



Shiloh Messenger

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Restoration Through Repentance

“Blessed is the person whose disobedience is forgiven and whose sin is pardoned. Blessed is the person whom the Lord no longer accuses of sin and who has no deceitful thoughts. When I kept silent {about my sins}, my bones began to weaken because of my groaning all day long. Day and night your hand lay heavily on me. My strength shriveled in the summer heat. I made my sins known to you, and I did not cover up my guilt. I decided to confess them to you, O Lord. Then you forgave all my sins” (Psalms 32:1-5).

Hi, my name is Cliff Brast, and this is my beautiful wife, Melissa.

First of all I want to thank God for Pastor Rocky, Sister Debbie & Shiloh Ministries for all they have done and the sacrifices they have made. They are a part of the success God has made in my life. Without Shiloh Ministries I would have died in my sins. I graduated from Shiloh in June 2007. Since I graduated I have discovered that there is life after drugs and alcohol. God has been so good to us that I have to pinch myself, because it feels like a dream. Well, it is not a dream! It is the blessings of God and His Mercy to redeem and transform!



While I was at Shiloh I was put in jail for back child support. However God made a way for me to get out and finish the course at Shiloh that He had begun in my life. My ex-wife and I had a son together that I pay child support on. She and I could not hold a conversation without fighting like cats and dogs. Needless to say I had not seen my son in 3 years. **BUT GOD!!!!** After graduating from Shiloh, I asked God to help me be able to see my son. In November 2008, He made a way where there seemed to be no way. I was able to see my son. It was so exciting to see him again after 3 years. Since then, I have been a vital part of his life with my weekend visits. Also, his Mom and I can hold a conversation without fighting. Now, that is a miracle!

My wife, Melissa and I have been faithful to All Around Cowboy Church since I graduated from Shiloh. We serve under our Pastors, Sonny and Gloria Rice. Jesus said in His Word that He came to serve and not to be served. This is what I base my life upon now. If Jesus did it, how much more should I do it?

On September 28th of 2008, my wife and I were ordained by our Pastors. Praise God! It was just two short years after turning my life over to God. God took something foolish to confound the wise. If God can take someone like me, a former drunk and drug addict, and deliver me and set me free and then use me to minister to other men, Man! you just have to believe there is a God and He is good and merciful!

Since we have been ordained, I have done three weddings. The first wedding I did, I was kind of nervous. When I started talking to the bride and groom about the vows, I almost lost it. My eyes started tearing up. I felt like I was the one getting married. Right then I saw the importance of marriage and sacredness of the vows and being united together. When Pastor Sonny married my wife, Melissa and I, there was a lot of love that was there that I had not ever experienced before. This love is that which only God could give. We have a unique relationship. We still manifest like Newlyweds. We play around and act like kids sometimes. We keep excitement in our marriage. We never know what each other will do when we are together. We keep our communication lines open at all times. This is what keeps our relationship open and on fire. We truly have fun being married to one another. When God is involved, you will have an awesome marriage.

At All Around Cowboy Church in Sealy Texas, I serve as Pastor Sonny's Armor Bearer, Head Usher, and I also help out with the sound when needed. My wife is over the video department. Together we head up the singles group. From nothing to all of this! God is working in our lives. I am self employed, therefore I am able to travel a good bit with Pastor Sonny to minister, or just to be with him and drive for him when he goes to minister. I have traveled to Tombstone, Arizona, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Missouri in 2009. This is more than I traveled in my entire life.

I have never had more peace than I do now, with less money and less material things. I use to think the more money you made, and the more material things you had would give you satisfaction. This is not true. Only true peace and satisfaction comes from God. Please do not get me wrong, There is nothing wrong with things as long as things do not have you. You see, God had been busy in my life and keeping me on track. I am having fun living my life now. I have a life worth living, because God is the only **ONE WHO GIVES LIFE**.

God Bless,
Cliff & Melissa

More Land To House More Men

(Update!! Current balance needed, \$87,000.00)

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. We currently are on one acre of land which has a Chapel, a Dorm attached to it, another building that includes in it, kitchen, dinning hall, classroom & offices. Then on the back side of the buildings is our parsonage were Deb & I live. We also have storage buildings with a weight room attached. I described our acreage to you so you can have a mental picture that we are compact & needing expansion. We have known for sometime we would eventually need more land to house more men. Our heart has always been on discipleship. There must be an atmosphere of God's presence to break the yoke of bondage off of these men. When men get set free & begin living a victorious life, they testify of the wonderful things God has done for them. Shiloh then begins to experience the fruit from 10 years of co-labor with God. Now we are at a place were 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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Joe LeBleu

Hello my name is Joseph LeBleu. I was born in Kinder, Louisiana, and raised in Oberlin, Louisiana. I have a wife and two beautiful daughters. I am 27 years old. I had been bound up eleven years in drugs, alcohol, and many other addictions. When I was 15 years old I started experimenting with drugs trying to fill a void of emptiness inside of me, and trying to feel a sense of belonging. As life carried on, my addictions progressed along with my hopelessness. My desires and ambition to succeed or to do something worthwhile with my life disappeared as addiction progressed. I then began getting in a lot of trouble and hurting everyone who loved me. My heart had become hardened. I was very self-centered. I had no love or compassion. I could not love because I did not love myself, or God. I had become consumed by my drug addiction and was miserable. I would try to quit but I was helpless. I did not have the strength to do it on my own. I have had three drug overdoses and many car wrecks, and the only explanation for me even being here now, is by the Grace of God and because He has a purpose for me. My drug addiction had destroyed my marriage and my family and then I was led to Shiloh Ministries. Since I have been at Shiloh, I have found what I was missing, and searching for my whole life. I was made to have fellowship and communion with God The Father. It was here at Shiloh I found My Lord and My Savior, Jesus Christ. John 15:5

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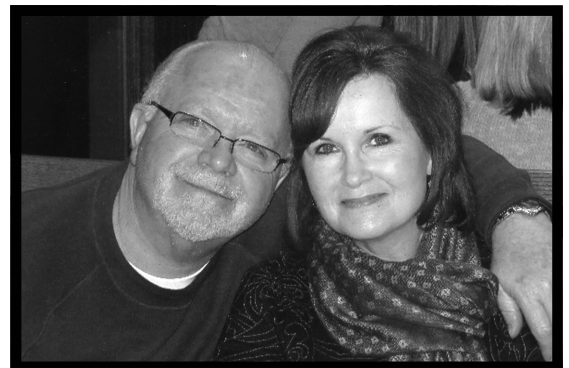
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