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Silencio Church and the community

Dear friends, because you have already visited our church, you are aware of much of the work that we do within the community and the support that we give other charities and community groups within Tenerife and further afield.

During this last year we have supported Amigos de Lourdes who run rehabilitation centres on Tenerife and Gran Canaria, a school project in Papua New Guinea, Love Russia who work with orphanages in Russia and the Grassroots charity that sponsor projects here in Tenerife and in Africa.

(See the FREE Grassroots DVD information on the reverse.)

THE HALFWAY HOUSE

We also run a "Halfway House" close to the church, where we work in conjunction



with Amigos de Lourdes (a rehabilitation centre on the east coast of Tenerife), and support those that have made it through rehabilitation and now need a helping hand to adjust back into the world. This project to date has been very successful and has seen

a number of our friends giving their lives to Christ – what a change we have seen!

MICHAEL'S TESTIMONY

After a number of years during which time Michael had become homeless and alcoholic dependent, he had this to say....."Some-one told me to go to the Living Room and Lee offered me a place in a Spanish Christian rehab called



Amigos de Lourdes. There I asked Jesus into my life and be my Saviour. After 7 months I left rehab and moved into the Halfway House. It was a stable platform to move onward and upward, spiritually and financially. So in 13 months I went

from being alcohol dependent and homeless with no dignity or purpose.....to living a life of purpose with Jesus.

The Halfway House is a place of spiritual security and learning, a place where I could let Jesus start healing me. All this combined with Silencio Church gave me the practi-

cal life building messages I needed. I praise God for putting all this in my path and thanks be to Lord Jesus for where I am today. AMEN."

JOHN'S TESTIMONY

By the time John was 15, his life was pretty much mapped out for him, one dominated by drink, drugs, violence, bikes, the police and courts. He ended up a heavy user of cocaine, alcohol dependent and homeless. His story continues..... "My body doesn't crave alcohol anymore, my life is free of it. I have a new family here in the Halfway House with the Lord as the head of it, new Christian friends and I now work part time in the Living Room. But I can't forget



where I came from and the other people living the same lifestyle addicted to drink and drugs or both. I know Jesus is real. He is the only thing or person that could have saved me from totally destroying my life and the lives of a lot of people around me. I know He loves me and will never leave me or He would never have taken the time to find me and I thank Him every day for saving me."

STEVE'S TESTIMONY

By the time Steve was 17 he was dependent on heroin and looking at a prison sentence.

Several years and a divorce later he was an alcoholic and living on the streets. He says..... "Whilst in the rehab, I started to read the bible and to ask questions. I also did the Genesis course which was great. Things inside me were changing. I felt at peace which I don't think I had ever really felt before. After spending 8 months in rehab I was ready for my next step in my new and much improved life. After being in the Halfway House for 2 weeks I accepted Jesus into my life. I have now been offered a training position in the Living Room which is out of



this world. The place where I went for help I am now working. All I can say is PRAISE THE LORD."

TONI'S TESTIMONY



Toni's was a tough childhood, with no dad in her life and brothers and sisters living a life where drink, heroin and prison were the norm. Toni says....

"I thought coming to Tenerife would be an escape for me but after almost 8 years working in a bar, I was into drinking every day and cocaine. I would get home and not remember what had happened or how I had got there. I met the guys from the Living Room and gradually my life started to turn around. The Living Room and Silencio Church gave me such love and support, and I invited Jesus into my life. My life has turned round. I now have hope for the future. I feel like the blindfolds have been taken off and that the world is a brighter place I have a good relationship with God and though I didn't know it as the time, He had looked after me. Thank you Lord."

SCOTT'S TESTIMONY



After 7 years of heroin and alcohol addiction and latterly living on the streets, Scott knew he needed help....

"When I realised I needed help I turned to the Living Room because I knew they could point me in the right direction. Lee got me into a Christian rehab and after being there a while I started reading my bible. I soon realised I needed Christ in my life.

During my time in rehab Lee and Toni from the Living Room were supporting me and encouraging me and I moved into the Halfway House which is run by Silencio Church and staffed by Breakfree Ministries. Since moving into the house and attending Silencio Church, my life has totally changed. I now feel part of something, I now believe in something. I was baptised on 14 December 2008 and I do feel like a new creation. All my old ways have gone. I'm free of addiction, I've got my life back on track and I'm now working full time. I know God has a plan for me and I'm prepared for whatever that plan may be."

WHERE YOU COME IN.....

Over the coming months we want to bless projects closer to home and have two in mind that we are asking you to help us with. The first is the project that Grassroots sponsor here in Tenerife—**The Living Room**. The Grassroots ministry here in the Veronicas area of Las Americas, has just celebrated its five year anniversary. They provide a base for the life of God's Spirit to advance into the community and they work in and around the clubs. The Living Room gives young people a safe haven to go to where they can just chill, talk through their problems or simply ask for prayer. The ministry also reaches out to those on holiday here that frequent the bars and nightclubs.

Your FREE DVD

Recently Grassroots filmed a documentary explaining the work of the Living Room. We hope you enjoy it.



The second is the work that is being done by the Halfway House in providing a supportive and encouraging environment for those who live there so that they can start to live a Christ centred life and step into the fullness of God's blessings.

YOUR help is needed!

However, in order to keep both these vital projects running we now need YOUR help and support. We thank everybody who has generously supported us over the years. Finance is a constant need. Without your help we would not have been able to do any of this work to date. God can take what little we have and use it to bless many. Everyone needs to know their purpose.....

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. (Jeremiah 29:11 NIV)

So, to help us with this work, this is what we would like you to do.

Decide how much you can give a week or a month and then complete the standing order or make a one-off donation and send it back to Grassroots or ourselves.

Please do fill in the gift aid form if you are a UK tax payer as it adds 28p for every £1.

Alternatively use a credit card (leaving a note "Silencio Appeal 2009") via the paypal button on the Grassroots website:

www.grassroots.org.uk



All donations will be split 50/50 between "the Living Room" and "the Half Way House" unless you say otherwise.

Thank you and God bless you!