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To whom it may concern,

My name is Jason Tew and I am a very grateful recovering alcoholic. Sober over 19 months today by the grace of God and thanks to the strong foundation of faith and service I received at Converting Hearts Ministries. Without the selfless individuals that comprise the ministry at CHM, I feel certain my recovery and my faith would not be where they are today.

I was a severe morning, noon, and night drinker for many years. All told, I drank heavily for 25 years, with some dry time intermittently over the last 8. The drink consumed me. It was my obsession and my solution to life. Physically I had to have it. Worse, I had no relationship with God. Matters of the Spirit were not on my radar. As years went by, my alcoholism worsened. Relationships were badly damaged. Some were destroyed. I was morally and spiritually bankrupt. Legal troubles landed me in prison. I didn't have a penny to my name much of the time. And worse, my name was worthless. There was little hope of recovering and living a useful life.

November 15th 2019 I went to detox for the final time. There I got in touch with Doug Lovette and Brad Hatley from CHM. I was at my lowest point to date when God placed these two in my path. In spite of my financial problems, they allowed me to come to the Aiken Farm and to work toward paying my debt. In truth, no amount of money could repay the blessings I received from God courtesy of CHM.

From the moment I arrived, the farm felt like home. It was as if I'd been holding my breath and could finally exhale. The whole environment, from the Director to the volunteers to the very farm itself, gave me a feeling that I was exactly where I needed to be. That I was in a special place and set on a new and wonderful path.

The program at CHM is simple, but deep and so very critical to building a relationship with Christ and living a productive, useful life. The Bible studies with Pastor Doug Lovette dive deep into God's word and give the men the truth about His will for our lives. Doug is wonderful also in relating The Word to addiction and to the various types of sin common to addicted men. The residents in the Rescue House of CHM receive around 20 hours a week of in depth Bible study. For me, it was the most relaxing, therapeutic part of my day. It was soothing to my soul. 25 years of very hard living left some deep wounds and God's word brought me so much healing.

Another aspect of the CHM program is work around the farm and service in the local community. When I came to the farm I lacked discipline. Much of my life had centered around taking for myself with no regard for anyone else. Doing the bare minimum amount of work only to support my sinful habits. Doing service for others, keeping a clean house, honest work. These were things that needed to be learned or relearned. CHM provided the structure, the outlets for service, the fellowship, and the Biblical teaching that I desperately needed.

I spent seven months on the farm at CHM. Seven wonderful months that gave me a strong foundation in God's word and helped rekindle a relationship in Christ I had walked away from.

Strong friendships were developed. Hardships were endured. Wonderful life lessons were learned. I cannot speak more highly of the time I was blessed with on the farm. Words are not sufficient.

Today, life is better than I could have dreamed 19 months ago. Family that I tortured emotionally have not only welcomed me back, but actually enjoy my presence. Today I have a full-time job where I'm valued and respected. I have true friends and not just drinking acquaintances. Best of all, I have a relationship with Christ. It is through Christ that my drinking problem has been solved. The obsession to drink is no more today. Today, in God I have a solution to all of my problems.

Converting Hearts Ministries is home to me. It will always be the place where I set on this new path. Where I became a new creation. I would highly recommend CHM to any man seeking help for addiction. Our problems as addicted men are largely spiritual. Converting Hearts is all about changing the man on the inside. Cleaning the inside of the cup, not just the outside. Any man seeking treatment may wholeheartedly trust Doug Lovette, Brad Hatley, and the entire CHM family.

With deepest love,

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