

Heather's Story of Hope

I started to use drugs when I was 12 and by the age of 13 I had dropped out of school. I lived in and out of friends' houses. At 18, I got married to man who was 30. He did not know about my addiction and I simply tried to hide it and cut myself off from my family.

At the time I was 22, I got into a severe car wreck and was air-vacked to a hospital. I knew that God was tugging on my heart at that time, but I was not yet ready to end my addiction. I began getting into trouble in 2005. I would pick up a Bible and would pray, but I was praying, '911 prayers' saying, "God, if you will get me out of this...I will do anything." After one month of picking up the Bible, I was back to getting high. There was no lasting change in my life at that time.

My final breaking point was a few months ago when the cops came to bust me for drugs. I had found out a week to the day before then that I was pregnant. I knew right then that God was dealing with me. I went back to prison and was moved to a faith-based wing where God was opening up doors for me to learn about him. I was in prison for several months before my parole was set. At that time, I was six and a half months pregnant with nowhere to go. Someone told me about the Healing House and so I decided that I would try calling. I was greeted on the phone by Judy who said, "when are you coming home?"

I was blessed to move into the Healing House and live in the main houses until the baby was born. On the day of her birth, they told me that there was an opening in the apartments. I had been praying and trusting God and knew that He would make a way. And so on March 21st, baby Echo was born. I am so blessed today. God has restored my family. I have seen my mom and I saw my brothers for the first time in 5 years recently. My prayers are not just '911 prayers' anymore. Now I am praying all the time. I am understanding Scripture now and love going to church. I know that God is the one who has done this in my life. Now my purpose in recovery and raising my daughter is to glorify God. Echo was dedicated this past Sunday and my prayer for her is that she will know who God is and know that He is the only one who can truly help her.