

Hi my name is Bridgette. I greet you in that wonderful name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I come from a broken home. My mother was an alcoholic and my father passed away when I was ten years old. I was molested as a child between the ages of four and nine years. I couldn't tell my mother because it was a close relative. I was raped as a teenager. I was only fifteen years old. After this took place I was so ashamed of who I was. I had no-one to talk to. I started drinking and smoking dagga at this young and tender age. The alcohol and the drugs helped me forget. My mother was no help at all. She was drinking nine months a year. The three months she was sober, she would curse me and say things like, "she should have smothered me at birth. I dropped out of high school because the pain was too much for me to bear. I had kid after kid. At the age of thirty one I was introduced to "tik". I was addicted to "tik" for ten years. By this time I already had seven children. Already very deep in my addiction, I passed out one night and I smothered my two and a half week old baby. After this happened I didn't want to live anymore. There were

suicide attempts, my usage of drugs increased tremendously. Because the pain was too severe. Day and night I would cry and pray to God to take my life. I couldn't live with myself anymore I really wanted to die. I begged God to take my life. I was so alienated from my children that they went to a Social Worker and reported my behaviour. There they told me that I had a choice, either start rehab at Living Grace or lose custody of my five minor children. Little did I know that God was waiting for me there. The first day I started at Living Grace, God saved me. My life wasn't the same again. He took away my shame, my guilt, my pain. He restored me, my family and today he has even restored my husband. My husband was addicted to heroin and "tik" for eighteen years. The Lord shows me day by day how much he loves me. and by the Grace of God I'm eleven months in this programme I call it God's programme. God put these people on my path. Peter Lovick Pastor Raymond Alicia Ashley Samantha Jerry and his wife. They have been my mentors. I thank God for them.