

Revival Stories

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In the summer of 2018, New Life Church in Corpus Christi, Texas, began to experience an outpouring of the Holy Spirit that continues to this day. As the testimonies have increased both in volume and magnitude, “Revival Stories” serves to give you a window into what God is doing in the lives of His people.

DOCTOR CONFIRMED MAN HEALED OF STOMACH CANCER

Conrad Cantu Jr., a member of New Life Church and an M.D., had a brother, Andrew Cantu, who in November of 2022 was diagnosed with stage 5 gastric cancer. This kind of cancer typically has a life expectancy of six to twelve months from the onset of diagnosis. As Dr. Cantu dove into research on this type of cancer he said it felt like everything he saw led to death, but despite how bleak the situation looked, Conrad had faith in the power of the Lord. With this aggressive illness, the doctors came up with a new plan for chemotherapy and surgery. However, Conrad, his mother, and his wife all shared with each other that the Holy Spirit had put on their heart that the doctor was going to perform surgery on Andrew and would find nothing. Conrad and his family prayed for Andrew boldly at any chance that they got. Like the parable, Conrad wanted to be one of the friends lowering the paralyzed man through the roof. He prayed for Andrew one more time before he went into surgery and then went about the rest of his day. Post-surgery, Conrad spoke with the care-team, and they told him that all they found in Andrew was some scar tissue where the cancer had once been. They even did a pathology report to be sure. While the previous report clearly had cancer everywhere, the new one showed zero cancer. A miracle that could only be attributed to God.



Andrew's recovery. A photo progression from February 2023 to December 2023 showing the dissapating effects of the cancer in Andrews body due to his healing.

DREAM ABOUT HEALING FOR MANY

Several weeks before a monthly Heaven Come service, Anna Whitmore had a dream a woman was healed of Hashimoto's disease. In slight confusion, she woke up and asked her husband, "What is Hashimoto's?" having never heard the word and unsure if it was a real thing. They looked into it and learned it is a type of thyroid disease. The day before the worship night arrived, Anna was texting with a friend for prayer for an issue with her thyroid. That same moment, Anna receives another text asking for prayer from a woman who heard about her dream. Right after that, she received a third text from someone asking about her dream, and Anna recognized that the Lord wanted to do something. She felt overwhelmed with a gift of faith and got permission from the lead pastor to pray at the worship service over anyone experiencing thyroid problems. That night, as she gave an invitation for healing, many were astonished by just how many people came forward. Since then, many women have reached out to her proclaiming they have been healed, while others have shared that they were able to get off their medication and suffered zero symptoms. God is not limited in the number of people He can heal, it is something that He wants for all of us.

AN ACT OF FAITH LEADS TO SALVATION

Just as the Life Group semester was kicking off for New Life Church, Devante Boll, one of the leaders, was beginning to prepare for what God was going to do. This bible study was going to be held at his house; a place that he once associated with sin, he was now eager to use for God's glory. In preparation, he and his wife discussed buying a baptism trough for their backyard. Inspired by another young adult life group who had recently stepped out in faith and had their own backyard baptisms, they wanted to be ready for what God had planned. While it was expensive, and he had a mortgage, wife, and baby to provide for, Devante knew that God would provide for him. In buying the trough, he trusted in the Lord's guidance knowing the importance of obedience and that when we freely give, we freely receive. That night, he preached on repentance and one person decided to give their life to Christ and be baptized. In Devante's act of obedience, all of Heaven rejoiced.



Backyard baptism. Devante and his life group gather in the backyard to celebrate, as his wife, Britnee Boll, baptizes a new believer.

FROM ONE UNIVERSITY TO ANOTHER: REVIVAL SPREADS ACROSS SOUTH TEXAS

Inspired by his experience in 2022, Sebastian Mejia felt compelled to return to Corpus Christi for One Night, an annual worship event held by New Life Young Adults at TAMUCC, even though he had transferred to another university in Edinburg, Texas. However, this time, instead of attending alone, he wanted to bring as many people as possible to experience it with him. He shared with all his friends about this amazing spiritual event, and how no one would leave the same. What started with five yeses grew to thirty-five by the day of One Night. While this seemed to be a lot of people to transport, Sebastian had faith that God would provide, which He did with vans supplied by his church and another friend willing to help. At the event, four student-athletes received physical healing. After witnessing these healings and experiencing the power of the Holy Spirit, the traveling students took that fire back with them to Edinburg. Their community has been growing with small groups coming together and more believers taking initiative. Their FCA group, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, has also more than doubled going from attendances between eight and twelve to nearly 30. Along with more people congregating, there have also been salvations and people getting baptized resulting from the testimonies of people who attended One Night. However, they are not planning to stop there. There are also plans for a weekly prayer room on campus. Due to this encouraging growth, they have now decided to hold their own One Night in 2024. Mejia notes how there is a revival spreading from Corpus Christi to Edinburg and all throughout South Texas and people are finally taking notice.



Taking the Fire to the Rio Grande Valley. Sebastian Meija and some of his fellow students posing for a photo after attending One Night 2023, where several from their group experienced healings and life change.

STEPPING FORWARD IN FAITH LEADS TO COMPLETE HEALING

Leanna Jimenez, a young adult at New Life Church, was diagnosed with a skin disease on her legs at the beginning of her sophomore year of high school and was told by doctors that it was not curable and expected to grow as she got older. While it started at her ankles, it spread all the way up to her knees over the following years. Her skin became so dry, it was like scales that would crack and bleed. However, winter was the worst time for her due to the dry air and rubbing fabric which led to even more irritation to her legs. Despite her struggles with the skin disease, constantly treating it with medicine, creams, and pills, it was something that she continued to keep to herself. However, on a Sunday in November, when an altar call was given, she felt the Holy Spirit pushing her to go forward and receive prayer. Despite previously feeling hesitant, she didn't want to miss out on what God had to offer. After she received prayer, her legs that were once scale-like and gave her so much pain, were smooth, something she had not felt in many years. The only thing that remained was an outline of where the skin condition used to be. She noted that despite feeling so unworthy, God still healed her of the thing that she felt was holding her back.