

Transformations

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**Two steps and you're up:
A caring relationship plus a job, lifts a gang member from the street into a life of hope and success.**

Employers Wanted.

We like donations of cars in good running condition. We pass those cars on to young men and families in need of transportation who have proven themselves worthy.

Odd Jobs Needed.

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"I was in seventh grade when my chance came to be a gangster. It was what I had always wanted." Rudy was jumped into the Bulldog gang at the age of thirteen. Immediately, he began breaking into houses and stealing cars. To be a part of the gang each member had to do lots of crime. It was a badge of honor.

"I met my girlfriend, now my wife, Monika, when I was seventeen. I tried to take her on a date in a stolen car I was driving." Rudy was drunk, and Monika told him, "I am not getting in that car with you!" He knew she was different, and a sliver of light shone on his lost soul. Monika had a brother, Joey, who had attended Hope Now For Youth. Joey told Rudy about the program. "I was embarrassed to tell him I had already gone to Hope Now when it first began, back in 1994. But I wasn't serious about changing my life, and I made jokes about it." Joey had a rough background, and Rudy, now older, began to think, *If they can change a guy like him, they could change anybody.*

Rudy began attending regularly. "They taught me a lot about working hard and how to keep my job. They also showed me how to manage my money." Rudy began to make the changes needed to succeed. "I learned from every job they got me. The main thing that kept coming up in my mind was to be reliable and trustworthy, and no matter what, listen to the boss."



Rudy is older now and has a steady job, working as a cook. He loves cooking and currently works at Butterfish California Poke restaurant. He works in the back prepping all the food for the day. He is a hard worker and has been promoted.

He loves to call Hope Now his family. "Hope Now is my family at my best, and my worst. They always show love and are welcoming. Once, when we were homeless, Hope Now helped us get back on our feet and never turned us away."

Rudy and Monika have a beautiful family, and they attend Hope Now Bible Church.

To hear and see Rudy tell his story, click below:

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Cambodia Corner

He was lost and alone on the streets of Phnom Penh. Drugs had taken their toll. “He was homeless, with no one to love him,” said staff member Mout Iv. He sold meth for drug lords and convinced his buyers to share it with him. Although destroying his brain and tearing his life apart, drugs were the only thing he could do to cope. When Mout found him, he was almost gone. There was not even a flicker of life or hope in his soul. Vacant eyes stared back.

As our staff began to embrace him and love him with the love of Jesus Christ, he started responding to that love. His battle with drugs began to lessen, and slowly we saw a flame reignite from within.



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