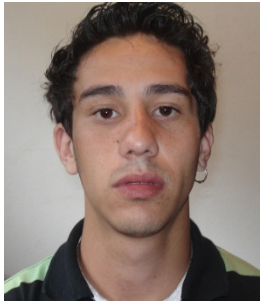


Lives Transformed in Brazil—Amazing testimony of Chris and Karen

God is at work changing lives and doing miracles in Brazil. Chris, one of the staff leaders at the center where we were teaching, shared his amazing story. He had been using drugs 9 years, since the age of 12, was no longer welcome to visit his family, and had lost everything because of addiction. One day he



Chris entering Teen Challenge

decided to end his misery by jumping through a second story window to commit suicide. The glass cut open his head while the fall caused his spleen and kidney to burst. Amazingly, one week later he was discharged from the hospital only to continue drug abuse and suicide attempts. Finally, one day he called his parents to say he wanted to come home and it was then his parents told him about Teen Challenge and encouraged him to go there.

At Teen Challenge he heard of God's plan for his life through a personal relationship with Jesus. He was not interested but he was envious of the relationships other

students had with their families. If becoming a Christian could help him restore his relationship with his family, he would try it.



Karen entering TC

That's when everything changed. He discovered real life in Jesus. He had suffered from depression since he was a child and now it was gone. He had a hunger for reading and studying the Bible and for helping others who needed freedom from addiction. Moreover, his family wanted to see him again.

Chris not only got his life back and his relationships with his family restored but also met Karen. Karen's life had been very similar to Chris's. Drug's multiple cutting episodes and suicide attempts. Teen Challenge workers met her as she was in the hospital recovering from cutting her wrist. She was nearly dead when she entered the program and then found new life in Christ.

They were married in February 2012 and both serve as leaders at the Teen Challenge ETM Pouso Alto, MG, Brazil.



Chris & Karen Wedding Day Feb 2012