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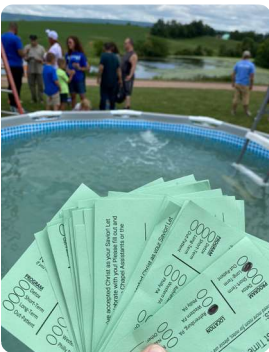
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Kris & Pastor Bradley baptizing
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FROM OUR PRESIDENT...

2021 has been a year marked by uncertainty as people began the process of returning to some of their normal patterns of life. Our nation's economy and job market has experienced significant ups and downs and many people have remained out of work. These difficulties continue to challenge us all, but God has been a source of consistency in the midst of the many trials and tribulations seen throughout our world.

Our vision for 2022 is to help bring *wholeness* to even more individuals and families than ever before. The question I have been asking myself this year surrounds the idea of how would Jesus respond to the drug epidemic?

In Dane Ortlund's book, *Gentle & Lowly*, he addresses a similar question and stated, "The Cumulative testimony of the four Gospels is that when Jesus Christ sees the fallenness of the world all about him, his deepest impulse, his most natural instinct, is to move toward that sin and suffering, not away from it." (Ortlund, 2020) This idea is the driving force behind our desire to serve as we endeavor to move *toward* those struggling with addiction with life-saving services and the message of hope that is found in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Even in the face of the myriad of challenges our world is facing, our supporters have

faithfully invested in the work of the ministry which has enabled us to provide services for thousands of individuals in desperate need of escaping the devastating grip of addiction. Your support continues to strengthen and sustain our Christ-centered, long-term discipleship program. It is what enables us to continue moving *towards* those suffering with addiction with the love and compassion that has been shown to us through Jesus Christ. Thank you!



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Kris J. McFadden, Sr., M.A.R.
President/CEO

THANK YOU! GALA SUCCESS

Our 2021 Charity Gala & Awards Ceremony was a huge success! We raised over **\$125,000** for scholarships which provide the critical recovery care clients need at their moment of crisis.

We want to extend a huge thank you to all our generous sponsors as well as those who donated to our raffle which included A to Z Vacuum, Amish Farm & House, ARCpoint Labs (Al & Annmarie Dalleo), Auntie Anne's, B2 Bistro, Big Bertha's, Brick House Café, Chef Alan's, Dreamland Mattress & Furniture, Dutch Baskets, Gino's Pizzeria, Green Acres Golf, Harley-Davidson, Jen Larsh, Jill Haley, Judy's on Cherry, Kyma Seafood Grille, Lancaster Barnstormers, Lara Koppmann Fine Art, Laura Roberts - Diverse Clean Out Solutions, Laserdome, Myerstown Shed & Fence, Peanut Bar, Pivot Physical Therapy, Plum Creek, Sittler's Golf, Reading Fightin' Phils, Reading Royals, Sneaker Villa, Splitz Pretzel Outlet, Willow Hollow Golf, and Wyomissing Restaurant.



Left to Right: Michael S. Rivera, Kevin S. Barnhardt, Christian Y. Leinbach, Amber Didden, Kris J. McFadden, Sr.

LIVES CHANGED.

God is changing lives! I was amazed at the Lancaster County Community Event, *Get to Know Your Naaman Neighbor*. Watching the men sing and share their testimonies was a great reminder to me of how God works through PAATC & Naaman Center.

- Jenn Joiner, Manager, Special Events & Print Production

I have seen so many lives changed through God's grace and power. My outlook on life was very bleak. I felt like anything good that was possible for my life had come and went. But here I am today, trusting the Lord to provide almost 2 years later having an opportunity to work at the very place that saved my life!

This past year and a half I have found friends in the program that have turned into having brothers everywhere I turn. I came into Teen Challenge broken and feeling alone, but now have family restoration and more close friends than I ever thought possible.

Learning to trust the Lord is not always easy. More often than not, God will not speak to you by a giant booming voice from the sky. But as my faith in the Lord gets stronger, I am more sensitive to the Holy Spirit speaking to me trying to redirect me when I might stray from the path God has planned for me.

I am blessed to be part of the maintenance department at Teen Challenge. With the leadership of Billy Powell and Dan Neiser, we are making Teen Challenge Rehlersburg a beautiful place to come to and build a relationship with Christ and start to rebuild a life for our future.

Every day I get to witness what God is doing in the men's lives here at the program. When I see the positive changes in those around me, and look at the wonderful changes in my life, it just reminds me of how good God is when you seek him! *Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be answered.* Matthew 7:7

- Joel Luft, ITP Maintenance Department

We asked our staff to share a few of the many stories about how they are seeing God work every day. Enjoy!

A patient entered detox and short-term who had been here before. He was struggling with his thoughts and emotions, and they were expressing themselves in his behaviors. He was anxious, needed lots of redirection and struggled to follow simple guidelines of the program. His behaviors became so challenging that he was not eligible for the long-term program. But, that didn't deter our staff from working with him.

Over the course of his stay in treatment, his mind and body began to settle, he became calmer and began to follow the program guidelines. His relationship with Jesus began to grow, and finally, he was able to demonstrate consistent enough behaviors that the long-term program reconsidered and chose to accept him into the Grace Program! It was the result of a lot of people working in a lot of different places for this one individual, and we were able to help him get the services he needed.

As with everyone else, we have had to deal with COVID. As the year began, we once again faced challenges with staff and patients getting sick. There was a feeling of "Oh no, not again!" that everyone seemed to initially fight with, but as a team we worked through those thoughts and quickly got back on track. The different teams here worked closely together to maintain a high level of care for our patients and students.

- Nathan Scheffler, Executive Director of Counseling Services

I have loved being new to the PAATC team. It seems like each week I talk to a student and hear how Jesus Christ has changed their life and hear how much they love this ministry.

- Bryan Koch, V.P. of Development

I have watched our intern AJ mature and grow in his relationship with Christ. He has been very intentional about his walk this time around. He originally graduated our program a few years back, relapsed and came back to restoration. He is really digging in and reaching out for accountability.

- Jamie Mondesir, Director of Long-Term Programming

I recently started doing patient face to face interviews and I was really impressed by Ken who is in our long-term program. He came to us physically and mentally battered. Today he is healed...he is a changed man. He has God in his heart and he has put the past behind him and is creating a beautiful chapter to the story of his life. Ken is hoping to stay on with us at PAATC so he can share what he learned in recovery with those who are seeking wholeness.

I myself have grown spiritually as I have witnessed His hand in many healings, not only on the mountain but in my house as well.

God has brought us through many obstacles and has blessed us in fundraising even though we were not able to meet many people face to face due to COVID.

I have seen God change so many lives through prayer and hard work. Many of our staff and clients had faced great obstacles with either family job losses, health issues or deaths. Through all we helped each other pull through. The weekly prayer has been a blessing to many.

- Rosemarie Sullivan Sandman, Compliance and Advancement Officer

YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

Born in the suburbs of Pittsburg, Erin was raised in a Christian home by parents who loved the Lord. She grew up in the church, often attending services three days out of the week. As a young teenager, one of the girls in her church youth group introduced Erin to drugs and alcohol. By the time she was in high school, Erin was experimenting with both alcohol and cocaine.

Erin moved away to attend college and quickly joined a sorority known for its party lifestyle. She was able to remain focused during the week, but would party hard on the weekends, doing drugs and selling ecstasy to make money.

Upon graduating with a bachelor's degree in finance and a minor in accounting, Erin decided to go to mortuary school to become a funeral director. Sadly, while completing internship hours in her field, Erin was repeatedly assaulted by her internship supervisor.

Erin felt trapped, believing that if she told someone what was happening, her chances at a career would be ruined. Her life was blanketed with fear and hopelessness. When an unexpected opportunity for employment arose in Baltimore, Erin quickly made her escape. However, even with the change in physical location, Erin could not run from the pain and shame she felt. She turned to heroin for relief.

"I never dealt with what had happened to me. I picked up heroin to deal with the pain and numb it because I needed to keep moving. I got this big job with huge responsibilities and was supposed to be able to manage people. I quickly became a full-blown functional heroin addict, working eight to five, and I did it for 17 years."

As time passed, Erin developed a huge tolerance for the drug. She was financially prospering, and her boyfriend was a major Baltimore area drug dealer. Erin was content in her addiction. It wasn't until she used a bad batch of Russian heroin, a

substance called Krokodil, that her world began to collapse.

Krokodil (pronounced "crocodile") is homemade Desomorphine, a synthetic form of heroin, which is created by mixing codeine with additives like hydrochloric acid, red phosphorus (from matchbook striking surfaces), iodine, gasoline, and even paint thinner.

"I was using it for about three weeks, and it totally destroyed my arms. The Krokodil was eating my flesh from the inside out. It hurt and I didn't understand what was happening, so I kept shooting more into the wounds to get the pain to go away. It got to be so bad that my arms smelled awful and were even gangrene."

Eventually, Erin went to John's Hopkins Hospital to get medical help. Yet, even when faced with a high probability that her arms would need to be amputated, Erin's addiction was so powerful that she left treatment to get high. When she returned, a compassionate orthopedic surgeon saw Erin's deteriorated arms and told her, *"The poison is in your bloodstream. I'm not even worried about you keeping your arms anymore. If you leave, you are going to die."*

Erin did stay at the hospital long enough to get stabilized, but she was soon out using heroin again and selling methamphetamine to support her drug habit. After a few months, Erin was arrested in a sting and was awaiting trial. Due to a complication in her case, the assigned judge was changed. Her new judge's nephew had gone through the program at PAATC and, in God's kindness, he saw Erin's addiction and sent her to PAATC Women's Home to get help.

"I walked in that door and I met Tori and Saba, and they loved me with Christ's love. That was something I never saw before and His love was powerful enough to make me just sit down and stay there. These people literally loved me back to life!"



Today, Erin serves as a PAATC intern, working with ladies in the program who are battling addiction. She always keeps her sleeves rolled up and smiles as the ladies ask about her "tattoos". She tells them about her scars and uses those opportunities to share the Gospel and proclaim all that Christ has done for her.

As Erin looks to the future she is able to joyfully share, *"I used to have beautiful arms. Now because of Jesus I have a testimony and powerful arms."*

When we act in obedience, God moves, and he moved in amazing ways this year!

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