

Terry's Testimony

I grew up in a single parent home, being raised by my mother. We were not Christians, and very rarely attended a church. In my later teenage years, I began partying with friends, but nothing excessive. I met my wife during this time. She was a Christian and attended a Christian school. I foolishly thought that she could help change me. However, things just got worse. My bad life-style pulled her down, and we eventually were partying together.

In an attempt to stop the downward spiral that our lives were going in, we began attending the church my wife had grown up in. On Easter Sunday, the Holy Spirit really convicted me about my need of salvation. That morning I accepted Christ as my personal Savior. I really wanted to start living right; I just didn't know how to do it. I thought it was too hard to give up everything, so we tried living with our feet in both worlds. It didn't work. It wasn't long before we were once again living in our old sinful life-style, only this time the drugs and alcohol were much worse than before. Our marriage began to fall apart, and we separated for a couple of days.

While my wife and I were separated, my father-in-law told me about the RU Men's Discipleship Program in Rockford, Illinois. He thought it could help me. I was very interested. I told my wife that I wanted to get my life straightened out and learn how to be a good husband to her; so I was going to go to the RU Men's Discipleship Home for 8 months to get my life turned around.

While in Rockford, I learned so much about building a personal relationship with God. I began to fall in love with serving Him and living right. During my tenure of the program, God called me to attend Bible College to become a preacher.

God has done so much for me because of the ministry of Reformers Unanimous. I graduated from the program in April, my marriage has been restored, and God has given me a second chance to live for Him. God has transformed our lives through Reformers Unanimous. I thank God for this ministry and the difference it has made in my life.

Crystal's Testimony

I grew up in a Christian family, attended a Christian school, and knew what it was to be a Christian. However, I moved out of my parent's home and before long I was living in sin. A year later I got married to an unsaved man, and my party life grew worse. Our life was spinning out of control.

Praise God, on Easter Sunday 2002, my husband got saved. A couple of months later, Steve Curington came to my church to start a Reformers Unanimous. That Sunday I realized I wasn't sure of my salvation, and came to know Christ as my personal Savior for sure. Even though we were saved, it was too hard for us as new Christians to let go of our bad life-style. So we tried to live in both worlds. Before I knew it, we were heavily into alcohol and drugs, and our marriage was falling apart.

Eventually, circumstances led my husband and I to separate. It was during this time that my husband told me that he was going to go to Rockford to live in the Men's Discipleship Homes to straighten out. He said that he also wanted us to work things out in our marriage. I realized I needed to change also. I wanted to be the woman and wife that God wanted me to be. I just didn't know how. Neither did my husband.

I started attending our local RU meetings in Missouri and in my local church. God began working in my heart, showing me areas in which I needed to grow. My yearning to please God continued to grow as I remained faithful in RU and in my church. My husband, while in Rockford, began to grow quickly in the Lord, and before graduation, God called him to preach. He would minister and encourage me over the phone while in the Men's Discipleship Program in Rockford.

He graduated in April, and moved me to Illinois to be with him. It seemed that God had given me a totally new husband. We decided that it would be best if I went through the women's program to get more spiritual training. I will be training to be a good and valuable preacher's wife.

God has given me several Christian friends who have helped me in my spiritual growth. My walk with God has gotten closer and closer every day since arriving in Rockford. I thank God for His mercy towards me. God has changed my husband and given me a new desire in life to serve Him. All of this was made possible because of RU, the men's home, and now for me, the women's home. I praise God for Reformers Unanimous.