

FROM DRUGS TO DEDICATION

In the spring of 1971 I was leading Bible Studies for Youthful Offenders at Polk Youth Prison in Raleigh, North Carolina. During this time I met Bill Searcy, a sixteen year old youth who had been a runaway and was incarcerated for numerous drug charges. Bill showed a great eagerness to change his life and follow Jesus. On April 27, 1971 Bill became a disciple of Jesus.

Since that day, Bill has received a BA in Missions and Biblical Languages (magna cum laude), Master of Divinity (graduated 2nd in class), and Doctor of Ministry in Missions (3.82 GPA). He began mission work for Christ in 1975. He worked in the Soviet Union, Eastern Europe and China until 1983. Then he worked five years in a medical and church mission in the jungles and swamps of Belize, Central America. He has training in grief, trauma, marriage and family, plus cross-cultural counseling. His travels have taken him to all seven continents and seventy five countries. Currently, he is the senior professor at Nairobi Great Commission School in Kenya and also has a private counseling service. The top priority of his life is mission work for God.

How many other lives are wasting away in drugs and alcohol, but longing for a purpose and direction beyond themselves?

Since the opening of A FAMILY MATTER in March of 2005, I have completed approximately one hundred DRUG & ALCOHOL ASSESSMENTS for individuals who have “hit rock bottom” and are desperate to change their lives. A DRUG & ALCOHOL ASSESSMENT is the required first step before an individual enters a treatment program.

My experience and faith lead me to believe there are many other people who could be turned “from drugs to dedication.” If you know of someone in need of this service, please encourage them to call for help.

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