



## Miracles that follow the plow :: Called Out by the Father

### Called Out by the Father - posted by flameoffire (), on: 2013/4/1 11:21

Eight months ago a young man named H\_\_\_ was overcome with depression and hopelessness. Hassled by a life-long drug addiction, numerous warrants out for his arrest, and separated from his children, H\_\_\_ decided to end his life. He put a gun in his mouth and pulled the trigger. Nothing happened. He pulled the trigger a second time. The gun still didn't go off. The hammer fell on both bullets, denting the back of the shell, but failed to fire.

My brother in the LORD, Andrew had been praying for H\_\_\_ for four years. His prayers had gone up to a merciful God who intervenes in the lives of His children. In a time when there was no hope in H\_\_\_'s life, Jesus intervened with His life-giving hope and power. Andrew and H\_\_\_ talked about Christ often and H\_\_\_ acknowledged His reality and power, but struggled to give His life to Christ, even after Jesus spared him.

Six months ago, H\_\_\_ explained to Andrew that he had warrants out for his arrest and that following Jesus meant he would have to turn himself in. Andrew told him that when you come to Christ, He erases your past and the record of sins you've committed. He offered to pray that God would erase H\_\_\_'s criminal record. At Bible study that night we prayed again that God would expunge the record of crimes that H\_\_\_ had committed as a sign of Christ's love for him and as a removal of every obstacle that was keeping H\_\_\_ from Christ.

That week H\_\_\_ was picked up for something minor and spent the night in jail. In the morning the officers released him, saying that they had run his record and that it was clean. Jesus cleansed his past in order to give H\_\_\_ a future!

Still H\_\_\_ resisted giving his life to Jesus. He had smoked marijuana since a young child. Both of his parents were slaves to the drug, and he hadn't gone a day without smoking in many years. Andrew and I began to pray for supernatural deliverance from marijuana addiction.

Last month H\_\_\_ attended my home Bible study. We read Luke 14 and discussed what it meant to take up your cross and follow Christ. After the study I reminded H\_\_\_ of the miracles that God had done in his life, encouraging him that God had a desire and love for him as well as a plan to use him in great ways. I asked him what stood between him and Jesus. He acknowledged all that God had done, but again said he couldn't give up marijuana. I explained that Jesus would take the marijuana away from him when he gave his life to the LORD, but he struggled to believe.

"You would trade your soul for weed?" I asked. He responded honestly,

"That's a fair question, but I'm not ready."

"Well," I said, "In the same way that Jesus took your criminal record away, He will take weed away." We gathered around H\_\_\_ and prayed that God would break the addiction and remove the chains that were keeping him from Christ.

The next afternoon we were preparing to set out to do street evangelism with a visiting mission team when H\_\_\_ wandered in. He said,

"I don't know why I'm here, but I haven't been able to smoke weed all day."

"I knew it!" I exclaimed. I asked him what stood between him and asking the LORD into his heart that day.

"You just put fear into my heart," he said. After a pause he solemnly said, "Let's do it." He prayed with us, confessing Jesus as his Savior and LORD.

H\_\_\_ was being evicted from his house at the end of the month. That day Andrew called his landlord to see if he had a cheap place for H\_\_\_ to rent. He said he did. H\_\_\_ will live in the apartment right above a solid Christian who can disciple him. Our God is a supernatural delivering God!

H\_\_\_ has been reading the Bible every day and allowing the LORD to change his life. He was lost but now is found, was dead and now alive.

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**Re: Called Out by the Father - posted by mama27, on: 2013/4/1 12:15**

Thank you for sharing this unbelievable and precious testimony. Some here on SI know that I have 2 prodigal sons, and that even my other children have been drawn into worldliness and compromise...in part, because of the effects the prodigals have had and continue to have on our family. After a very emotionally difficult holiday weekend, I was feeling quite low this morning. This testimony seems INCREDIBLE, but then so did the Resurrection seem incredible. Thank you so much for sharing. You have given me hope :) And thank you for being obedient to the Lord so that He could use you in H's life. May God continue to use you!!

**Re: Called Out by the Father - posted by yuehan, on: 2013/4/2 12:27**

Thank you for sharing this beautiful testimony - the love of Christ indeed surpasses all knowledge. May Mr. H come to a fuller enjoyment of Jesus Christ!