

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Nick Rose, I'm 23 yrs. old and a 4 year alumni of the Dare Challenge training program. It's hard for me to think that four years ago I walked into Dare Challenge. I had no idea what to expect. All I can really remember is how addicted and broken I was. I was 6'3, 145 pounds and I had needle marks all the way from my head to my toes from all the drugs I had been shooting up for the past 3 years. My life was truly pitiful... I had no friends, no money, no hope or passion for life and no future. Or so I thought.....

During my first few months at Dare Challenge I began to start seeing life in a way that I had never seen it before' and not just life, but God as well. My whole life I was raised in church, and I probably heard every sermon you could think of all the way from Genesis to Revelation. There wasn't much I couldn't tell you about the Word of God. But still when I began to experience Him at Dare Challenge it was like every word and every sentence I had ever heard about God began to take on a whole new meaning. And when this happened, everything changed for me. So I surrendered everything I could find within myself that I didn't want over to God. And then God began to replace it with something new and real. He gave me His spirit and began to show me life and the things of this life for how they truly are. And still to this day it has marked me and carried me through and will carry me through till the day that I finish my race.

Much has happened since I left Dare Challenge; there have been many ups and downs, it seems the trials in my life have been pretty endless. But then again that is life. And life does have a way of just being hard sometimes. I just thank God that I know Him! But any ways for the most part the past four years have been good. God has opened a lot of doors and given me a lot of great opportunities. Like in 2010 when he opened a door for me to come back to Dare Challenge as a staff member and give back to the program that had changed my life. It was truly a blessing to work with the Dare Challenge guys and help them through what I had been going through just a few years ago. Dare challenge is a tough program. The people who go there lay down everything to take up God there. And I can truly say it was a pleasure being able to be used by God to serve in any way I could while I was there. Dare Challenge and its director and my mentor Dustin Daniels will always be my foundation for everything I do in life! And to be honest I can't thank of a better foundation in the world then the one I got there. So devil just bring it on!!!

When my time was done as an intern I enrolled into Christ For The Nation Institute in Dallas TX. I came here to follow the call to missions that I know God placed on my life. Since coming here so much has happened. God is teaching me so much about his love and character. And I've learned so much about ministry and how to live a life that's being effective for the kingdom of God. But there is one thing that God has given me since being here that I can truly say is the biggest blessing I will ever receive in this life, and that is my beautiful fiancée Jenifer from São Paulo Brazil who I will be marrying this month on July 21st. She truly is a Proverbs 31 woman who God has lined up every dream and vision in my life with. And she's beautiful as well! I have a lot to be thankful for. I never thought that I could have the life I have today. I have a hope and a vision for my future with a Godly women who I know I have sought God about and feel I have His will and His blessing over. God truly is mighty to save. God has given me and Jen everything and we both plan on giving him the same back.

After Jenifer and I get married we plan on coming back to Dallas where we will live and I will continue school. Jenifer just graduated this last May and has received a job position at a Christian ministry that is involved with pulling young girls out of the sex trade and giving them a place to go where they can receive the love that Christ has for them. Next July Jenifer and I will be moving to Guatemala where we will be active in a mission's training school. Please keep us in your prayers. Jen and I know we will face much opposition from the enemy. But we know the Rock on whom we stand and we both have great foundations to lean back on. I just want everyone to know how grateful I am for all your prayers and support! They have not gone void.

*(Isaiah 6:8 ESV)*

*And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"*

*Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."*

*(Proverbs 18:22 ESV)*

*He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the LORD.*

Editors Note—We are so grateful to God for Nick's life and the calling God has placed upon him and Jenifer. We consider it a blessing and a privilege to be attending his wedding on July 21st and that Director Daniels will be the officiate uniting them in marriage. Congratulations and our prayers go with you both!