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YOUR SUFFERING CAN END

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EVERY SUNDAY 7:00AM

GET YOUR LIFE BACK

o one was predestined to be a compulsive alcoholic, drug abuser, rapist, sex worker, drug pusher or murderer.

As children grow up and start making their own decisions on how to exercise their liberty, their choices will decide their fate.

Everything can change for you, even if you think your situation is beyond repair **77**

Some people bypass significant turning points and go too far in life. They do not know what to do about the bad choices they have made. There are those who are convinced that there is no way out for them anymore.

It is as if they have reached rock-bottom, with no hope and no one to help. Completely powerless and disorientated, they think that there is no solution for them. This might be happening to you, but do not despair. You can get your life back! Everything can change for you, even if you think your situation is beyond repair.

You might be feeling lonely and rejected. It is as if everyone has turned their backs on you and you have nowhere to go, no one to count on.

There is a solution! "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief



does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly" John 10:9-10

Jesus promises that He came to give life and that is what you need. "Life", an abundant life. So, put all your strength in this promise, all your faith -- it is everything or nothing! If God exists. He will have to show His power in your life. Do not postpone your chance to get your life back! Look for one of our UCKG churches or call our Helpline on 0800 330 320.

God bless you all. Marcelo Pires mp@mpires.org.za

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By Albertine Chitswa | uckg.org.za

fter my parents separated, I had to look for a job to fend for myself and my siblings. I worked in a shop where I met my boyfriend. Soon afterwards, we moved in together. Everything seemed to be going well and I became pregnant.

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It was after I had a stillbirth that he showed me his true colours. We started fighting. Any small argument would turn into a big fight.

I moved to South Africa and he followed me. He promised to marry me. I fell pregnant for the second time but miscarried. He started beating me because he thought I was unfaithful to him. He often came home late and when I asked why, he fought with me. He beat me like he was beating another man. He once held a knife to my throat, threatening to kill me.

He always apologised after beating me and I saw the situation as something normal. I believed that everything was my fault.

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I could not sleep at night because I feared he would kill me. I once went to visit my sister. When I got back, he was gone and had taken everything that was in the house. Although I was relieved that he was gone, I was left battling anger.

My cousin invited me to attend services in the Universal Church. I engaged in the chains of prayers for my inner healing. I also understood the importance of forgiveness. It was difficult to forgive my ex-boyfriend but I decided to forgive him because I did not want to be imprisoned by my past.

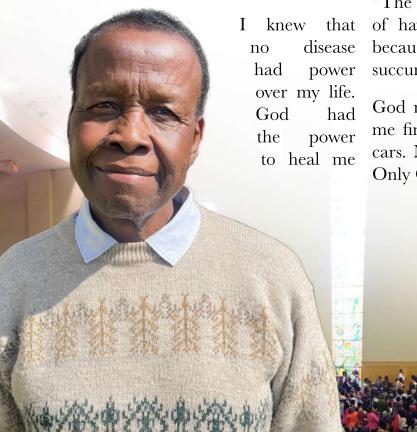
I am free and have peace inside me. I am no longer angry or afraid. am Ι completely from healed the trauma of the past and I know that the presence of God is inside me." said Sibusisiwe.

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Being diagnosed with cancer while attending services in the Universal Church did not discourage Willy from seeking the presence of God, especially since he knew that he had a very short time to live.

"The doctor told me that I was going to die because the cancer had spread throughout the lower region of my body. For a moment, I felt hopeless but one of the nurses advised me to take my medication and follow the doctor's orders. I did that while I continued to attend the services in the church. I participated in chains of prayers on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays for my healing and deliverance.



completely. I persevered and believed wholeheartedly that I would be healed," he said.

Earlier this year, God honoured Willy's faith when he underwent several tests which all confirmed that he was cancer-free.

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"The experience taught me the importance of having a close relationship with God, because if it was not for God, I would have succumbed to cancer.

God not only healed me but also blessed me financially. I have my own house and cars. My children are also very successful. Only God made this possible," said Willy.

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Believing against all odds By Albertine Chitswa | uckg.org.za

efore attending services in the Universal Church at the Holy Ground. David was an alcoholic. It was through attending the chains of prayers for deliverance and committing his life to God that he was able to overcome his addiction.

"I was heavily addicted to alcohol, and I did not know how to quit that addiction. I sought help in several places, but to no avail. Everything changed when I started attending services in the Universal Church and using my faith for the transformation in my life. I was able to overcome my alcohol addiction and become a good example to my family.

Last year, the company I worked for shut down. I did not know what to do but I knew that God would make a way for me. I knew He had a great plan for my life. I engaged in the chains of prayers on

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Mondays and Saturdays for my financial breakthrough. I fasted everyday because I needed a miracle.

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I was soon able to start my own construction company. The business has been doing so well that I was able

to buy a house and a car. My life is blessed and everything is going well. Ι am at peace and I am content. I owe the transformation of life my to God," said David.

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Miserable and Humiliated

By Albertine Chitswa | uckg.org.za

y husband and I with our four children lived in a one-roomed house in someone's backyard. There was no privacy. The situation was humiliating. We struggled financially because I was unemployed and my husband was the sole breadwinner. We could not afford our own home," said Frances.

As if her situation was not dreadful enough, three of her children suffered from epilepsy. Although she sought professional help, that did not change the situation. Frances could not understand what was happening and had lost all hope.

"In leaps and bounds, our lives started changing"

"I was at home when the Universal Church members were doing house visits. They invited me to attend services with them and I accepted. In the services, I listened to the preaching and received a prayer. I left the church feeling hopeful.

The following week, I invited my children to attend the services with me. I engaged in the chains of prayers for my financial breakthrough and I attended the Tuesday services with my

> children for their healing. I used my faith and believed that our situation would change.

> > In leaps and bounds, our lives started changing. I found a job. My husband and I managed to buy a beautiful spacious house. My children were healed from epilepsy. Today, I do not lose hope even when I face challenges because God strengthens me," said Frances, S

Battling depression & suicidal thoughts By Albertine Chitswa | uckg.org.za

C was raised by my grandmother in Limpopo. She had to support four children on her own. We suffered greatly. We often went through the day without food.

My parents lived in Johannesburg and my sister lived with them. I did not understand why I was the one who had to live with my grandmother. I felt rejected and unwanted. That made me angry. At school, I started bullying my peers because I felt like an outcast.

I later moved in with my parents and would

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compare myself to my sister. She was not struggling as I did. She attended a private school while I was in a public school.

I plunged into depression and could not sleep at night. If I managed to sleep, I had nightmares. I contemplated suicide because I felt unworthy. On the day that I had planned to commit suicide, my mother invited me to attend services in the Universal Church. After I attended the service, the pastor counselled me and advised me to forgive my parents and to let go of the anger I had haboured for a long time.

I faithfully participated in the chains of prayers on Wednesdays and Fridays for my deliverance from depression, suicidal thoughts and anger.

My life changed entirely. I am free from depression and suicidal thoughts. I also sleep peacefully. I am no longer an angry person and I forgave my parents. I do not feel rejected or unwanted because God accepted me as I was," said Emmanuel. **\$**



CONTROLED BY ADDICTION By Albertine Chitswa | uckg.org.za

was a womaniser and an alcoholic. I had a good job and salary but I did not see where my money was going because I spent it all on alcohol. I could not sleep without drinking alcohol. I drank excessively everyday.

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I also had family problems. We constantly fought and hated each other. My brother and I did not get along with our father. This affected me a great deal. I became short-tempered. Once, I was imprisoned after a fight with a neighbour over a woman. I spent a month in jail.

After being released, I was looking for another job when I came across a Stop Suffering newspaper from the Universal Church. I picked it up and when I arrived home, I read it. I decided to look for the Church, and then I started attending the services.

I participated in the chains of prayers for my deliverance from addiction and for God to restore my family. I spoke to the pastor and told him that I was struggling to quit my addiction. He prayed for me and advised me to persevere in the chains of prayers. As time went by, I stopped drinking alcohol and I committed my life to God.

Presently, I am free from addiction. Even when there is a function at work, I do not touch

> alcohol. I am a very calm person and I no longer fight with people. The peace in my family was restored and we are now united and close. I am enjoying my life in the presence of

God," said Ronald.

Write down your prayer request and take it to your nearest Universal Church:

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