

We're Together Again... Greg & Peggy

Married in 2006, the couple came to an impasse in the fall of 2010. Greg's dependence on alcohol climaxed in an emotional war of wills with a subsequent stay at the Spencer County Correctional Facility. He was released to house-arrest but going back home to his wife, Peggy, was not an option. At Southern Hills he was told about housing in Rockport; a rehab called **The Way**. Community Corrections helped Greg to connect with Brett. Originally from Pennsylvania, and not really knowing anyone apart from Peggy, he told Brett, "I'm a lost man down here in Indiana." He knew he had to "get rid" of his alcohol problem. "I was greeted with open arms – all the guys are wonderful." It was the first Friday in December, and Greg was "getting ready to go upstairs for the Celebrate Recovery meeting. Then Brett called him into his office to "lay down his basic ground rules." They were: church twice on Sundays, Celebrate Recovery meeting on Monday, church on Wednesday, and another Celebrate Recovery meeting on Friday. "I decided then, 'this is NOT for me'. I could handle the meetings – but church three times a week, I could not!" But Greg had nowhere else to go.

Greg: "The next Sunday morning I walked into church feeling like a no body. But throughout Bible Study, the service and everything, something started happening." He wasn't sold yet, but his curiosity was beginning to take hold. After only two Sundays, Greg asked Brett if he could keep the Bible he had given him. "I didn't know at the time, but the Lord had already touched me. All I knew was, I liked The Way and the Nazarene Church, and I started taking an interest in the Bible."

"One day I was sitting in the Sanctuary at The Way by myself. I was thinking about this divorce coming up, and at the same time I was having a hard time understanding what I was reading in the King James Version Bible Brett gave me. That same day Ron stopped by the office at The Way and I told Ron what was on my mind. So he showed me some other Bibles I could choose from, and I found one I could understand. I wish I still had that Bible, but I ended up giving it to my son hoping that he will understand it."

Peggy: "My daughter & son-in-law were keeping in contact with Greg somewhat. But my family was really encouraging me to end the marriage. In February I decided to talk to Greg. I was in counseling with my pastor. I didn't know that he had been talking to Greg as well. When I called Greg we spoke for three hours. Greg told me that at The Way he was learning to love the Lord and '*There is life beyond alcohol*'."

So Peggy began to ask God for a real answer. One night she prayed for two hours. On the edge of sleep, Peggy had a vision of Jesus at the foot of her bed, with His arms outstretched toward her. "The next morning I felt things would be better. And every day it has been better! I can never say enough good things about The Way."

Peggy and Greg agree, without Greg's involvement with **The Way** there would be no US.

After 105 days at The Way, Greg left a new man and was baptized on March 20, 2011, which happened to be his birthday.