

 **Operation 6:12**

This month we want to highlight a ministry we have been involved with for a number of years. The name, Operation 6:12 comes from Ephesians 6:12, “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms”.

Operation 6:12 was founded by Paul Fehr, out of a desire to help others become free from addictions that once controlled his own life. They have two separate facilities to house men and women with a weekly Wednesday evening joint service for the men and women in the 7 month program. I’m one of 4 local men that each lead a Bible study Wednesday evening. It has been a huge blessing in my life to see the transformation only God can bring to these precious broken lives! The following two articles were written by two ladies that graduated from the program.

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Testimony of God’s Grace!

By Michelle Ragland

In June 2020 I lost my daughter Dani due to addiction, unhealed trauma and abuse. I arrived at Operation 6:12 in May 2021. I was what some had once considered a hopeless case. In a group session I shared how I lost my daughter. In the past I experienced rejection, but that day I experienced love and support! That was the beginning of my healing. But my daughter, Dani, started going down the path I just escaped from. Marijuana and kanax to heroin and fentanyl. To her satanist father teaching her how to smoke meth, running away from home, running the streets, involved in gang activity, selling drugs, to seeing people die from overdose, and this was all at the age of 14 years old

Finally, she was sent to a children’s rehab, where she started a riot and was charged with assault. During all this time, I prayed and prayed. We as a group prayed, there was so much unity and support. One day, the Holy Spirit told me she should come here, ensuing that things just started falling into place that she had nowhere else to go. When the Director was made aware, he obliged my request to bring Dani, retorting that it was worth a shot. As we can see now, it was God’s will. I have learned that if He orchestrates it, He will see it through. That was three months ago, and we have seen miracle after miracle! We have a new and healthy relationship. Something that never seemed possible. So much healing and growth! Redemption and restoration is possible!! The biggest miracle of all, Dani was baptized last week!! It’s amazing!! She is such a light today to the people around her. God has begun a great work in her. We have such a beautiful family today! Thank you, all for making this possible through your support for Operation 6:12!

Cow or Buffalo?

By Rebekah Patterson

“The only way around is through.”

-Robert Frost

What God-given challenge are you running from right now?

I had graduated from the women’s program at Operation 6:12 after a year in the program in June 2023 and after staying on and interning for 7 months, I knew it was time to move on and find a job. (For context, the last position that I held at Operation 6:12 as a volunteer intern I lived with and watched over the household of about 8-13 women coming from pretty difficult backgrounds. I was there for about 7 months on call 24/7 before I recognized I was burnt out and just wanted a “regular” paying job where I was not in a leadership or social position, and where I could just focus on myself and my work.)



Michelle and her daughter Dani



Jesus has made a huge difference in Dani’s life!



Dani receiving water baptism!



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After putting out about 15 different job applications, I had hoped that I would have at least a shot at one good job when the dust settled. But as it happens, I had two really good job offers come open at the same time. One, being a CNC operator (computerized cutting/drilling machine) at an outdoor poly furniture company, and the other a kitchen supervisor at a gourmet chocolate shop. Now I needed to make a decision within 2 days. It's an easy decision, right? A no brainer! You deserve the break, Rebekah! Just take the CNC operator job that pays more, and has less responsibility!

Well, that's what I was going to do, and I had pretty well made up my mind, until I had a friend of mine pointed out that I was projecting what I perceived as the leadership "failure" of my internship into my future, and already believing the self-limiting belief that I was not leadership material and would always fail if put in a leadership position. Initially I was irritated as I knew she was right, but I was too busy believing the fears, lies, and shame and I had a lot of resistance to taking a job I was afraid I could "fail" at. Not wanting to be in another leadership position, I was still going to take the CNC operator position but I decided to pray about it.

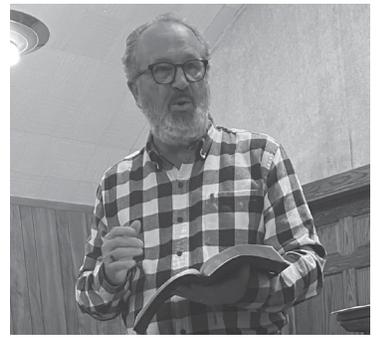
That night I felt God kept showing me that I could take the better paying CNC operator job, but He kept showing me to not pursue the money. I knew God was moving me to take the job I had resistance to. I was irritated, because I didn't want to be in a leadership position with the potential for things to go wrong, and to get burnt out again. But I felt very strongly that God showed me **"you can either play small, and make a decision based on the fear of your last perceived "failure" and work in a bubble, or you can trust me to take your leadership training to the next level."** I knew what I had to do.

Coming into the 6:12 internship with no prior leadership experience, I really struggled to know how to handle it all. I perceived my internship as a failure, but I just believe that God showed me that he was trying to lay the groundwork to teach me to be a leader. I would not have been ready for step 1 without step 2. And knowing nothing to begin with, there is no easy, non-messy way to do that. That is why I chose to take the kitchen supervisor position, because I knew I could never be the leader that I and others believed God had called me to be if I avoided every opportunity to lead and coordinate based on fear and control. **I had some uncertainty, but ultimately, I knew I had to face my fears and limiting beliefs.** I know I never would have been able to make the harder decision before, because I believed too many lies, and was driven by so much fear and shame before I came into Operation 6:12. I could only see the worst-case scenario, and like a self-fulfilling prophecy, my fears came to be because I gave them power. I am able to embrace a courageous and optimistic outlook on life for the first time.

Amongst many other things they taught me, perhaps one of the most valuable was learning that there is no failure in life, only learning experiences. To not face your fears is slow death as we allow ourselves to become stagnant, choosing comfort and familiarity over new growth opportunities. Because as we say at 6:12, "If you're not uncomfortable, you're not growing."

The next day I went to talk with our head counselor and director at Operation 6:12, Cornelle Du Plessis, to tell her about my decision. Not coincidentally, she just so happened to be teaching her group counseling session on something very relevant to my situation which I took as confirmation from God that I had made the right decision. **She reminded us that cows, when they feel a storm approaching will try to run AWAY from the storm, and so being slow, they prolong their suffering and stay in the storm longer, oftentimes dying of exposure. Buffaloes however, are known to sense an approaching storm and run TOWARDS the storm, thus getting through it much quicker and limiting their suffering and exposure. So, what do cows and buffaloes have to do with all this? Don't sell yourself short because you believed fear over faith. So, which one are you choosing to be? Are you running from the challenges God has given you to grow you like a cow? Or are you embracing challenges to become who God has destined you to be like a buffalo, and face what you fear the most?**

Remember, "There is no way around but through."



Phil leading a Bible study at 6:12



Phil and Elsie with Rebekah



Founder of Operation 6:12, Paul and Tillie Fehr

Points for Prayer

- March 6..... Operation 6:12, OH
- March 10..... Restoration Chapel, OH
- March 23Our Grandson's wedding, FL
- March 31.....Easter Sunday, Trinity Church, VA
- April 3 Operation 6:12, OH
- April 11-14 Prison Crusade, PA



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