provision for this month's bills

## THANK YOU JESUS

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