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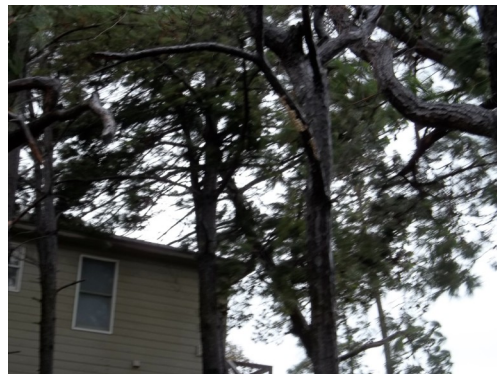


What's Going On....

Due to the extensive damage our community and supporters suffered because of hurricane Irene, we have decided to postpone our annual Partners & Friends Banquet, originally scheduled for November 2011 to March 2012. We will keep you informed as to details as the date draws near.

Hurricane Irene decided to make her presence known here on the Outer Banks on August 27th. For many hours, more than is usual with storms here, she blew and churned the waters both in the ocean and the sound. As a result many people here either lost or sustained heavy damage to both their home and their businesses. Join us as we continue to pray for all those affected by the storm including the families of the 46 people who were killed up and down the US coast as a result of Irene's fury.

We here at Dare Challenge are so grateful for the prayers and help we have received as well. God's hand spared us serious damage when a tree that would have normally sliced the building in half was stopped mere inches away from the roof line by the branches of another tree. In the days that followed, a tree company, Paradise Palms, stopped by and took the tree down and chopped it up for us free of charge. Wanchese



Assembly of God took our men into the church for shelter during the storm and kept them safe. As soon as Irene left, our men stepped up and got out and about in the community helping those in need with yard and home cleanup, working from sunup to sundown, all with smiles on their faces and a song in their hearts. The Lord provided for us there as well, with the NC Baptist Men providing us meals each night so we did not have to cook after a long day of working in the community. Our air conditioners went out due to the storm, so you can imagine how hot it was when they came back in each day from work. But our guys are real troopers, not a complaint was heard. And yet again, the Lord made a way for cool air to flow again through the Brabble family and their donation of window units for the center for us to use while waiting on our main units to be repaired.



Praise God! His mercies are new each day.

A Life Transformed....

My addiction didn't just pop up out of thin air. It started when I was a child. When I was 2 years old, I almost died from a disease that caused kidney failure and internal bleeding. I was kept alive on steroids and made it through. My parents divorced when I was four. Between that time and when I turned 15, my world fell apart. I had been placed on Ritalin, molested by a neighbor, set on fire with gasoline, run over by a car, arrested for stealing and was hooked on marijuana, cocaine, PSP, LSD and alcohol. My father tried one time to get me treatment when I was 14 but this did not work and I was kicked out of the house. I then moved in with my mother and stayed there for a year.



At the age of 16, I just knew that selling drugs and running with gangs in the street was the life for me. From the age of 16 to my 25th year my life was a pure hell. I was stabbed, shot and got my skull crushed in with a shotgun. I had accumulated 3 violent felonies on my record. I stayed strung out and hurt a lot of people financially, emotionally, mentally and physically. Through all this, no one ever told me about Jesus. When I was 25 years old, my mom took me to church but I still wasn't ready. I tried a secular treatment program and was there for five years. I tried college after that. But I still could not find true happiness and I started doing drugs again and became strung out completely. I attempted suicide. Finally someone reached out to me again and got me to a church in Charlotte, NC. The pastor there told me about Dare Challenge and worked with me to get me enrolled there.

In the past 3 1/2 months here at Dare Challenge, I have gotten saved, found joy, love, compassion and my desire to live again. I have found a relationship with Christ and He has been working on me each day since May 27, 2011. I still have a long way to go but I am looking forward to the new life Jesus has given me!

Editor's Note: Ruebin has graduated from Dare Challenge and is now at the Teen Challenge Training Center in PA. Keep him in your prayers as he continues his journey with Jesus!

Current Needs at Center

- Cleaning supplies
- Laundry supplies
- Paper towels, toilet paper, trash bags

If you would like to donate, simply drop off anytime at our Thrift Store or our Center. If you have any questions, please contact us at: info@outerbanksdarechallenge.org

Thank You and God Bless!



Thrift Store News Flash

As I sit here writing this article I am reminded of Psalm 100, a psalm of praise to our Lord .

Verses 4 & 5 state:

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and
praise his name.*

*For the LORD is good and
his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues
through all generations.*

And we are so thankful for His faithfulness and His provision to Dare Challenge. Recently the opportunity came to rent the space next door to our current thrift store. Being able to expand means that

we are able to offer a larger variety of items as well as increase our furniture department. The revenue from our store is an important part of our monthly budget as it pays the majority of our rents and utilities each month. Increasing our sales will go a long way towards helping the ministry of Dare Challenge expand as well.

Please remember us with your gently used donations of furniture and household goods. We are more than willing to come pick up large loads or furniture for you. Just give Dustin Daniels a call at 252.305.1129 to arrange a pickup.

Come out and visit us as well. We have some really good deals and folks love our \$5 fill a bag clothing sales.

We are open Monday through Saturday, 10 am till 6 pm at 500 S. Croatan Hwy in KDH. Come see us!



Our new addition next door



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