



**U-TURN
FOR CHRIST**

**LIVES CHANGED
FAMILIES RESTORED
COMMUNITIES STRENGTHENED**

EDITION

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PASTOR'S NOTES

“...but declared first to those in Damascus and in Jerusalem, and throughout all the region of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance.” (Acts 26:20)

Notice Paul’s stand here in light of who he is talking to. This man seemingly had the power to take Paul’s life, but Paul speaks out the gospel message to him. If you are going to be a man or woman of God, then you have to be willing to step out and share the truth of God’s Word.

I know there are a lot of churches that are excited about the ecumenical movement going on in the church today, but I’m not real excited because I see it as a lot of compromise. Paul would not compromise, he called for people to **“repent of their sins”** just as Jesus taught, and we at U-Turn For Christ are given to the same standard.

I’m not going to tell you that it’s alright for you to stay in that immoral relationship, or that it’s okay to use drugs as long as you don’t use anything harder than pot. Nor am I going to tell you it’s fine to hold a grudge against a person who has sinned against you. What I will tell you is that you need to **“repent”** and get right with God and with man. We need to take Paul’s example and be those that are bold to share the truth of God’s Word. And not just Paul, look at what Jesus said in **Luke 13:3, “I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.”** I pray we would take these examples from the Word and apply them in our lives.



Pastor Gerry Brown

TESTIMONY FOR JESUS



Caleb

Deception- the terrifying thing about the enemy’s most potent weapon is that those deceived are often unaware of it.

That was me, unaware and entirely incapable of fighting for or winning the battle for my mind. I wasn’t bound by drugs, I was bound by the lies that twisted my thinking and drove me further from the Lord. In a desperate state of mind a person (like me), will do desperate things to escape the pain. I just wanted it to stop. What I truly needed was a truth encounter, one that would shine a light on the deception surrounding me so that the truth could begin to renew my mind and set me free. U-Turn For Christ has served as my sanctuary, a safe place to encounter the truth of Jesus Christ.

My journey wasn’t straightforward. Sixteen years ago, I served in the Philippines and married my godly wife, Cris Ann, who also came from U-Turn For Christ Philippines Missions. However, life brought storms that shook my faith, leading me to despair and loss of everything I held dear. For a decade I wrestled with despair, losing my relationships, health, and will to live. In my darkest moment I reached out to the Lord, and He led me back to U-Turn For Christ. There, He renewed my mind with His truth, transforming my anxiety into peace, and depression into joy. He restored my marriage and blessed me with my best friend again.

“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8:38-39)

U-Turn For Christ is a vessel of God in the lives of people like me who Jesus refuses to give up on. This ministry has been God’s instrument in my life bringing me back into a right relationship with Jesus, and I am forever thankful for it and for the people involved.

PHILIPPINES MISSION TRIP 2024



“Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!”

(Psalm 96:3)

We are deeply grateful for the opportunity to share the message of Jesus Christ with people around the world. This fall, our hearts were touched as we traveled to the Philippines with the U-Turn For Christ team, Revival Christian Fellowship, and Calvary Chapel Monrovia. Our mission involved reaching out to those in need—visiting prisons, engaging with the local community, and connecting with students in schools.

Throughout these experiences we witnessed many individuals opening their hearts to the gospel of Christ. We kindly ask for your prayers for the ongoing work in the Philippines, as every bit of support makes a real difference. If you're interested in finding out how you can contribute to this important mission, please don't hesitate to reach out at 951-943-7097.

Opportunities to help us keep the ministry in motion...

- Our greatest need is prayer warriors. Men and women who diligently lift this ministry to the Lord.
- We are in constant need of hygiene products, toothpaste, soap and toilet paper.
- Shovels, rakes, tables, chairs, etc.
- Video cameras, cameras, audio equip.
- We are in need of new vehicles to transport the men and women.

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