



# Shiloh Messenger

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## **“Better Than I Deserve”**

**Nevertheless in Your great mercy You did not utterly consume them nor forsake them; For You are God, gracious and merciful.**

**Nehemiah 9:31**

*I knew a man that was once addicted to meth and crack cocaine for over six years. He found himself living under bridges in Shreveport, Louisiana and panhandling for money just to stay high. He had lost all connections and credibility with his entire family including his twin boys that were born on his 20<sup>th</sup> birthday. He always had an excuse and blamed everyone else for his problems. In January of 2005, he finally hit his bottom, and God opened the door for him at Shiloh. His dad knew that he had left him in anointed hands under the care of Pastor Rocky & Sister Debbie. However, after the man had been there six months, he learned of the tragic truck accident that took his dad's life. His dad would never be able to witness on earth the complete transformation that took place in his son's life while he was at Shiloh.*

*After his graduation in January of 2006, God allowed this man to return to Shreveport, Louisiana, where he met his future bride in a local singles ministry. God led him to a dedicated Christian woman who was devoted to Him. They were married by Pastor Rocky at Shiloh in December of 2006, and God quickly restored his relationship with his twin boys. Two months after he was married, God led him and his new bride to start a lawn care business in the Shreveport area and call it “Fertile Soil Lawn Care,” which is based on the verse found in Luke 8:8 where “some seed fell on fertile soil and produced a hundred fold.” He wanted God to use him and his business to point others toward Him. However, Satan will always choose to attack God's anointed vessels that are committed to making a difference for Him. The man struggled through fleshly temptations and worldly desires that would only bring destruction in his life and the life of his family. But, because he had been equipped with proper spiritual tools from his time at Shiloh, the man refused to fall victim to Satan's snares again. Growing through the lessons learned in the valleys, God strengthened his marriage and his commitment to Him in ways he never thought possible. In 2010, God gave him and his wife the opportunity to start a second business installing temporary traffic control signs and barricades for road construction projects. They chose to name it “Acacia Industries” after the foundational wood God directed his people to use in the Bible. God has definitely given him better than he deserved.*



**Clint & Carla Maynard  
with sons, Payton & Clayton**

*Clint Maynard and his wife Carla have been dedicated supporters of the Shiloh vision and ministry. They continue to visit often and remain close to both Sister Debbie and Pastor Rocky. Contributions and generous donations to Shiloh makes lives like his a reality.*

**Hello. My name is Abel Benitez. I am 55 years old. I was raised in Corpus Christi, Texas. My first wife and I moved to the Houston area in 1976. We had a two year old daughter, Eileen when we came, and a year later we had another daughter, Crystal. God blessed us with two beautiful daughters. We were not Christians therefore we lived our lives the best way we knew how. I was trying to make a good living for my family, "Chasing the American Dream." Yet there was a big problem, we did not know God. We rarely went to Church. We were raised Catholic. As a teenager I drank beer and experimented with drugs. As a young man, husband, and Father, I continued using drugs and alcohol occasionally. After a few years of living that way without God in our lives, our problems began to multiply. Unhappiness in our marriage, no peace, our moral values were disintegrating. All of this led to divorce. Matthew 7:26 says "A foolish man will build his house on sand." It was during that time that I began to call out to God. I knew there was more to life than the way I was living. God heard my cries. He does listen. I surrendered to God and was born again In Christ. I met my beautiful wife, Shayne. She was a Christian and had a five year old son, Ryan. We had been going to Maranatha Church for about fifteen years. We were both involved in Medical Missions to Mexico for several years under the leadership of Brother David and Sister Laverne Slack. God called my wife to be a nurse, and He has called me to preach His Word. By trade I am a pipe welder, and a few years ago I injured my back and began to take prescription pain medication. I let my guard down, took my eyes off of Jesus and I was headed for trouble. John 10:10 says "the thief comes only to steal, kill, and destroy, but Jesus said, "I came to give life and to the full." Things got worse, our marriage was in trouble. We stopped seeking God and going to Church as a family on a regular basis. Then tragedy struck. Our daughter, Crystal unexpectedly died. This was the hardest thing that I have ever had to go through. Instead of trusting God in this trial, I got more consumed in pain pills and alcohol. I was a wreck and needed help. God heard my cries again and intervened. He opened a door for me at Shiloh Ministries. I thank God for Pastor Rocky and Debbie Fondren and their faithfulness to God, and the awesome ministry to men at Shiloh. They have created an atmosphere where The Holy Spirit of God dwells and men's lives are changed and transformed. We men of Shiloh learn to fellowship and truly know THE ONE AND ONLY TRIUNE GOD. THE FATHER, THE SON, THE HOLY SPIRIT. Now I have purpose, a vision, and a new mandate on my life. My relationship with God is restored, and my marriage to Shayne is restored. I am learning to be the Priest of my home, and to love my wife and family as Jesus Christ loves The Church. I thank you, Shiloh Supporters and friends for all your support, love, and prayers, and for all you do to help keep the doors of Shiloh open. Men's lives are truly changed and restored back to God. Philippians 1:6 says, "Being confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ."**



### **More Land To House More Men**

*(Update!! Current balance needed, \$33,575.00)*

Everyday we receive e-mails & phone calls from men & families requesting help in getting set free from addictions. Our heart response is heavy in telling them we have no room. We as Staff have been praying for God to give us more land so we can build to disciple more men. Now we are at a place where we have the opportunity to purchase land adjacent to our existing property. It is 4 acres with a business building on it. The man that is selling the property is asking \$100,000 for it. We know this man & he is honorable. We have believed for this land & have participated in prayer walks over it for years. We know it is God giving it to us. Our Heavenly Father has spoken to us. He has said, "believe & trust Me that I will speak to people & they will give". Therefore we have opened a separate Bank account to receive the money that will come in before January 2011. This is our time frame of receiving the full amount of the \$100,000 that is being asked. We ask that everyone consider sowing a generous financial gift into this much needed addition. So other men that are still in bondage be brought into their "glorious inheritance". Thank you, for your generosity in giving & co-laboring with us in the Lord's Ministry at Shiloh.

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