



## Lifting the Veil

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*"Remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save him from death and cover over a multitude of sins." James 5:20*

Walking across that bridge was the loneliest time in George's life. He had spent months mad at God. Why was his life a mess? Why was he in the particular situation he was? Where could he go to escape it all? The cold blue water below seemed to scream out that he should try it. Jumping off of that bridge would not solve his problems, but only hasten an inevitable meeting with his Maker. Deciding not to jump, George pressed on and eventually found himself residing in Light of Life men's shelter. It was there, on a Wednesday morning that we met George. Sitting



in the back, he came up and asked if he could join the Bible study after breakfast. Knowing that we are blessed to get even one seeker, we happily obliged. In the Bible study, George explained his dramatic conversion to Christ, and the chains of addiction that were instantly and miraculously removed from him. He admitted that he had wanted to give up on numerous occasions, but God kept pushing him to persevere. For the past month we have been blessed to get to know George and spend time in the Word together. Below are his reflections from this tumultuous time in his life....

*"My journey with the Lord has been one wild ride, but I thank God that since I've been in the shelter, I have been able to grow with Him. I went*

*from a dramatic conversion to cursing Him and asking 'why me?'. What changed for me was running into you guys with L.I.V.I.N.G. Ministry and hearing the chapel services every morning. It was like the veil that I had been wearing was suddenly lifted, and I was able to see Christ*

*clearer than ever. Now I know that I am here for a purpose and a reason. There have been some tough times here at Light of Life, but it has been very satisfying to be able to minister to the younger guys staying with me. Mentoring them and helping them get better brings a lot of joy into my life. Last week I was offered an apartment to move into with another Christian brother, but I felt like God clearly told me that isn't my time to leave Light of Life. There are still men here that need to hear what I have to say to them in Christ. Since being here, I have also been able to find a good church that I attend every Sunday. It is called Pittsburgh City Outreach, and they are gracious enough to pick me up every week. Interestingly enough, the people that helped lead me to the lord over 15 years ago have relationships with this church, and I have been able to connect to many people from when I was first saved through attending this church. The biggest thing that I have learned from my time in the shelter is to not question God's use of me. I have come to accept His will and whatever he wants me to do. In the future, I can see God using me in some sort of Christian rehabilitation home where I can minister to people on a more personal level. Until then, I will do whatever it takes to honor God with my entire life."*



Pray for George that God would continue to protect him, and keep him from Satan's attacks. It is not easy living in a shelter as you can imagine, but George is doing extremely well. Praise God for George getting a temporary construction job on the Northside, and pray for his relationship with the men that he lives with. And most importantly, pray for his relationship with God to grow more and more each day as George lives out his freedom in Christ! Praise God that the veil has been lifted from his eyes!

## Volunteer Spotlight: Weiting Zheng and Yi Yi Tu

*"Since beginning my major in Public Management, I have been eager to volunteer for a Christian non-profit. It was God's grace that He heard my prayer and helped me get to know the L.I.V.I.N.G. Ministry through Jen (who goes to my same church). I have been working for the last month as a grant researcher and a volunteer at the women's book study group at Miryam's and I love them both! I find myself filled with so much passion to serve our Lord in the work that I do with the ministry. When I visit the women at the shelter, I learn so much from God's word that helps strengthen and build my faith. I wish that I could begin my future career with the ministry and serve God here after my graduation."*



Weiting and her daughter Yi Yi have been volunteering with L.I.V.I.N.G. Ministry since June 2010. As a grant research intern, Weiting works alongside Jen to find appropriate grants available to the ministry. She will be graduating from the John Heinz III College of Public Policy at Carnegie Mellow University in December. In her past, she has worked as a financial analyst with World Vision, analyzing their financial statements and 990s. She and her daughter come to the ministry house once a week to serve, and have been a tremendous help in our fundraising efforts!

## Other News

### Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities in August

Looking for a way to lend a hand to the LIVING Ministry? Here are a few of the volunteer opportunities coming up. Be sure to check out the volunteer section of the website for details on our other opportunities! Please contact [volunteer@livingministry.org](mailto:volunteer@livingministry.org) if interested in volunteering!



**August 8<sup>th</sup>: Benefit Dinner** – decorating and ushering. To get the dinner looking good and running well we need 4-5 volunteers to place centerpieces before the dinner and to take people to their seats as the dinner begins.

**August 16<sup>th</sup>: Job Fair** — We are looking for 8 people to help write resumes and 2 people to prepare lunch.

**August 21<sup>st</sup>: Car Wash Telethon** — If we establish pledges per car washed before the car wash even begins, we are able to make the most of this annual fundraiser. Any and all volunteers are welcome to hit the phones with us!

### Ways to Donate to the Ministry



You might not be in a position to give financially to the ministry, but you may have one of the following items that would greatly enhance the work that we do. Below is a list of things we currently need. If you have one, please contact us at [donate@livingministry.org](mailto:donate@livingministry.org) and we can arrange pick up or delivery!

- Port Authority Bus Tickets
- Fun-sized candy bars/bags of individual wrapped candy for trivia
- Stamps
- Home Depot gift cards
- Full-sized box spring
- Carpet cleaner
- A basketball ball (good condition)

To remove your name from our mailing list please email us at [contact@livingministry.org](mailto:contact@livingministry.org)

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