

# OUTER BANKS DARE CHALLENGE

He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God, does not have life.

I John 5:12

## FROM THE DIRECTORS DESK...

Well, let me start by saying what a great big wonderful God we serve! Every time I think He is done blessing, He blesses some more. I have been reflecting back over my life and seeing where the Lord has brought me from to where I am now and WOW! The great thing is I just don't think he is through with me yet and that goes for Dare Challenge as well. Dare Challenge has come a long way in the last year but still has a ways to go. I watch the men as they come in hard, confused and so caught up in the world and am able to sit back and just watch God move in their lives day by day. I see them change and then as it is time for them to leave us, the joy that is on their faces, the light that shines from within them is what makes me glad of the ministry God has entrusted to me. Would you join with me this year in praying for the guys God will bring our way and for the ministry to grow in such a way that we may reach others in need? It is my heart's vision to be able to buy property that will be ours and to open a women's center in the next one to two years so as to enable us to reach out to more of those bound by addiction. It takes a lot of prayer and finances to do what we do. Please help me as we are helping others come to know Christ so they can carry on the torch and help even more. Together we can do it!

*God Bless—Dustin Daniels*

**W**ould you partner with us in helping to realize our vision for the future of this ministry? We are seeking to purchase the property that we now rent. In order to do so, we need a down payment of \$70,000. If you would like to donate towards the Vision of Dare Challenge, please mark your donation DC Vision and the funds will be applied appropriately. Please continue to be in prayer for the growth and success of this ministry. It is our hearts desire to help more and more of those currently drowning in the sea of hopelessness and addiction.

### HAVE YOU VISITED OUR THRIFT STORE?

- Located at 500 S. Croatan Hwy in KDH
- Hours are: Monday thru Saturday, 9 am to 6 pm
- Call for pickups or more information: 252-305-3567
- Saturday Bag Sale! Come out and fill a bag with clothes for just \$5.
- All proceeds go towards the support and continuation of this ministry. Thank You for your patronage and donations!

### Meet Our Teaching Staff

Katherine & Glen Hopkins

Caroline Stetson

Pastor Mark Hinson

Joanne Parsons

Sandra Sawyer

Doc Sawyer

Scott Bryant

Each teacher volunteers their time weekly and monthly to help our students to grow in Christ and to develop a love for God's Word. We are so appreciative that they choose to use their time and talents to teach and encourage the men in our program. Various subjects are taught, all based upon the Word and geared towards helping our men overcome physical and emotional bondages, heal from past hurts, and grow and mature in Christ.

### Need the car washed?

Come on out on the first Saturday of each month to Kitty Hawk Baptist Church located at 3946 N. Croatan Hwy in Kitty Hawk. For a donation, our men will clean that vehicle so it shines!

We are also looking for locations in highly visible traffic areas (churches, banks, business) who would allow us to hold Saturday car washes during the summer months. Please contact Scott Bryant @ 305-3567 if you are interested in helping out in this way.

## A LIFE CHANGED BY CHRIST...

My name is Brandon Sherman, I am 21 years old and I was raised in the small town of Moorefield, WV. I have a brother that is 25 years old and one that is 17 years old. My mother and my father both work and have always provided for our family.

My family has always been extremely close and still remains that way today. My mother is an extremely strong woman and has always taught my brothers and me what is right and wrong. She constantly corrected our manners, in a good way, and showed us how to be courteous and respectful. My father is one of the best men I know and I believe the best dad that any child could have. He came from a family with a history of alcoholism, but thankfully he chose not to drink or smoke at all during his life. My mother did not drink or smoke either, which allowed my brothers and me to grow up in a house free from those negative influences.

As a child I always remember being happy and content. My father was a sports fanatic, so naturally me and my brothers were as well. Most of my childhood memories are of playing baseball, in the backyard or in little league. I also remember traveling a lot to watch sports and dreaming of playing sports especially baseball all my life. I also have very good memories of spending time with my family when I was younger; going to the beach with my family, taking trips with my aunts, uncles, and cousins; and eating at my grandparents every Sunday afternoon. I also remember the wonderful holidays that we spent together. I am so thankful that I have an amazing group of grandparents, aunts, and uncles that love the Lord and me as well. I consider myself extremely blessed to know that I can talk with them and that they always want the best for me.

When I was 15 years old I remember getting drunk for the first time after our high school football team had won the state championship. This was when I began to start thinking different and admiring some of the wrong things. Not long after that night I started smoking marijuana and quickly began to smoke on a daily basis. I continued to get good grades and put on a front that everything was alright; but in my heart I knew I was doing wrong. I continued to smoke and drink throughout high school. After I graduated I decided to go play college baseball at a Junior College in Maryland. About one month before I was to start college I had to have knee surgery. After my surgery I was prescribed painkillers and I was instantly addicted. I took my habit with me to college and I was introduced to oxycontin and heroin. Before I knew it I was snorting pills to get out of bed, or to go to class, or before I did anything. Throughout my addiction I have destroyed many relationships because people couldn't trust me and I do not blame them. I would lie to people constantly and steal money or anything from anybody at anytime.

In January of 2009 I admitted that I needed help. I entered a 15 day detox facility and I thought that would fix my problem. Boy was I wrong! Two weeks after I left detox I was using again. This time it was worse because I knew where it was taking me and I still couldn't stop.

My entire life I had went to church and believed in God. Throughout my addiction I would go to church with my family and know in my heart that I wanted to change my life. However I would tell myself that God did not want me because of the sin in my life, but thank the Lord the sinner is the one he wants. I never knew about the personal relationship that Jesus wanted to have with me. The Lord blessed me with the opportunity to come to Dare Challenge, and he has continued to bless me while I've been here. I asked God to forgive me and I know that Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior. I now pray and talk with the Lord daily and ask him to go before me and show me the life he wants me to lead me in. I ask him for strength everyday and thank him for making me a new man.

Ephesians 2:8-9 "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith and this not from yourselves, it is a gift of God, not by works so that no one can boast."

Thank God for his amazing love and grace!

*Update—Brandon has graduated from Dare Challenge and is now settled in at the Rehrersburg Teen Challenge Training Center and doing well!*