

**Faith in the Face of Failure**

**“Take courage ... and work;  
for I am with you, declares  
the Lord of Hosts.”**

Haggai 2:4 NASB

Winston Churchill, England's Prime Minister and great wartime leader during World War II, once said: "Failure is not fatal; it is the courage to continue that counts."<sup>1</sup> This is easier said than done. Without encouragement and faith in a vision for the future it is difficult, at best, to pick oneself up and start anew; especially in the face of devastating and discouraging circumstances.

In the sixth century B.C., discouragement and despair permeated the land of Judah. After seventy years of Babylonian captivity, the Lord moved the heart of King Cyrus to permit His people to return to their homeland with provisions to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem, which had been ravaged and destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar's army.

Not all of God's people chose to leave. Many preferred the wealth and security they established in Babylon to the sacrifice that God's work would require<sup>2</sup>. Yet, there was a "remnant" that took the long and arduous journey to Jerusalem, knowing they would meet a hostile and difficult environment<sup>3</sup>. Because their hearts had been moved by Jehovah and His promise of renewal they eagerly gave themselves to the work of the Lord. However, returning to ruins can be disheartening especially when coupled with severe opposition from the enemy. Despite their enthusiastic beginning, the people lost heart and abandoned their work in 530 B.C.

For ten years the temple restoration lay neglected while the people reverted in despair to self preservation. Trying to secure their own homes and a safe community they lost sight of their priorities saying *the time has not come...for the house of the LORD to be rebuilt*.<sup>4</sup> Yet, they were not successful. The bible tells us, although they were surviving, they were not enjoying God's full blessing of provision as their lack of faith led to disobedience.<sup>5</sup> Then, through His prophets, The Lord reminded them of three important things: their calling, the reality and power of His presence, and His vision for their future.

1.Quote.net

2.Ezra 1:5; (all biblical references are NASB)

3.Haggai 1:2

4.Haggai 1:6

5. Haggai 1:2

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—Rosemary Sabatino

**Their Calling.** Despite their failure they were not rejected. They were still God's choice for the task and He graciously longed to bless them. *Is it time for you to dwell in your paneled houses while this house lies desolate? ... Consider your ways! You have sown much, but harvest little... Go up to the mountains; bring wood and rebuild the temple that I may be pleased with it and glorified.*<sup>6</sup> Their spirits stirred by His grace, the people responded in obedience and began the work anew.

**The Power of His presence.** Yes, it was another great beginning. But, in order to complete their task they needed to know that the work and the battle belonged to the Lord. *Take courage, declares the Lord, and work; for I am with you, declares The Lord of Hosts ... My Spirit is abiding in your midst.*<sup>7</sup> The Lord of Hosts, *Jehovah Sabaoth*, is the distinctive name of God in manifestation of His power, used particularly for Israel's help and comfort in her times of need, division and failure.<sup>8</sup> He is The Lord of Warrior Hosts, marshaling everything in heaven and earth to fulfill His purposes, help His people, and bring redemption to their circumstances.

*Jehovah Sabaoth* is the Strong Tower available for those times when God's people fail and are powerless, when their resources are inadequate and when there is no other help<sup>9</sup>. In their failure, the people of Judah could take courage for they would now experience the Lord of Warrior Hosts in the *midst* of their circumstances. But it would take a step of faith on their part—they were enjoined to show up and *work*.

**His Vision for Their Future.** The Lord encouraged the people that they were working towards a blessed end. What now looked like rubble and ruin would one day be gloriously redeemed and the city under oppression would be a place of peace. *The latter glory of this house will be greater than the former; ... and in this place I will give peace, declares the Lord of Hosts.*<sup>10</sup>

6. Haggai 1:4-13

7. Haggai 2:4,5

8. Scofield Study Bible; page 105

9.Precept Austin Online

10. Haggai 2:5-9

In the face of failure, stirred by the word and power of the *Lord of Hosts*, the people gained the courage to continue. They went forth in faith to resume the work on the temple which was completed in 516 B.C.

The need of broken souls for the power and deliverance of the *Lord of Hosts* is probably demonstrated no more clearly than in the lives of those battling the bondage of drug or alcohol addiction.

This special double-edition of the Barnabas is dedicated to Children and Addiction and to those brave and called out servants who minister in this difficult area. Drug and alcohol abuse touches every area of children in crisis; from street children and child soldiers to the sexually exploited, slave laborers and the poverty stricken. In addition, children living with addicted adults make up a large sector of children at risk and children in crisis. Unfortunately, in many contexts, drug abuse is either ignored or not addressed due to a lack of education, training and resources.

We are ever so grateful for this issue's contributing authors who collectively have over 30 years of experience in ministry to those suffering the pain and bondage of addiction and its effects on children. Together, they present a holistic approach that we believe can be a foundation for understanding the issues and a catalyst for further investigation and study.

More importantly, through their stories we understand that bringing healing and hope to the lives of children affected by addiction is no small task, but one that cannot be ignored. Yes, the spiritual battle is tremendous and the circumstances can be devastating, discouraging and at times wrought with failure. But, we learn that bondages can be broken and souls set free by the power of an awesome God. We must be willing to exercise faith in the face of failure and answer our Savior's call:

***Take courage...and work; for I am with you declares the LORD of Hosts!***

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# GLUE: *A Killer Drug*

They ruin the brain, cause respiratory infections and lead to irresponsible and aggressive behavior in street children worldwide: addictive solvents. Many street workers are at a loss to know how to deal with this destructive addiction in the children they long to help. **Walter Forcatto** shares experiences from his time in Lima, Peru.

**A**lthough I had read much on the subject of street children abusing drugs, when I was confronted with it in real life for the first time my heart was shattered and the images burned into my mind. Since then I have learned more about the complexity of the issue and the many factors involved. Each child carries the baggage of a world of hurt, loneliness, abuse, rejection and marginalization. These children have had their childhood stripped away and have been forced to grow up fast in a world of adults in order to survive. Most have experienced more pain and rejection than many of us will face in our lifetime. Yet, beneath the exterior of toughness, hatred, dirt, violence and loss of innocence, seeds of childhood innocence and a longing to be loved as children lie buried in these kids. These seeds offer hope.

## What kind of drugs?

Drugs in Lima are cheap and easy to get. Marijuana, *pasta* (free-based cocaine that is smoked using a pipe) and cocaine are readily available. Most of the street kids, however, get their high from inhaling shoe repair glue from a plastic bag or small bottle. It is not uncommon to see street kids openly inhaling glue as they are walking or sitting in parks. Other times the children will conceal it by hiding the bag or bottle in their shirt sleeves or under a baseball cap. The children obtain the glue from a few street vendors

who clandestinely sell it to them. Unfortunately, some kids also resort to selling little plastic bags of glue to their friends as a means to earn money. Many times kids will take the bags or plastic bottles from each other and not give them back. The street kids react angrily to this which can lead to an argument, threats or a fight if the bag is not returned.

## Why inhale glue?

When I ask the children why they use drugs I receive various answers. Many say that drugs counter the effects of hunger. They do not feel as hungry when they are high. Also, many will inhale glue to numb themselves from cold, dangerous nights on the streets. Because of the lack of loving support and stable family structure, many have not learned to deal with difficulties in a constructive manner. Others say inhaling glue is something they like to do, almost as an expression of rebellion.

But a deeper level exists to this problem. The spiritual dimension of drug use and addiction is an aspect that must be carefully considered. It is my belief that substance abuse can be a stronghold of the evil one to control, manipulate and destroy the Lord's creation. The self-destruction in the lives of street kids brought about by drug use at times seems so blatantly

demonic. The root cause behind their drug use, I think, is the need to create a temporary illusion that enables the child to somehow cope with a very difficult and powerless existence.

## Relationships are central

In ministry with street children, building relationships is foundational. Street children who have been betrayed and abused by the adults and authority figures in their lives display an almost automatic distrust toward other adults. How can we recognize the deep needs of children if we do not take time to get to know them? Who am I and what right do I have to tell these children what to do and what not to do if I do not know them and they do not know me?

Therefore, we want to be with them as much as we can so they can know us and

understand that they can trust us. We want the children to know that our relationship is built on our love and acceptance of them for who they are and not on what we can give them or do for them. It is out of these relationships of love, compassion and grace that opportunities to minister arise and trust is built. It is from this position that one can speak into the lives of the children concerning issues such as drug use. And one thing we must never forget: it is very easy for us

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to condemn the kids and take on a self righteous attitude. The kids do not need another source of condemnation. They have heard so much already about how bad and useless they are. What would we do if we were in their shoes? If all we had to keep us warm on a winter night was a thin, short-sleeved shirt and the body warmth of other kids around us, to what would we resort?

## Working rules

While on the streets we have to remember that we are on the children's turf. We have entered their world and its norms; we must respect that. Helping them is a challenge because we are limited in what rules we can establish and enforce. This restriction can be very frustrating at times. Yet we realize that the kids do need some kind of structure, so we have some rules limiting the inhaling of glue that seem to work. For example, when the kids are playing a game of soccer or taking part in another activity they are not allowed to inhale glue. We ask them to give themselves a chance to participate and succeed.

Also, we try to communicate respect for one another and encourage them not to inhale from the bag while we are having a conversation with them. At other times we just ask them to give us their bags of glue so we can throw them away, because we do not like the way they are hurting themselves. Most children respect these rules, but, as always, some will test the boundaries and break them.

Constant lectures about the use and dangers of drugs do not work. Also, unless one has a strong relationship with the street children, taking their bags of glue away without their consent will accomplish nothing and might even hinder the relationship.

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## The children offer hope

As Christians we know that there is hope for these children. God is a Father to the fatherless, and He hears the cries of His children (Psalm 68:5, 72:12-14, Genesis 21:17-18). As street workers, we continually need to cry out to God on behalf of these children. Ultimately, it will be His power that will free them and give them the desire to choose life.

One lesson I have learned, and it has been a painful process, is that the initiative has to come from the children. They need to desire to change.

These kids can change. Some may need professional support and commitment in terms of dealing with addictions. And honestly, it may seem impossible

at times. But there is hope. We know a number of children who, through their faith in God, have quit inhaling glue and are now living at home and studying. They are the children who offer us hope and faith that other street kids can change, but also that the Lord can work in the most difficult circumstances in our lives.

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## *A Journey Worth Taking: walking with those in addiction*

—Ewa Heugh



**M**y journey with substance abusers started about six years ago. Although I did not come to South Africa with a call to minister specifically to drug addicts, I spent much of my time with hurting people. Within the first week of my arrival in Cape Town, the Lord confronted me with people who were struggling with addiction. Years later, after working with many of them, I have made my share of mistakes but learned countless lessons.

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Perhaps most significantly, I have learned how to give and receive grace and love—both of which I had little when I began this work. Although this truth was hard to accept, day by day, year after year, I have been learning the meaning of love and grace, not just for myself, but for others, too. In the past, I questioned people and asked myself, *how did they get in such a mess?* Now I listen for the real story, and ask myself instead, *what would I do in their position?* To be honest, I would be in the same mess. Like so many others, I would look for an easy way to escape my reality. The devil does not sleep, he tempts many with an easy solution and then collects a big payment—their lives. This work has given me an awareness of my attitudes toward God, life, and people and has taught me what it truly means to be like Jesus: to care for others without getting anything in return.

To help those with addictions, I have had to learn to see them not for who they are today, but for who they could become in the future, even if that future never arrives. Of course, we must also deal with reality and tell the truth, but we must keep the addiction and the person separate and have faith that change is possible. One of the first clients I worked with was a twenty-two-year-old girl who had been addicted to methamphetamine (crystal meth) for seven years. During her three-year struggle to get free from the bondage of drugs, she showed me what life is like for a drug addict. Today, she is passionately enthusiastic to reach the lost. I am reminded of the parable of the lost sheep (Matthew 18:12–14). The shepherd left the ninety-nine to find the one. I often felt as though all I was doing was running after one sheep, but that one sheep is now winning more people than I

ever could! Her current goal is to convince her son to choose a different lifestyle. This very angry boy desperately needs his mother's help to prevent him from following the same destructive path as his father and grandparents who continue to use drugs. Although she still faces many hardships, and at times finds herself making poor decisions, she no longer turns to drugs—she turns to God.

As counselors, we need to remind addicts that somebody believes in them and loves them in spite of their addiction. Yet, we must take care to maintain healthy emotional boundaries. I made the mistake of becoming emotionally attached to twenty-year-old Marie (not her real name). Intelligent and beautiful, Marie was addicted to crystal meth. Her mother, thirty-seven, was addicted to heroin. Marie's two-year-old son routinely uttered curse words and, at playtime, demonstrated how to inject heroin. I felt personally responsible for Marie.

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The first time I saw her, I thought the devil was in Marie (maybe he was). Despite her confused state, she was desperately calling out to me for help. In her confused, ill mind, she believed she could trust only me and one other older woman. She listened to us and never swore when we were around her. She even forgave us for having her committed to a psychiatric hospital for four months. Over the year in which we walked alongside her, she got better and better. She did not have anyone else to stand by her, but this girl was a fighter who touched my heart.

When I returned after a month away, I heard the news that she was dead. Nobody knew whether her death was an accident or suicide, and nobody will ever know. My heart broke. I wanted to go far away forever. I felt personally responsible for her death, and I allowed the devil to accuse me of not doing enough, of being lazy, and of many other things. Slowly, I realized that God's grace was bigger than my effort to help her, and He knew what was best for Marie. Marie's death also created an opportunity for her son. He is



growing up with Marie's aunt who loves him, and he has a chance to have a better life. Without the belief that my work is a ministry from God, I might have given up a long time ago. Marie's story reminds me that addiction is fought on a daily basis; sadly, many people will not live to see tomorrow. She is one of many examples that life is short, especially when we are dealing with substance abusers.

When our motivation to help people is emotionally driven, we run the risk of giving up and losing faith. If our intentions are misguided, we may tend to feel hurt and used by clients, especially when we do not immediately see the fruit of our work. In my opinion, this outcome is neither the fault of the addicts, whose need to use drugs causes them to lie and manipulate, nor of the counselors, who sincerely want to help. This work is impossible to do on our own, and we must put our trust not only in God's hands, but also in the hands of a few carefully chosen people. I had ears open to listen to my mentors because I trusted that they wanted the best for me and would watch over me. I relied on their guidance to keep my focus more on God and less on my own emotions and expectations.

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God only knows how many times I wanted to be the Savior. I recognized that I wanted to do Jesus' job, but I could not and I cannot. I need to listen for God's voice to tell me what He wants me to do and how far He wants me to go with clients. By staying focused on God, I have learned to honor what the client wants, not what I want, and to progress at the client's speed, not my speed. That is not as easy as it sounds. I can often see my clients heading straight for the fire, determined to take their children and families with them. And I cannot stop them. I know that I have to protect myself from feeling responsible for everyone, but it is so overwhelming when somebody dies and the devil tells you that you did not do enough. A formula for what to do does not exist; we have only guidelines. The best gifts are discernment and healing, but if we are to receive those gifts, we must stay close to God and listen to Him. God's purpose is different for everybody. Each person has his own unique life journey. We are just helpers, not saviors, to our clients.

The biggest mistake we make in the field of substance abuse is to overlook the children of drug addicts. Adult drug addicts were once children who grew up and who now have children of their own. What type of people will the children grow up to be without help and hope? Many children of addicts suffer from a lack of love. The parents say, "I love my child," but too often the parents have never known love themselves. In addition to their empty words, these parents

constantly break their promises. Accustomed to begging for money for their own survival or for their parents to buy drugs with, these children quickly learn from their parents how to manipulate and lie. On the surface, children of addicts may appear happy and outgoing, but inside they are begging for love. Unsure whether they are loved causes a loss of dignity, which, in turn, makes them easy targets of abuse, both emotional and sexual. Particularly painful for me was learning that some parents support their drug habit by sending their children to the streets to work as prostitutes.

Without true unconditional love, the children may go along with the game of life, but they do not trust that they are worthy enough. Scared, lonely, and hungry for their parents' love, the children will do anything to be with them, even lie. Rather than the too-painful truth, they have learned to tell people what they want to hear. Outsiders think they are liars—and that might be true—but the children have reason to lie. These children lie in an effort to protect themselves from rejection and to prevent being taken away from their parents. The parent/child bond is incredible in spite of abuse and neglect. On several occasions, when I went to see one of the parents, especially the mother, their young children would scream and cry. These children were afraid that I would take them away from their parents. To help substance abusers, we must respect the family unit and acknowledge both the children and the parents.

These past six years have included stress, anger, and tears, but the rewards outweigh the negatives. The greetings of former drug addicts whom I no longer recognize are always rewarding. Recently, I spoke with a young man who had been clean and sober for three years. I did not remember ever having met him. His appearance—his face, his eyes, even his posture—had changed. His expression now reflected a new happiness and peace that comes from within. He said, "One day you visited my home and told me, 'You can change. You can have a different life.' I believed you. I stopped taking drugs and went to a Christian rehab center." He now works for the Department of Social Services. One day, when I was feeling down, he came to me with his Bible and encouraged me from the Word.

Outcomes like this make this challenging ministry worth it and remind me that, indeed, in the journey, God's hand is guiding my work!

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## Training Tips

*Plans fail for  
lack of counsel,  
but with many advisers  
they succeed  
(Proverbs 15:22 NIV)*



### An Excerpt from:

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**A**lcoholism is not an individual disease. It is a family disease. Living with an alcoholic can cause stress for all members of the family, although each one may be affected differently. Not all alcoholic families experience or react to this stress in the same way. The level of dysfunction or resiliency of the non-alcoholic spouse is a key factor in the effects of problems impacting children.

### Family environment.

The environment of children of alcoholics (COAs) has been characterized by lack of parenting, poor home management, and lack of family communication skills. The alcoholic family has been described broadly as one of chaos, inconsistency, unpredictability, unclear roles, arbitrariness, changing limits, arguments, repetitious and illogical thinking, and perhaps violence and incest.

Additionally, the family is dominated by the presence and yet the denial of alcoholism. The addiction becomes a major family secret, most often denied inside the family and certainly denied to outsiders. This secret becomes a governing principle around which the family organizes its adaptations, its coping strategies, and its shared beliefs, in order to maintain its structure and hold the family together.

### Rules the children live by.

- *Don't trust.* In Alcoholic families, promises are often forgotten, celebrations cancelled and parents' moods unpredictable. As a result, COAs often have a hard time believing that others can care enough to follow through on their commitments.
- *Don't feel.* Due to the constant pain of living with an alcoholic, COAs must "quit feeling" in order to survive. When emotions are expressed, they are often abusive, and prompted by drunkenness. These outbursts have no positive result and, along with the drinking, are usually denied the following day. To avoid "hurting all the time" the child decides not to feel at all.
- *Don't talk.* COAs learn not to talk about a huge part of their reality - drinking. This results from the family's need to

deny that a problem exists and that drinking is tied to that problem. There is often an unspoken hope that if no one mentions the drinking it won't happen again. Also, there is no good time to talk. It is impossible to talk when a parent is drunk and when they're sober, everyone wants to forget. Children often develop a tendency into adulthood not to talk about anything unpleasant.

### Roles the children adopt.

Children often take on different roles in order to cope.

- *Hero.* These children try to ensure that the family looks "normal" to the outside world. They often project a personal image of achievement, competence, success and responsibility. The cost of such success is often a denial of their feelings and a belief that they are "imposters."
- *Adjuster.* In order to cope with the chaos, these children learn to adjust in inappropriate ways. They learn never to expect or to plan anything. They often strive to be invisible and avoid taking a stand or rocking the boat. As a result, they often come to feel that they are drifting through life and are out of control.
- *Placater.* These COAs learn early to smooth over potentially upsetting situations. Consequently they tend to take total responsibility for the emotional care of the family. Because of living in this role, they often choose careers as helping professionals; careers which can reinforce a tendency to ignore their own needs. They often become people pleasers—if Dad drinks when he is upset, they try to keep him happy. Continuing in this role as adults they often end up with codependent personalities.
- *Scapegoat.* These children are identified as the "family problem" —often getting into various kinds of trouble, including drug and alcohol abuse, as a way of expressing their anger at the family. They also function as a sort of pressure valve. When tension builds in the family, the scapegoat will misbehave as a way of relieving pressure while allowing the family to avoid dealing with the drinking problem.

### Violence and abuse.

Most people who work with children of alcoholics are aware that they often suffer from physical violence by a drunken parent. However, they probably suffer more often because of abuse against their mothers. Spouse abuse is more common than child abuse. Spousal abuse affects the COAs in the following ways:

- Many suffer low self esteem, depression, stress disorders, poor impulse control and feelings of powerlessness. They are at a high risk for alcohol and drug use, sexual acting out, running away, isolation, fear and suicide.
- They are more likely to be battered than children whose mothers are not abused or to become abusers themselves.
- Because the abuser uses the children's behavior as an excuse for battering the woman, children come to blame themselves for their mother's suffering.
- Many suffer "survivor's guilt" because they must watch helplessly while their mother is beaten and cannot save her.

### Signs and symptoms the children display.

- Failure in school; truancy
- Lack of friends; withdrawal from classmates
- Delinquent behavior; stealing, violence etc.
- Frequent physical complaints
- Abuse of drugs or alcohol
- Risk taking behavior
- Depression or suicidal thoughts

COA's often act in one of the following ways:

- Super responsible; like a miniature adult
- A trouble maker
- Able to adjust to any change without noise or fuss
- Family clown/peacemaker; smoothing over family troubles

### Intervention strategies.

The most important need is for the child to develop a close bond with trusted care-givers. Children of addicted parents who rely on other supportive adults have increased autonomy and independence, stronger social skills, better ability to cope with difficult emotional experiences, and better day-to-day coping strategies. They need to know that there are safe people who care about them and who can help them:

—*Develop safe ways to explore /express their feelings of anger, fear, hurt, guilt and shame.* To escape the world of isolation that has enveloped them, they must grieve, be angry, cry and be comforted.

—*Realize it's not their fault.* Children of alcoholics need to learn about addiction in an age-appropriate way, so they can realize that they are not to blame.

—*Learn how to take good care of themselves and stay safe.*

—*Establish routines that lend structure and stability to their day.* This may be the only order experienced in an otherwise chaotic life.

—*Learn how to cope positively with the problems at home* such as parental fighting, verbal violence, broken promises, blackouts and neglect.

—*Develop problem-solving strategies*, especially ways to explore options. One good way to do this is to play the thinking game, "What else — who else?" Which encourages coming up with alternatives to a problem situation. Here's how it works: My dad is drunk when he picks me up at swimming on Saturdays, and I'm afraid to ride with him. I can get in the car, cross my fingers and hope like crazy we'll make it home okay. What else? I can say "no Thanks" and go home with another child's parents. What else? I can use the quarter in my pocket to call Mom. Who else? My neighbor. Who else?

—*Build self-esteem and self efficacy* in the following ways.

- Gently encourage them to talk about life and listen to what they say.
- Invite them to an outing; offer a quiet place to do homework.
- Encourage the child to think of people who would be understanding and helpful in hard times—perhaps a teacher, friend, relative or neighbor.

- Help the child understand that he or she cannot cause, control or cure the parent's drinking.
- Tell the child that alcoholism is a disease and it's okay to love the parent but hate the disease.

—*Relax and just be a kid.* Invite laughter and playfulness by sharing funny books, movies, and experiences. Tolerate giggling and wiggling at appropriate moments. Try physical exercise to relieve tensions.

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### Julie's Story

*Julie can't remember a time when her mother didn't have a drinking problem. Her dad abandoned the family when she was just twelve, leaving her to cope with her mother on her own. Weekends when Julie's mother wasn't out in bars, she brought strange men home, many of whom were sexually abusive to Julie.*

*When Julie was fourteen, she attempted suicide. Although her mother was concerned, she couldn't admit to herself or anyone else that it was her own irresponsible behavior that had brought her daughter to such a low point.*

*When Julie was sixteen, she tried to kill herself again, and this time she nearly succeeded. In the process of her recovery, she confronted her own anger at her father for leaving and at her mother for her drinking problem. She pleaded with her mother to get help but, instead, was met with an indignant, "How dare you? I'm your mother!" She wouldn't accept any of the blame for Julie's "problems," and she had no intention of trying to find help for her own problem.*

*Now, as an adult, Julie remembers that when she was a girl she always felt older than she really was. The things she had seen and experienced left no room for childhood. As a child, she had always felt that she possessed "wisdom" and was amazed at how naïve her peers could be. But as she grew older, she found herself less and less capable of operating in the adult world. She suffered from terrible times of self-doubt that bordered on self-hatred. She was emotionally unable to cope with the normal stresses and strains of young adulthood, and her relationships with men always seemed to turn into disasters.*

*As a child, she often felt like an adult. As an adult, she often feels like a child, adrift in a sea of mature, healthy, and capable adults, many of whom she used to think of as naïve and lacking.*



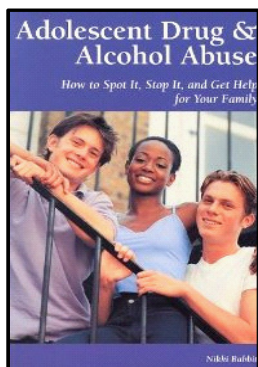


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## Resources Addressing Drug Abuse and Children

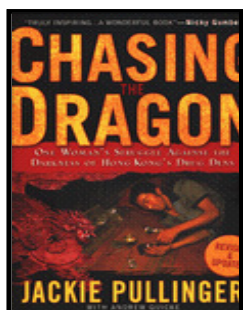
### Books



**Adolescent Drug & Alcohol Abuse: How to Spot It, Stop It and Get Help for Your Family.** (Revised / Updated)

By: Nikki Babbitt; Publisher: O'Reilly Media/Patient Centered Guides, 2000 ISBN 1-56592-755-9

This book offers parents and caregivers clear information, support, and guidance for understanding the disease model and how drug abuse impacts a family; getting help for your child; and finding serenity for yourself. Author Nikki Babbitt has counseled thousands of parents and teens about drug abuse, and includes stories from dozens of parents.

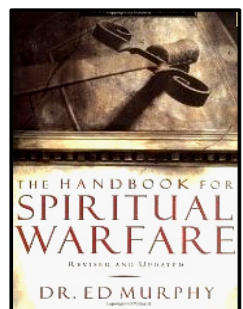


**Chasing the Dragon: One Woman's Struggle Against the Darkness of Hong Kong's Drug Dens** (Revised / Updated)

By: Jackie Pullinger; Regal Books; 2010; ISBN: 0830743820

[www.ststephenssociety.com/](http://www.ststephenssociety.com/)

Follow Jackie's story to Hong Kong and her work among drug addicts and the gangs of the walled city. At 22, Jackie Pullinger wanted to become a missionary, but no society would take her on. So she went on her own to Hong Kong and began a pioneering work among drug addicts and Triad gang members that continues today.

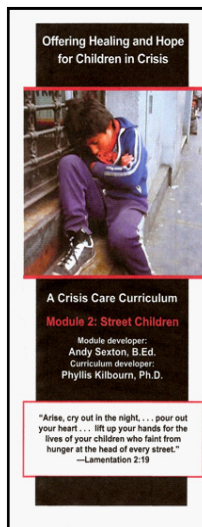


**The Handbook for Spiritual Warfare**

By: Dr. Ed Murphy; Thomas Nelson; 2003; ISBN: 0785250263

We are in the middle of a war. The evidence is all around us: child abuse, the epidemic of drug and alcohol addiction, political corruption, murder in the streets. How can Christians confront these harsh realities? How can we arm ourselves in this spiritual battle and ensure Jesus' victory? With these questions in mind, Dr. Ed Murphy offers a complete Biblical study on the subject of spiritual warfare.

*No other book I am aware of has the combination of biblical theory, field experience, and thoroughness that Ed Murphy brings us in the Handbook for Spiritual Warfare.* Dr. C Peter Wagner, Fuller Theological Seminary



**Offering Healing and Hope for Children in Crisis: Module 2 Street Children**

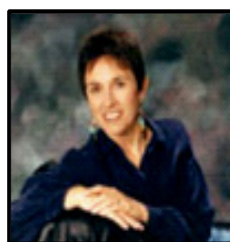
Developer: Andy Sexton; Editor: Phyllis Kilbourn, Ph.D.; Crisis Care Training International; [www.crisiscaretraining.org](http://www.crisiscaretraining.org)

This 18 lesson module brings understanding to who street children are, why they are on the streets, and the types of interventions commonly applied. It also gives step by step advice on establishing a sustainable street children's project. In addition it highlights the challenges of working with street children including two chapters on **Substance Abuse Problems** and **Responding to Patterns of Drug Abuse**.

### Articles, Papers, Web Sites

**The Many Faces of Addiction: Children of Addiction**

Claudia Black, MSW, PhD; Psychology Today; 2010



*Thirty years ago I began working with children impacted by addiction in their family...a legacy that continues to thrive, although today we have a much better understanding of how children are influenced when raised with the chaos and fear that permeate addictive families (read the article)-*

<http://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/the-many-faces-addiction/201002/children-addiction>.

Visit [ClaudiaBlack.com](http://ClaudiaBlack.com) for resources on addiction and children.

**Foundation for a Drug Free World: The Drug facts**

<http://www.drugfreeworld.org/drugfacts/inhalants/international-statistics.html>

*The Truth About Drugs* is a series of thirteen illustrated drug information booklets containing facts about the most commonly abused drugs. This web site contains the full text of these booklets, which were specifically written for young people, but contain facts adults need to know as well.



## Teenage Drug & Alcohol Abuse Information

**TeenZeen**, <http://www.teenzeen.org/> A source for teen drug abuse and alcohol prevention information.

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## World Health Organization

<http://www.who.int/en/>

### *Substance Use Among Young People in Urban Environments 2005.*

#### *Understanding Substance Use Among Street Children*

This module provides basic information about substances and health consequences of substance use. It introduces the Modified Social Stress Model as a useful way of understanding substance use among street children.

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## United Nations Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention

*A participatory handbook for youth drug abuse prevention programmes: A guide for development and improvement*

[www.unodc.org/pdf/youthnet/handbook.pdf](http://www.unodc.org/pdf/youthnet/handbook.pdf)

This handbook is mainly the result of a participatory process involving more than 33 youth drug abuse prevention programmes from across the globe. Most of the information presented in this handbook draws on the real-life experiences of youth and adults involved in these programmes. The main purpose of this handbook is to provide tools for both young people and adults who want to establish drug prevention programmes with the participation and active involvement of youth and the community.

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## Drug addiction rising in Afghan children

RAWA News

<http://www.rawa.org/temp/runews/2008/01/03/drug-addiction-rising-in-afghan-children.html>



Ministry of Counter Narcotics and U.N. Office on Drugs and Crime, found nearly 1 million addicts in this nation of about 30 million people, including 60,000 children under age 15.

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## National Drug Intelligence Center

<http://www.justice.gov/ndic/>

### *The Drug Fact Sheet*

Information on drugs, their use and effects

## New Resource from CCTI

[www.crisiscaretraining.org](http://www.crisiscaretraining.org)

### *Children and Soldiers: Working With Children in Situations of Armed Conflict*

Module Developers: Stephanie Goins, Ph.D. & Paul Stockley M.A.

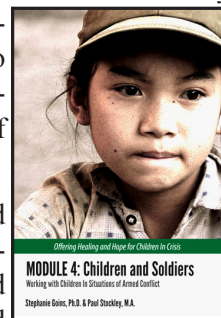
Curriculum Developer: Phyllis Kilbourn, Ph.D.

Module Four of CCTI Curriculum:

#### *Offering Healing and Hope to Children in Crisis*

**About the module:** This module will prepare workers mentally and emotionally for the challenges of working with child soldiers. The module also provides a broad foundation for understanding the contexts and complex dynamics of children in situations of armed conflict.

For those not involved directly with child soldiers, this module can help to significantly raise awareness of the issues faced by children in contexts of war and armed conflict.



## Other Resources from CCTI

CCTI Curriculum:

### *Offering Healing and Hope For Children in Crisis*

- **Module 1: Trauma and Crisis Care;** Phyllis Kilbourn, Module Developer. This core module, presents foundational issues and principles that provide an understanding of children's traumatic experiences and the resulting impact of trauma as well as basic prerequisites to planning and implementing interventions. Textbook: *Healing the Children of War: A handbook for ministry to children who experienced deep trauma.*
- **Module 2: Street Children;** Andy Sexton, Module Developer. This module provides an understanding of the impact of street life on children and their behavior. It also discusses effective prevention and intervention principles and strategies. Textbook: *Street Children: A guide to effective ministry.*
- **Module 3: Care for Orphans and Vulnerable Children;** Janette Pepall, Module Developer. This module provides an overview of the situation of OVC's globally, and understanding of their lives and needs, discusses models of alternative placement and presents basic intervention strategies.

## Training Events

### *Offering Healing and Hope to Children in Crisis*

#### *Module 1: Trauma and Crisis Care*

— **RWANDA: October 31st to November 4th 2011;** YWAM Base in Kigali; Facilitator Roy Bishop; Information contact: Mary or Methode Kamanzi: [mkamanzi@yahoo.com](mailto:mkamanzi@yahoo.com) or +250788594065

— **U.K.; November 21-24, 2011.** Facilitators: Roy Bishop and Catherine McGoldrick;; The WEC' Headquarters in Bulstrode, U.K. For information e-mail: [roy@bishopmail.co.uk](mailto:roy@bishopmail.co.uk).

# The Road Marked with Suffering

—Manuelle Deniau



On the road marked with suffering,  
though there's pain in the offering...<sup>1</sup>

The world, in its fallen state, is like an open wound after a tragic accident vulnerable to any kind of disease or infection leading to death—leading to hell.

Have you ever wondered about that girl, waiting by the side of the road for someone to stop and take her in? Or perhaps you've encountered that young man, lost in despair and in bondage to his habit. What about the child, sitting at the corner of the street, begging for a piece of bread?

I am still haunted by the memory of young Edo, crying out in tears, "Help me God find one more vein to prick—just one more time—this will be the last time!" Have you ever seen "HELP" written in human blood on a wall? What would be your reaction to discovering a boy, chained to a radiator, thinking this would help him control his addiction? If you've worked with those on the streets as I have you would have met thousands of people bleeding, crying, sick and on the edge of eternal death; they are everywhere.

*Have you ever wanted to shout, their sins are  
forgiven, their prisons are open...  
their slavery is over in Jesus' name!*

What has been (and is) our reaction to pain and suffering in the world? I have to say that in my 8-10 years of ministry in Russia among street children, orphans, prisoners, homeless people, prostitutes, youth, old people and addicts, I've had many different reactions... some good, some bad. I've gone from feeling over-sensitive to not feeling anything; from compassion to helplessness, from worship to rebellion. I've gone from seasons of prayer, fasting, faith and ministry to seasons of unbelief and guilt—feeling so undone, unable, uncommitted and so very selfish.

At times I wanted to give my all for their cause while promising myself to do so. Instead I got an ice cream, and went to watch TV, crying inside from the pain of being so powerless, incompetent and ineffective. Other times the Lord came to me with His reassuring small voice to set a table before me; inviting me to rest in Him and watch Him minister to people while I learned to minister to Him. I believe in seasons. I believe one season always leads to another—like a road marked with suffering but leading to life!

... Blessed be Your name!

Without pain there can be no offering. Here are a couple of the challenges in our Christian life where paying the price costs dearly. There are certainly more but, for me, these are the two biggest ones

## I. The suffering that goes with living

I don't know about you but for me, watching pain in people's eyes, feeling anxiety in people's words, hearing their cry, smelling their poverty, hits me deep inside! Have you ever been angry at the devil because he is such a good liar, confounder and oppressor? Have you ever wanted to shout, "their sins are forgiven, their prisons are open and their slavery is over, in Jesus' name!" And we do speak to this boldly, to specific people God leads us to pray with and talk to. But it is too little for me, compared to the hundreds who need it. And what a daily challenge it is to avoid surrounding ourselves with self-protection and unhealthy boundaries; or even getting offended at God for allowing such misery in the world.

When we open the gospels and look closely at Jesus' life on the earth, we see Him surrounded by the poor, the prostitutes, the needy ones and the lost. Pharisees didn't like to be around Him. Only those who knew their need for Jesus would walk

with Him and approach Him daily, to be healed, restored, comforted and led to life. Jesus felt their pain. The Bible often says He was moved with compassion for the people *because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd* (Matthew. 9:36). There is inevitable pain that accompanies daring to live in the midst of suffering. We can't avoid it if we want to reflect His life and follow His example. Are we not His hands, His feet, and His voice to a dying world?

## II. The suffering of total surrender

Are we aware that only partial surrender does damage to the Christian worker's soul? I'm talking about the 5–10 % of personal rights and comfort one can still hold on to—when the “me” is still on the throne. When we want it easy, comfortable and when we still want some control. To have the mind of Christ, who was totally surrendered to reflect the glory and love of the Father and do His will, is painful yet so rewarding.

Actually, when I recall the words of Hebrews 12:2, *for the joy that was set before Him*, (It's US—His joy, His reward!) I wonder if I should say that “half surrender” is painful, but total surrender is joy! Are we not also inheriting souls forever?

***Finding a place in God where nothing  
is overwhelming anymore...***

**L**ike you, I am still on the road of discovering what total surrender is, especially now that I am partnering with Betel (WEC ministry to those in addiction). I have no other choice but to surrender everything to Him, in such a ministry where 24/7 a life of dying to self is required in order to go deeper in reaching out to these girls.

During my first couple of years of ministry in Russia, I would wonder about how not to be overwhelmed with the reality I was witnessing every day. I would be so miserable at times—so vulnerable. I remember one summer when I was not able to visit the street kids at the metros anymore. I felt physically sick and under enormous pressure when meeting those abusing the children, hearing about some of the girls disappearing, getting pregnant, having abortions, or even sleeping around with guys they knew had AIDS.

I would come to the Lord again and again with questions: “What is reality? What do I see or what do I know of you? How can I daily live it out so as to even survive here!”

One day I found the answer as I approached the cross once again....and God opened my eyes through Hebrews 2:5–18, especially verses 6–9. *What is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? You made him (Jesus) a little lower than the angels; you crowned him with glory and honor and put everything under his feet. In putting everything under him, God left nothing that is not subject to him. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to him. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.*

As I meditated on those verses for awhile (I was really desperate) I came to understand the victory of the cross in new ways. God showed me that I had to learn to make worship and adoration the foundation of my intercessory ministry on the streets, going out as much as I could to just proclaim His victory, His name, His truth—declaring the power of Jesus over people and situations. I really found surpassing joy in giving myself to this humble work. Intercession began to be much fun... I didn't have to “work” as much anymore “against principalities and evil powers” (which also has its place in intercession but less so). I could just love on Him and believe in Jesus, as I continued to walk in the midst of a visible reality that I understood was just a lie.

To this day, I know that declaring the name of Jesus is vital. And, like Paul and Silas in Acts 16:25–34, sing His praises among the captives and see the “great earthquake;” the foundations of spiritual prisons shaken, doors opening, and bonds broken! I too can experience this in the spiritual realm.

**B**e encouraged on the road marked with your personal suffering. Though there's pain in the offering, cry out to the Lord...

**... Blessed be Your name!**

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## Caregiver's "Time-Out"

—Marj McDermid



At some point our work as caregivers will involve confrontation requiring us to think, speak or act quickly. Usually in such a situation, our emotions have been stirred by some foregoing discussion or deed. Blest beyond measure is the worker who immediately thinks *be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to get angry*.<sup>1</sup>

***I began to truly listen...and to speak only  
after at least a momentary time-out.***

For many years I did not practice this response. When someone confronted me, even with kindly counsel, I didn't really listen. Instead, with reddening countenance, I began to form my defense. When my turn came to speak, I either refused to say anything (from lack of courage) or burst out in an angry, often tearful tirade. Not having much idea where I was going with my speech, my reply could take me completely out of context or into more trouble than I already felt. Later, after the meeting was ended and I had time for a good cry and prayer, I would make amends: ask forgiveness of the Lord and my mentor—or opponent, seek more counsel and do whatever was appropriate to take advantage of the help and remedy the original cause for the conflict in the first place.

At best such encounters leave us tired and discouraged with ourselves. Sometimes deep damage done to a relationship and to the trust of co-workers takes a long time to heal. The worst outcomes . . . well, we can all imagine those but we never want to go there.

Over the years and with regretful prayer and the counsel of many friends and colleagues pointing me to the Scripture, I began to learn to truly listen, to control my emotions and to speak only after at least a momentary timeout.

Timeouts, used in many sports, are brief periods of suspended play in the game. The coach or players may call "Time-Out." Their reasons for doing so vary and may include time to take care of an injury, escape a penalty, gain composure or even put the opponent off balance.

Caregiver injuries can be expected, especially in the emotional realm. However, a moment to repent of injurious thoughts, to refuse the temptation to retaliate and to forgive the other player before speaking may prevent a debilitating injury. Your testimony in the crisis can become as Daniel's: *So Daniel was taken up out*

*of the den and no injury whatever was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.*<sup>2</sup>

In gridiron football the quarterback may call time to stop the play clock and save a penalty when he needs more time for calling a play. When we come up against a judgment call, a quick response may result in paying a personal penalty. At that moment listening, perhaps quietly asking a perceptive question or sending up a silent prayer can safeguard against a hasty judgment error. The Apostle Peter encourages us to...*be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness, but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*<sup>3</sup>

Understandably, when a baseball skims a batter's head at 93 mph, he will step out of the box to regain composure. That "baseball" thrown at us may be angry words or threats; we may need to gain our composure and find the right strategy to continue play. That quiet pause in the conversation may give everyone a chance to regain a sensible, calm stance.

***When that edgy, tension filled moment  
comes, remember to call "Time-Out."***

Many other reasons precipitate called timeouts, but probably the most important for us is a conference with or a sign from the coach. Intriguing to me is the ability of a human coach to plot strategy and quickly communicate confidence, courage and a course of action to a player.

For Christian caregivers that brief, silent heart-call to our Head Coach can mean the difference between deepening or quickly diffusing a problem. *The counsel of the LORD stands forever; the plans of His heart from generation to generation*,<sup>4</sup> says the Psalmist. And Wisdom tells us that *many plans are in a man's heart, but the counsel of the LORD will stand.*<sup>5</sup>

So when that edgy tension-filled moment comes, remember to call "Time-Out." Let your spirit step back from the plate for a moment of silence to listen and to seek self-control. *For thus the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, has said, In repentance and rest you will be saved, in quietness and trust is your strength.*<sup>6</sup> Take that moment and listen to the Coach. He has *glorious, unlimited resources and he will give you mighty inner strength through his Holy Spirit.*<sup>7</sup> And *watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life.*<sup>8</sup>

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