

THE GOOD NEWS REPORT

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BILL



Adult & Teen Challenge
PacWest

BILL'S STORY



Bill Malotte began struggling with addiction when he was 18 years old. After getting kicked out of school when he was 16, Bill went working in the tree service as a tree climber. It was here that he was introduced to methamphetamines at 18 and quickly became addicted. This started him on a long journey that God ultimately used to bring thousands of people his story of hope and redemption.

"I quickly became a closet junkie, so when I got married at 20 years old, I was able to hide it for 5 years. Eventually my ex-wife found out and she told me to either give up the drugs or give her and the kids up. I chose the drugs. By the time I turned 36, I had racked up 39 felony convictions and had spent 7 years behind bars. I really believed that I was going to be high for the rest of my life and that I had no other choice." In 2003, Bill turned 36 and was living

in Salem, OR. The police had busted a meth lab he had set up at his house. Bill was at work during the bust, so he moved across town to another house and set up another meth lab that was also busted by the police weeks later. Again, Bill was not present during the bust. After moving out of town and moving back eventually, he called up a former employer of his and got a job back in the tree service.

"On my first day back to work in the tree service, I was dropped off at the worksite and met the guy I was going to be working with that day. As I was getting ready to climb up the tree, he stopped me and asked if it would be okay if he prayed before we began working. He prayed and started telling me how much Jesus loved me and He would meet me wherever I

needed Him to. I thought he was totally crazy and couldn't wait to get away from him."

Two weeks later, Bill got in a high-speed chase with the Marion County Sheriff's Department. He was arrested in connection with the two previous meth labs found at his homes and for the meth lab that was currently in his car. He was taken to jail on 45 felonies, which included 3 class B felonies, adding up to a total possible sentence of 25 years in prison. He was given a court-appointed attorney who worked out a plea for a minimum of 16 years.

"When I got to jail, I told them I wasn't going to participate in anything and just slept for two weeks. I got a letter from that Bible-thumping fruit loop from

the tree service and in the letter he told me that he was praying for me and that I needed to get up every morning and ask God to change me into the image of a son. I didn't know if any of it was truly real but I figured it wouldn't hurt to try."

Days later, Bill came out of his cell and sits down at a table with some of his fellow cell mates for a bible study. One of the inmates handed him a pamphlet for Adult & Teen Challenge. He knew immediately that God was speaking to his heart and told him that he was going to go to Adult & Teen Challenge. Bill thought this was impossible because he had the 16 year plea deal but he believed that if God spoke it, then it would be true.

"God continued to change me in jail, I even got baptized and started reading through the book of Job. I became the fruit loop, I was telling everyone about Jesus! I got a different attorney at one point and I told him that God wants me to go to Teen Challenge. He tried to bargain with the DA for me but the DA was not backing down from my plea agreement so my attorney told me to plea guilty and put it in the judges' hands." A month later, Bill pled guilty to his felonies and was going in for sentencing. After a long discussion with



the judge, Bill's attorney came back to him and told him that he doesn't understand how, but they were going to forego his sentence and let him go to Adult & Teen Challenge with the agreement that he needed to finish the program.

"I signed that agreement knowing 2 Corinthians 5:17. I wasn't worried, I knew I was brand-new in Christ. I attended the Portland campus for the next 3 months then transferred to the Spokane campus where I graduated in 2004. I did an internship and during that completed my schooling to become a licensed pastor in the Assemblies of God. I then worked for Teen Challenge for 6 years."

The program taught Bill how to be a Christian and how to walk out his faith that was new to him. He also learned character qualities and how to enact those in his own life. Proverbs 3:5-7 spoke to him while in the program and he learned wisdom and strength from God's word and fellowship with other believers.

"After I graduated, I met my wife Sherie. After working for Teen Challenge, I ended up going back into the tree service and became the head Chaplin for the Lewis County Jail. I really love going back to campuses across the PNW and sharing my testimony with students. I always tell them that God brought them out of this world for such a time as this."

Bill has moved to Grants Pass, OR and lives there with his wife. He currently owns and operates his own tree service and they are serving in their local church. ✨





ALL THINGS NEW

Alumni Highlight



Kimberly D.
Eugene Campus - 2023

Kimberly was able to take her children to their first ever baseball game.



Layne B.
Spokane Campus - 2008

Layne is now a father to twin 10-year-old daughters, a powerful example of God's redeeming love.



Robert S.
Seattle Metro Campus - 2013

Robert followed God's call and now lives in the Phillipines, where he and his family of 5 have lived for five years.



Kyle R.
Willamette Valley Campus - 1995

Since graduating, Kyle has pastored a church, worked for ATC, and is now Dean of Students at East Linn Christian Schools.

Throughout the Pacific Northwest and beyond, hundreds of alumni from our program have gone on to live new lives in Christ, leaving behind a life of addiction and embracing their newfound identity as children of God. Below, you'll see some of the things that they have been able to do, accomplish, and experience in this new chapter in their life.



Jesse C.
Willamette Valley Campus - 2008

Jesse now has found what he calls a "healthy addiction", and gets to enjoy God's creation in ways that were never possible before.



Dawn M.
Graham Campus - 2013

Dawn leads our alumni network, and now is spreading the good news about the program in Grants Pass, Oregon.



Stacey Lena Kahaleuki S.
Hawaii Womens Campus - 2015

Stacey is now fully present and involved in her son's life, restoring the relationship that addiction sought to destroy.



Collin G.
Willamette Valley Campus - 2022

Collin went on to attend Youth With a Mission at their discipleship training school, and served the Maasai people on mission in Tanzania.

Alumni Highlight

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Emilee D.
Eugene Campus - 2022

Emilee recently celebrated 3 years of sobriety. Praise Jesus!



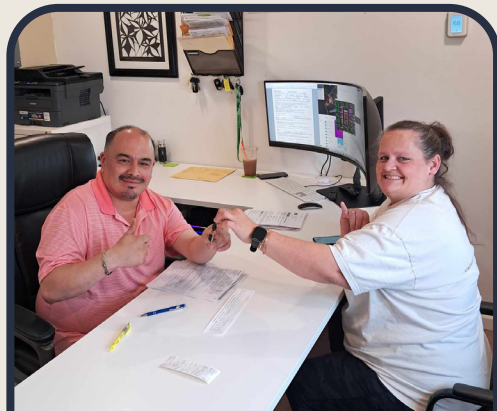
Andrew R.
Portland Metro Campus - 2020

Andrew married the love of his life, and recently welcomed his son, Sawyer, into the world, "the most emotional and impactful moment of [his] life."



Brockman A.
Central Oregon Campus - 2019

After graduating, Brockman met a godly woman and has been blessed with three more daughters.



Jennifer J.
Missoula Campus - 2020

Jennifer bought her first car without a cosigner, a testament to not only her spiritual freedom, but newfound financial freedom as well.



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

It has been a very busy summer across the Adult and Teen Challenge PacWest network of ministries, whether it be graduations, building projects, fundraisers, outreach events and so much more. Your support makes it possible for us to stay focused on the vision of Putting Hope Within Reach Until All Live Free.

Vanessa's testimony is a great example of this year's theme "All Things New". Her past life is just that, her past. With the Lord's help she has found Hope through our ministry and Freedom through Christ. It has been a joy serving alongside her at our Shared Services office and I look forward to what will be accomplished through Vanessa at her new assignment at our Life Renewal Counseling Center.

Teen Challenge Ministry Institute is an effective resource for our graduates and gives them a great opportunity to be equipped through learning and service while living onsite at one of our campuses. Breanne is doing a great job leading this part of our ministry, a ministry that has a huge impact on the overall health and effectiveness of Adult and Teen Challenge PacWest. Many of our TCMI graduates become leaders within our ministry and are making a huge impact through their service.

We really need your financial support this summer. With so much taking place including our recent merger with Hawaii Teen Challenge our budgets are stretched thin and we need your support. I am asking you once again to stand with us as we strive to reach as many as possible with a message of Hope. All gifts made will go directly to helping us fulfill the vision of Putting Hope Within Reach Until All Live Free.

We all appreciate your support and look forward to connecting with you at one of our summer and fall events coming up soon.

May The Lord Richly Bless you and your family.



Chris Hodges
CEO/President



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