

MARIJUANA WAS MY DAILY BREAD

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I grew up in a family where love wasn't felt. My father was a drunkard, mum was busy with her housework and my sisters took care of themselves. Me, an eight-year-old boy, I got to know the world from its gloomy side. As a little boy I was very naughty, cursing, stealing money and fighting with my friends.

When I was fourteen years old, however, the worst times came. It was then, while watching my dad drink and my friends addicted to drugs, I decided to gamble with my life.

I started to use drugs and drink alcohol. Marijuana, "gruda" or "violet", were my daily bread. A few months later I started to use harder drugs- LSD, hallucinogenic mushrooms and amphetamines. I would go through two-week marathons of sleeplessness and loss of appetite. Life finally looked beautiful. At the age of 16 I was admitted into a gang of a football club "Wisła Kraków". It helped me to forget the troubles I was facing at home.

At the age of 17 I became addicted to medicinal substances and to stealing –

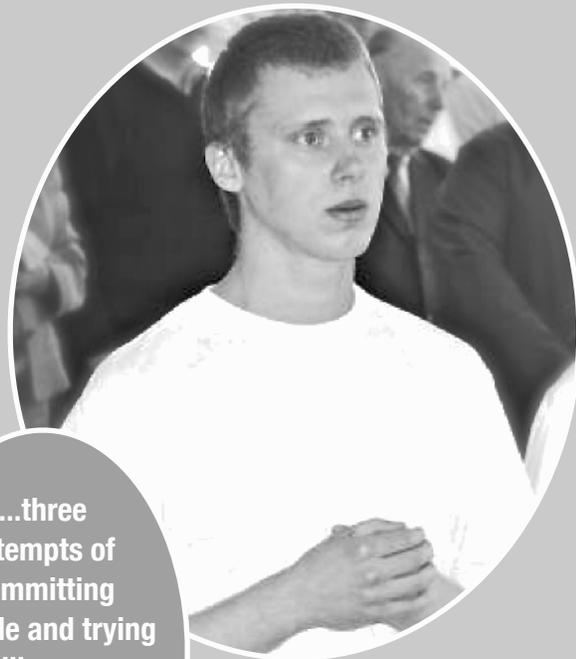
step-by-step I was walking into a prospering drug-dealing business.

Little by little I was ruining my own life - going to the dogs. As a drug, medicinal, substance and alcohol addict, having been through three attempts of committing suicide and trying to kill my own father, I didn't see anything else but a dark future.

Everything began to change when, through a friend of mine (who met a girl), I met people from a church. It was these people who showed me that my life had a deeper meaning. They talked me into taking steps not to lose my life and directed me to the New Life Center.

It was a place where, during my stay, I learned new values, got to know myself and fell in love with Jesus.

Now, I rent a room, I am legally employed, I am a volunteer helping homeless people and work with the



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children in Bread of Life's social center as well as attend college. God keeps on showing Himself to me over and over again-realizing my dreams in an amazing way.

Although my family, uncles, aunts and cousins, after finding out about my being born again and going through the waters of baptism, considered me a freak and broke off our relationships, I do not feel lonely. God, who is my Father, brother and friend, gave me my new family – the body of Christ.

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and all other things shall be added unto you"

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Ivory Coast Update...

Dr. Charles Dibie, Ivory Coast's National Director, has written from the field. Bread of Life has been in Ivory Coast for the past year working with very poor individuals, families and refugees. This past month, however, he has begun the process of officially registering Bread of Life as a foundation in Ivory Coast and is in the process of looking for a villa to purchase as our main headquarters.

Dear Friends,

We would like to apologize for our two-month hiatus. Richard and I had to pack and move to a new village---Jankowo Dolne. Then, Richard decided to leave on a jet plane...He will be coming back again, however (smile and wink).

In fact, he's currently in the United States! By the time you get this, I am not sure if it will be too late to contact him. Hopefully not! He would love to hear from you or meet you and share the great news of how you IMPACT the world around you from right where you are!

Anyway, we would like to write you this letter of encouragement...

First of all, thank you for your donations on behalf of us, the Nungessers, and the ministries. Did you know that in 2011, we will serve upwards of 27,000 people across the globe? We will! In fact, if you continue to remain a part of our team and share Bread of Life with others, we can serve even more!

Wow, how good God is!

Speaking of across the globe, because we create these newsletters in Poland and send them via this fascinating cyber world, it seems as if our fonts did not match that of Sir Speedy's. We didn't realize it until we received our actual newsletter in the mail, too. Therefore, Sir Speedy has been very kind to us and is printing Grzegorz's story once again so that you may read it and be inspired! A big thank you for these efforts.

I can't wait until the next newsletter is ready and out! Did you know that IMPACT is expanding its reader base and ministry base? It is! Starting in March, IMPACT will include Bread of Life, Poznan International Church, City International and also partner with Gospel Joy and the Polish Bible Translation projects through the ministries of Andrzej Gorski and Dr. Piotr Zaremba! That means every month you will get a broader idea of your IMPACT around the world!

Well, there is so much more that I would like to say...but I'll keep you in suspense until you receive March's IMPACT---expanded just for YOU!

I'll leave you with this funny story-A member of PIC was at IKEA in Poznan purchasing some household items. When the cashier asked for his payment, he gave his credit card. Then he signed his name on the bill. She took a look at the back of the card and the signature on the bill and said, "This does not match up." He said, "You're right. On the back of my card it says, 'See I.D.' so that you will ask for my documents." She said, "I'm sorry, you have to sign *See I.D.*" She then canceled his purchase and credit card payment and scanned all items again, making sure he signed "See I.D." this time instead of his name on the bill!

Hope you enjoyed this TRUE story. Ah, the fun of living in a foreign land!

God bless until March...

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