



Erica's Story

“My name is Erica Best. I just want to share about God's love, faithfulness, grace, and mercy. I was addicted to drugs and alcohol about 6 years ago. I used until I did not have anything left except my life; literally. Everyone that knows me, knows that I am a preacher's kid. So, I knew about God, but never had a relationship with Him. I had tried everything to numb the pain. Nothing worked. So, I sincerely cried out to God one day and asked him to please help me. He directed my steps right to the Recovery Program at Bethel Village of Panama City Rescue Mission, and there my newly found relationship with God was nurtured. I received all that I needed to get my life back on the right track. I was able to regain custody of my children, peace, hope, and life. Along the way I met some awesome people. Rachel Duvall, Rick Briggs, Rick McClung, The Toole Family, Sarah Johnson, Telnicial Brown, Mrs. Q., Tammy Anderson and many, many more who impacted my life. B'Yond The Walls Young Adult Outreach Ministry took me in and made me a part of their family and has helped me to practice the principles of the "Kingdom of God"! Now, I can fulfill my purpose, destiny and future. I am also a part of an organization called "A Hand Up" that allows me to give back to people who are in need. This new way of life is awesome, and I thank God and all the people who helped and prayed for me.

I will always show my appreciation by staying the course and never returning to what God has brought me out of.”

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