

The
Fentanyl
Crisis has
Impacted
Project
Rescue!

**Two Project Rescue
members overdosed on
Fentanyl, while off-site!**

America's Fentanyl Crisis makes
relapse
much more dangerous!!

The policy of most addiction recovery programs is to expel a member who relapses.



We understand the reasoning behind this policy. One relapse adversely impacts the whole program. When you kick out a member who has relapsed, all of his drama leaves with him.



At Project Rescue, we believe relapse is a common symptom of the sickness of addiction. **Therefore, we do not expel a member when he relapses!**

We recently initiated a special relapse prevention program for our members who frequently relapse!

RELAPSE

Addiction: a chronic, relapsing disorder

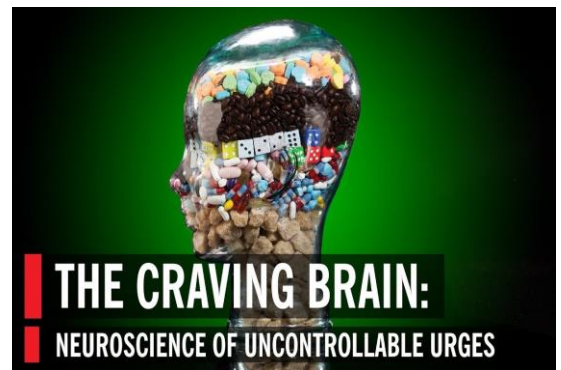
**We have initiated a special program and curriculum
for those whose brain damage is more severe:**

"Addiction is defined as a chronic, relapsing disorder characterized by compulsive drug seeking and use despite adverse consequences. It is considered a brain disorder, because it involves functional changes to brain circuits involved in reward, stress, and self-control. Those changes may last a long time after a person has stopped taking drugs."

National Institute on Drug Abuse

Here is a description of an addict's torment:

"First, the trigger or cue leads to craving. Craving leads to intensified imagining of the desired drug. When it gets intense enough, you go get or do what you want...then you feel pleasure, then loss & guilt, and soon your craving (dopamine) returns." Marc Lewis, neuroscientist



We stepped out in faith to purchase this house for \$200,000. It is for previous members who returned to us after a relapse. It is located across the street from our main facility.

Your contribution to this special effort would be appreciated!

**“... I see another law in my members,
warring against the law of my mind,
and bringing me into captivity to the
law of sin which is in my members. O
wretched man that I am! Who will
deliver me from this body of death? I
thank God--through Jesus Christ...”**

Romans 7:22-25

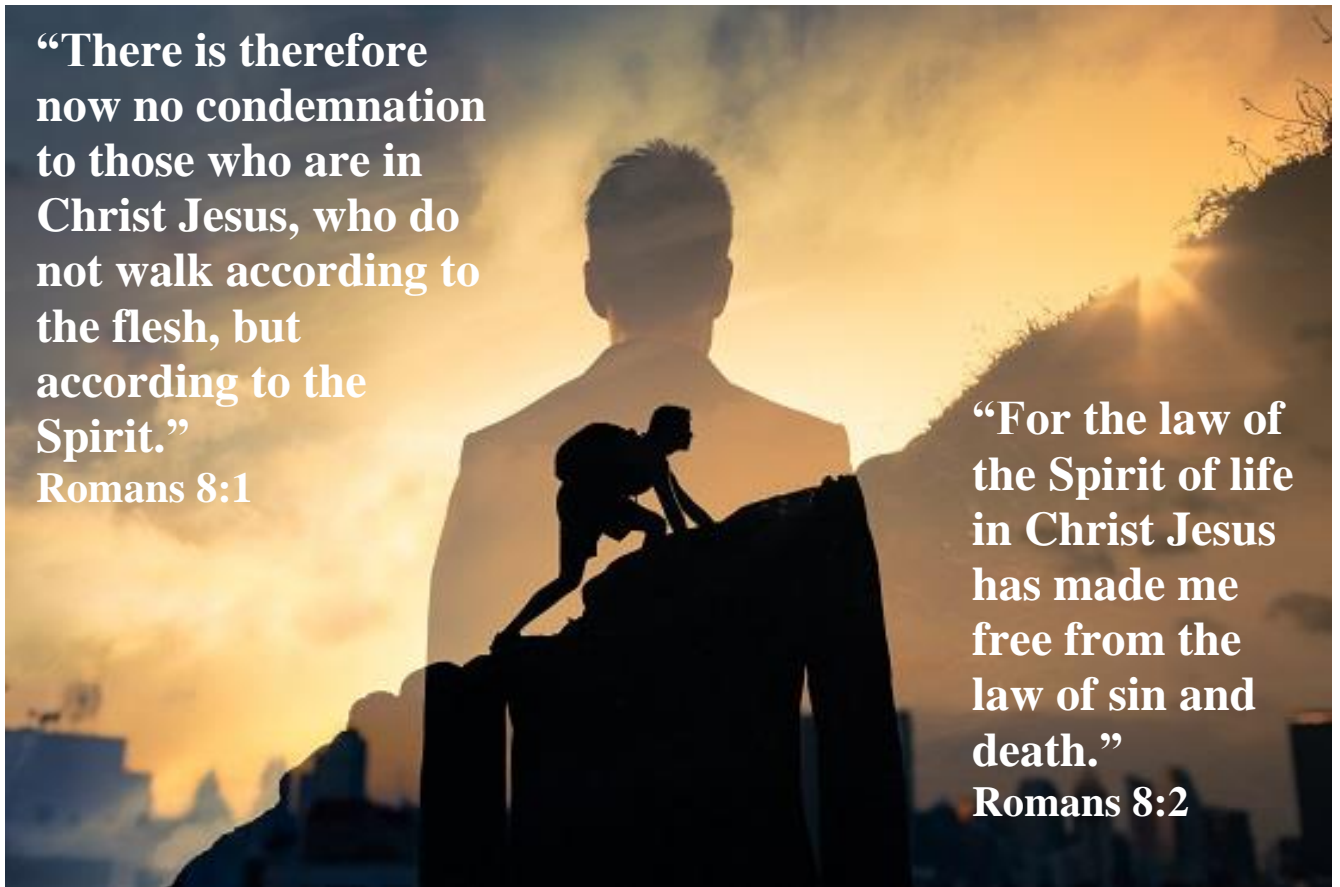


**“There is therefore
now no condemnation
to those who are in
Christ Jesus, who do
not walk according to
the flesh, but
according to the
Spirit.”**

Romans 8:1

**“For the law of
the Spirit of life
in Christ Jesus
has made me
free from the
law of sin and
death.”**

Romans 8:2



If you would like to help us rescue more souls struggling with addictions, please send your contribution to Project Rescue, 179 Cave Spring Road, Decatur, AL 35603. You can also contribute at www.projectrescue.org



This program is only for the member who frequently relapses.

It is designed to prevent frequent relapses.

It is also meant to minimize the damage a relapse causes.

Measures we take to prevent relapse:

1. Instead of attending regular classes, each man meets with me on Thursday nights and Sunday mornings.
2. He studies a workbook that explains Scriptures and science reports about addiction and relapse. He is tested weekly.
3. He is required to work on a hobby on Saturdays.
4. He is required to be involved in the ministries of the church. He must also make a friend with a member of the church.
5. To give him a strong reason not to relapse, we help him save for and obtain a vehicle, cell phone and apartment. When he completes 1 year without a relapse, the phone, vehicle, apartment, and his savings are signed over to him.



To the addict whose disorder is more severe, navigating the triggers, cravings and intensified imaginings is like holding his arms out like this!

Resisting relapse is too exhausting for some!

Our special relapse prevention program is to minimize the damage a relapse causes!



We are looking for supporters willing and able to donate a vehicle in its early 2000s.

It could make all the difference for a struggling addict to succeed!

DAMAGE CONTROL

With some recovering addicts, the reality is, they are going to relapse!

Therefore, we initiated a plan that uses leverage to minimize the damage after a relapse.



1. We involve a stable family member with the Leverage part of our Relapse Prevention program. The program member and the stable family member voluntarily agree with this plan.
2. We help each member save to purchase a cell phone, which he uses on our Verizon plan.
3. We help him save to purchase a vehicle. The title remains in our name.
4. We help him save for an apartment. The lease remains in our name.
5. If/when he relapses, he loses use of the vehicle, apartment, cell phone, and his savings, until he becomes stable enough to use them.
6. If he fails to return to Project Rescue after a relapse, he does not get to use the vehicle, phone, apartment, or his savings until he returns.
7. If/When 3 months surpasses without him returning to the program, the vehicle, phone, and his savings is transferred to his stable family member.



There are many ups and downs on the road to sobriety.

Due to our investment in each of these guys, we tend to go up and down with them as they struggle to overcome. Our greatest hope is to see them in heaven someday.

Your encouragement and faithful support keep us going. During this season of gratefulness, we want you to know how thankful we are for you. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

In His service,

Ronnie Crocker