

Old things have passed away . . . and a woman named Kelli has become a new person in Christ

My name is Kelli. I have been addicted to drugs and alcohol for 21 years. I was a mess. I'd been at Inner City Mission once before, but because of my improper behavior, I was asked to leave. After a six month waiting period, I called every day, hoping there would be a room for me and my child. I finally got the call that I could come back — which I did. But I still wasn't ready.

I relapsed once again and went back to the streets. I guess I was trying to kill myself by snorting heroin. But, in the middle of all this bad news, there is good news. *I have not used drugs or alcohol since January 2, 2013.* I'm still scared, but I don't want to miss out on what God has planned for my life.

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I'm now getting my GED, I go to church and I participate in a small group. I also faithfully do my chores here at the Mission. I can honestly say I now have a life I've never had before. When you read my story, you may be somewhat discouraged. But please don't be. It's just taking me a long time to accept God's love. So please keep doing what you're doing as a donor and friend of Inner City Mission. Please keep loving people like me.

In the past, I never had time for anything but drugs and alcohol. Now I'm making time for God and His Son, Jesus Christ. I'm not proud of my past 21 years, but I am pleased with where I am today.

A long, winding road lies ahead. But with the help of a loving God, my counselors here at the Mission and a friend like you, I know I will make it.

Your friend, *Kelli*

By the grace of God I'm not where I used to be. Thank you for your part in my recovery.



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