

There is Hope! (Here is an Example)

Subject: My son Nathan was under your care in May/June 2006

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Mike, I don't know if you remember us.

Nathan is doing incredibly well. He has never returned to that hellish life he once lived. The first six months were the most difficult to plow through for all of us, because we were all living life a new way. *Ron and I learned to not rescue but rather treat Nathan like the 19-year-old man that he was instead of the eight-year-old boy we saw in our minds.* And Nathan had to figure out how to live life as an adult and away from us and without drugs. He still does not hold to any faith which is hard for us but he is doing such healthy things otherwise for himself.

He got married in June of 2008 to a wonderful, sweet girl. He met her three months after getting out of Calvary while living at Mandalay. We reminded him of the advice not to get into a relationship for the first year. After considering what we said he basically said "Thank you for sharing" and stayed in the relationship. And we had to be okay with it. Fortunately, it worked out fine but we didn't think it was going to at the time.

He has worked full-time for the last two years at least. He worked with severe behavioral kids in the foster system in Portland Oregon and now lives in Seattle working with foster boys from the age of ten to fifteen. He is into bike riding, traveling and being out in nature. He and his wife spent a month in South America for their honeymoon. Our relationship with him has transformed into something so beautiful and amazing. He is honest with us even in the most difficult of circumstances. As hard as that has been for us at times, it's been healthy and transforming.

I really must give great gratitude to the Calvary Center and your counsel to us and Nathan for our beautiful lives and relationships today. Thank you a million times over. Everything you have taught us has stuck and we have passed on to others. I'll look forward to hearing from you.

God Bless, Karen