

Rebecca grew up in a Christian home with both parents and a sister. When she was 8 years old, she was molested by her 16-year old neighbor. Throughout high school, she never got into trouble and never skipped school. At 17, she had tried smoking marijuana but never tried any other drugs. She graduated high school in 2008. It wasn't until she was 21 years old that her life took a dramatic turn. After having her son, Rebecca found out that her boyfriend had a long history of abusing prescription pain medication. At this point, she was still naive when it came to drug use. Within 5 months, everything had changed. Rebecca tried Lortab, an opioid pain medication, for the first time after her boyfriend received a prescription. Shortly after, she was intravenously using Dilaudid, a narcotic pain reliever. In 2015, she was introduced to Meth and then began "speed-balling," intravenously using Meth and Dilaudid together. Her boyfriend had been sent to prison and she began selling her body for drugs and money. By August 2017 she had overdosed. Her son had been taken away and placed with her parents. She no longer cared if she lived or died. In October of 2017, was staying in a hotel where she was arrested and then charged with possession of Heroin, Methamphetamines, narcotic equipment, and failure to appear in court. She was fighting an 18-month prison sentence and the possibility of losing her son forever. After 4 months in jail and lots of prayers, Rebecca began attending Most Excellent Way, a ladies' bible study class that is taught by Rachel Duvall, Director of Panama City Rescue Mission's Women's Recovery Program at Bethel Village. In February 2018, Rebecca was sentenced and ordered to attend a recovery program along with 3 years of felony probation. She was accepted into Bethel Village. Upon graduation, she will be able to regain custody of her son. Through God, she has restored her relationship with her son and parents.