

Rescued

*Call upon me in the day of trouble; I shall rescue you,
and you will honor me. Psalm 50:15*

We hope you will be blessed by the testimonies of the men who just graduated our Regeneration Program, being mindful that each one of you have played a vital part in their transformation process. Our needs continue to be met through God's faithful provision. Each of you, our loyal supporters and prayer warriors, are being used by God to meet these needs. We thank you for the selfless sacrifices that you choose to make in support of this work. It is a privilege to be able to report to you that with God in control all of our bills are paid and we have no debt. We praise Him for this blessing and the good work He is doing here at Dunklin. Thank you and God bless each of you. *Agel & Munn*

I arrived at Dunklin on October 2, 2012, lost, afraid, and in need of some serious help. Not long before, a crisis fueled by my addiction, brought my life to standstill. My family was finished with me and I no longer had a home to return to or a place to sleep at night. Before coming here I always believed in God, but He was only a concept. His presence was not a reality. Then I came to Dunklin and God revealed Himself to me in a number of ways. My values, morals, and perspective on life began to change. Family came back into my life. Character, discipline, and integrity were instilled within me. The growth that I've experience in the ten months of being here can only be explained through God. I came here a boy and I'm leaving here a man. *Mike Grogan*



I am 32 years old and I'm from Belle Glade, FL. Prior to coming to Dunklin, I struggled with addiction to drugs and alcohol for about 15 years. I have had periods of sobriety, but I've never stayed clean for any significant length of time. It seemed like no matter what I did, I could never fill the emptiness I had within. I'd put a lot of time and effort into trying to fill that emptiness with drugs, and I had dragged my family through the mud in this process of constantly looking to feel good. Now, after going through the program, I have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and everyone in my family also has a relationship with Him. Today my family is heading in a completely different direction from the one I was leading them in before. I'm proud to say I'm looking forward to a life of so much more than mere sobriety. I'm looking forward to an abundant, fulfilling life of leading my family closer to the Lord. Thank You God, for bringing me to Dunklin and setting me apart from the everyday distractions of the world in order for me to build a relationship with You so I can truly start living life the way You intended me to live. *Mitch Congleton*

Before I arrived at Dunklin my life was a complete disaster. I had lost everything. My drug and alcohol abuse hurt everyone in my family including my two sons, Garret and Aiden. I was so far from God and cared for nothing but myself. My marriage was in jeopardy, and I found out while I was in the program that I had had another son, Luke. I had completely lost hope. The guilt and shame I carried for how I had turned out was killing me. For so long I had believed the lies that I was worthless. In my darkest hour I cried out to God to reveal Himself to me, to show me something. Two months later I arrived at Dunklin and He revealed himself to me in a mighty way. I surrendered my life to Him and now I have hope and a purpose. I'm no longer living in bondage but in freedom. Because of my obedience to Him, He has brought my family closer than ever. Through my experience at Dunklin the Lord showed me that I am beyond worthy. I can finally be the godly father that I so desire to be. My life will not be the same again. Titus 3:7 *Micah Throckmorton*



I come from a lifetime addiction of selfishness. My wants were priority number one, regardless of who that meant I had to step on. Since a very young age I have felt insecure with who I am, and never believed I was good enough to receive positives in life. Because of this belief system, I became a self-mutilator as a way to cope with the inner pain that I felt but could not express. After a few years of that abuse, I turned to drugs as a way to control how and when I felt in order to stay high rather than low like I had for so long. After two years of drug abuse, the Lord apprehended me from the devastation I was headed in and brought me to Dunklin. In those two short years I became increasingly insecure, emotionally unstable and very suicidal. In my time here Jesus has guided me through all of the hurts and pains that fueled my destructive, self-serving ways and has brought healing to me. I now feel not only comfortable but confident in my own skin, and that is only through my personal relationship with Jesus Christ. I no longer desire to be self-gratifying but instead want to serve others and share the same goodness that has been so pivotal in my life. *Luke Romig*

I'm 21 years old and I come from a seven year addiction to drugs. I grew up in a Christian home, went to church and to a Christian private school. My parents have always been there for me and loved me, and I had a good relationship with both my brother and sister. I had a very good life. When I was 15 years old I got beat up late one night at my high school and that was the first day I felt the world came crashing in around me. I felt lost and as though God had left me there to fend for myself. Soon after, I stopped going to church, I pushed my family away, and began turning to drugs. Over the next seven years I abandoned my family and ran my life into the ground. I spent my time getting high, stealing, and doing whatever it took to get what I wanted. I was in the darkest spot I had ever been in my whole life. I was all alone and I wanted to die. One day I sat down with my parents and told them I needed help and I agreed to come to Dunklin. Since coming here I have regained and exceeded my previous relationship with the Lord. I've seen that He's really been with me the whole time, directing my steps to here. My relationship with my family is better than ever. The Lord has put it on my heart to start a ministry of my own someday. I have a brand new life thanks to the Lord and Dunklin. *Stephen Romig*





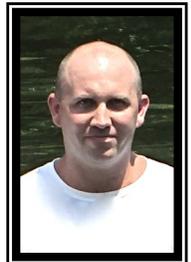
Before I came to Dunklin I found myself in a bad spot, a familiar one. I could not see past my circumstances and truly just felt dead inside. That particular situation I was in was the result of 22 years of drug addiction and serving myself. My life was a disaster because of my actions, and I left my family in the wake of it. Since coming here, the Lord has revealed Himself to me. Today I have a relationship with Him, my family is restored, and I have hope as well as a desire to serve Him. It's that relationship that I now know was missing and is the only thing that can replace what I thought I needed from drugs. Dunklin has done so many things for my family and I'm grateful for it. It's where I fell in love with Jesus. *Charlie St. Germain*

The last two years of my life were horrible. I had the opportunity of a lifetime. I came to the Lord October 7, 2010 and walked through the areas of my life that kept me in bondage for 15 years. My addiction to drugs and alcohol were secondary to my addiction to self. I was like a tornado. Anything in my path was destroyed: family, jobs, home, support groups. I was a graduate of this program but I didn't shed light on areas of my life that needed Jesus. Slowly, but surely, I turned my back on the Lord, forgot about everything He restored and all of the truth He spoke into my life, and took another path. I woke up on October 25, 2012 in ICU, stripped of my parental rights and barely alive. The first thing I said was that I want to come back to Dunklin, and the Lord opened that door. Since then, I've walked through those fears and areas of my life I left in the dark the first time. My fiancée, Margaret, is out of her addiction as well. We've been on individual paths seeking a life that is fruitful and becoming responsible parents. The biblical passage "we reap what we sow" is true. I turned back to the Lord and He has forgiven me and restored my life ten-fold. Today, I have a healthy fear of Jesus and a love for Him that I can't explain. He has used this place and the men here to save my family and my life. Today I have a sense of peace knowing that I don't awake in the mornings wondering who I hurt or what I did the night before. That is only a miracle from God and I am grateful. *Paul Sefhakis*



I come from 15 years of addiction. I was hopeless and dead on the inside. I had given up and landed in ICU for three days right before I came here, but I still thought I could do this on my own. I agreed to come here only because I was going to lose my family if I didn't. At first, I had no hope that I would change. But somewhere along the way I found a true relationship with Jesus Christ and He began to change me. I began to find hope, love and peace I never dreamed was possible to find. I was given a second chance and became alive for the very first time. Today I can feel and I have a hope for my future. I will never be the same and I am excited for what the Lord has for my life. I am forever grateful to Dunklin and to Jesus Christ. *Guiseppe Trupiano*

I am 30 years old and I have been an active addict for the past 14 years, but my life was way off course before that. I started selling drugs before I ever began using them and I saw a lifestyle that I wanted. My mom and step father did not approve of this life, so I found love in the streets and in a gang. I only used my family for what I needed. All of this began around the age of 14 when I dropped out of school and started using weed, meth, coke, and ecstasy pills. It wasn't long after that I was sent to a boys home and when I got out, I picked up right where I left off. I never changed the type of drugs, just the amount I used and how I used them. What did change was how I hurt the people I loved; that got worse and worse. I tried moving but nothing ever changed for me because I never wanted to change. After trips to prison, jails, and rehabs, nothing was working. Then I got news that I was going to be a daddy and even that, plus an awesome job and my loving family back in my life, wasn't good enough. I started living a double life until one night I threw it all away, went on a binge, and two weeks later I was here at Dunklin. Since I have been here God allows me to see my family and my baby girl, Haylee Renee, and the life I have now I never thought was possible. God is so good. *Perry Carver*



On September 30, 2012, I arrived at Dunklin a very angry, bitter, lost little boy that had a "me against the world" mentality. Having been here ten months now, my outlook on life has been completely transformed. Today I no longer find my identity in how others perceive me, but how Jesus Christ sees me. I had a lot of pride and was extremely self-reliant, but through this program, I have built a relationship with the Lord, and I have learned to allow Him to guide my steps. I am very grateful for Dunklin and everyone that has poured into me here. *Brett Passino*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! NEW DATES FOR HOMECOMING

Homecoming is being moved to the Spring. Over the years we have heard the comment from many of our graduates that they would be more available to come if it wasn't so close to Thanksgiving. Thus, we have moved this celebration to a more accommodating time of year. We hope to see all of you here. The dates will be February 28th - March 2nd, 2014

Ministry Needs ~ We need your prayers daily!

- Sponsors for men in the program and for men and families in SLT
- Monthly donations - Donations of musical instruments
- Donations of any working vehicles, golf carts, 4-wheelers, etc.

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