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ALL IS GOING WRONG

MISERY

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POVERTY

ANXIETY



I used to see shadows, hear voices, and take high doses of diazepam, and still couldn't sleep, but Jesus set me free from all these problems. *(Read full story on page 7)*



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## | IN THIS EDITION | EVIL ATTACKS

We have all heard stories of people having paranormal experiences: seeing shadows, hearing voices, feeling something choke them as they sleep, having chilly sensations, etc. But are all these stories "make-believe"? What if the stories we heard were true and evil spirits were real? Well, dear reader, the truth is that evil spirits exist, and evil attacks just as much. Those who experience such events and attacks can testify to this.

Many people are afraid to speak about their paranormal experiences because if they did, no one would believe them. They would look crazy. But they are not; thousands of people have had similar experiences.

In reality, there is a spiritual realm in which we cannot see with our physical eyes. A realm in which there is a daily battle between good and evil for our souls. The word of God says, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary, the devil, walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour." 1 Peter 5:8.

Evil constantly looks for lives to attack and destroy, like a lion looking for prey. Evil looks for people who are weak in their communion with God and faith. It looks for those who disobey God's voice because it knows that we are far from God's protection when we disobey Him. "The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him (Obey God), And delivers them" Psalms 34:7. When there is obedience, vigilance, and a constant exercise of faith, the surprise attacks from evil become neutralized. Only spiritual weapons can overcome the spiritual powers of evil. Discover these spiritual weapons on Fridays at a Universal Church near you.

## | BEATING DEPRESSION |

Depression is an illness of the soul that only the power of God can cure. Medication only provides temporary relief; once its effect wears off, depression returns. Are you feeling hopeless? Do your problems weigh you down? Have you lost the desire to live? It is a sign of spiritual oppression. Maybe you feel depressed because you don't know what else to do. But taking your life now will only take away the opportunity to see it change.

God wants to free you from depression, but you must turn to Him. Every Friday, at every Universal Church, we have a service for spiritual cleansing to undo all evil. Come to receive a powerful prayer at one of our locations. You will also receive guidance on fighting the evil that destroys your life and defeating depression once and for all. I guarantee you will feel a difference.

**DEFEAT**  
**DEPRESSION**  
THROUGH THE POWER OF FAITH

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For more information  
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**Bishop Edir Macedo**



## THE ORIGIN OF EVIL ON EARTH

**G**od is spirit, and the devil is spirit, too. God is the source of all Good things, while the devil is the source of evil. In the same way, that goodness is a spiritual trait; evil is also a spiritual trait. They are opposite energies that materialize in this world. Evil's goal is to steal, kill and destroy. God's goal is to give us life and give it in abundance.



Even though evil existed initially, it had nothing to do with the earth's development. Unfortunately, evil gained power over humankind and their God-given authority (Genesis 1:26) because the creation got rebellious, disobedient, sinful, and turned from the Creator. Once the devil gained power over humankind, he established his evil reign on earth. From then on, evil has prevailed and created chaos.

**"Evil's goal is to steal, kill, and destroy. God's goal is to give us life and give it in abundance."**

Humankind is subjected to injustices, crimes, filth, and perversions because evil spirits have free reign. The

Creator has nothing to do with the evil of this dark world. Still, when the creation turns to the Creator and becomes His ally, His promise of abundant life is fulfilled, as well as the soul's eternal salvation.

It's like that old story: two people join together to form a bond of love, respect, and partnership. A child is born as the fruit of their love. Later in life, that child decides to destroy their happy home with his rebellious behavior.

How could that possibly be the parents' fault?

**There are two masters in the world, Good and evil. Regardless of religion, race, culture, social class, education, belief, or disbelief in God, each person serves one or the other. Whether you want to be or not, whether you believe or not, this is a fact. There is no escaping this. Whichever voice you listen to becomes your Lord and can lead you to destruction or a blessed life. The question now is, who do you choose to be your master? If you chose God, join us this Friday at a Universal Church near you and learn how to be free from the evil attacking your life.**



## I TOOK PILLS TO KILL MYSELF AND END MY YEARS OF SUFFERING

and felt so bad that I started cutting myself. I also suffered from spiritual issues, which worsened with time. I couldn't sleep. I often saw shadows, had sleep paralysis and heard voices calling my name - even though I couldn't see anyone. I remember that on one occasion, as soon as I entered the house, I took a blade, started making deep cuts on my arms and legs, and then took strong pills to commit suicide because it was too much.

The situation only worsened despite my efforts to free myself from all this. I started to have constant blackouts. The doctors could never diagnose the reason for this; they said it was my emotions and that it was "normal" for my age.

At 18, I met a boy, who I married to try and fill that void,

but the gap was so big that I also resorted to drinking, drugs, and hookah. One day, after fighting a lot, we went to a friend's house and witnessed them doing witchcraft; it was horrible - the worst night of my life.

I received an invitation from my brother to the Universal Church. It was all new to me, but somehow, I knew I needed a change in my life. Even though I didn't believe much, I went. And the transformation started happening. I began to make the chains of deliverance and obeyed the guidance given. Jesus set me free.

Today, my life got transformed entirely. I am happy, fulfilled, and healthy. I no longer see shadows or hear voices. I have peace

- Danielle

# MIRACLES EXIST



## FREE FROM BACK PAIN & DEPRESSION



I suffered with depression, insomnia and anxiety for over ten years. I had pains in my back due to cars accidents where I got injured. I tried to commit suicide by taking pills and cutting myself but it never worked. I learned about this ministry through its program on TV. A lot of things changed after I received the prayers. The weeks have gone by and here I'm with no pain in my neck or back. I haven't taken any pills for anxiety nor depression. I do not sit in a room all day anymore. Today I am a happy individual! - Lanece, NY

Learn to put your faith in action in order to fight your problems!

GET YOUR DIVINE WATER EVERY SUNDAY

at your nearest Universal Church

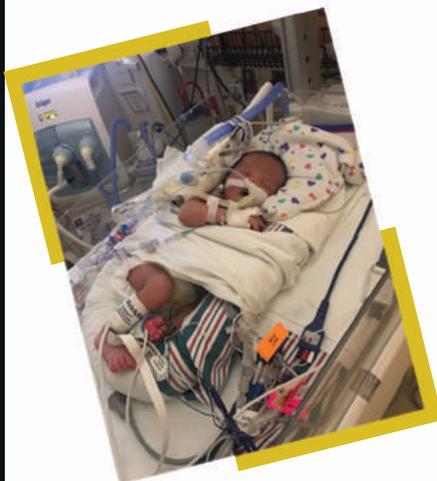


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## “ MY SON HAD A DISEASE IN HIS INTESTINES...”



My son was born premature, and a week after his birth, he had a disease in his intestines. The doctors told us it was life-threatening and didn't give us hope that he would survive. Since we couldn't provide him with anything, I drank the Divine water on his behalf.



### THE MIRACLE HAPPENED

I used my faith. I came to the church every Sunday and prayed. He started getting better and better, and my son came home after a month. He needed no surgery, and he's doing fine and healthy. Thank God my son is a miracle! -Marlene, MD

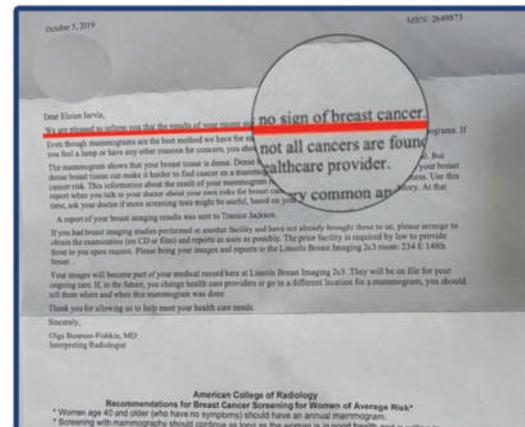
## THE CYST DISAPPEARED AFTER I USED THE DIVINE WATER!



The doctors had found a cyst in my left breast after I went to my yearly mammogram check-up. The concern was that it could be cancerous, so I had to go back after three months for a follow-up. Attending this ministry, I received the Divine Water. I drank it

and washed the affected area by faith until I had to return for new exams. The results were great; there was no cyst, and it was gone!

There is no cancer. - Eloise, NY





# |Message|

**BISHOP JOSHUA**

## WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH

It is no secret that there are difficult days in life. We suffer losses, illnesses, and disasters, and through it all, we may feel as though we are alone. Well, the word of God says:

*“Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?”*

Jeremiah 32:27

In other words, when the going gets tough, turn to God to get going. Sometimes it may seem easier to curl up in a ball and wait for the storm to pass, but God is giving you a way out. There is nothing too hard for Him. It means the sickness you face, the separation that has taken hold of your family, the financial



destruction that has attacked your life, or the ongoing depression you feel are no match for God.

Ask yourself this question: Is there anything too hard for God? The problems have been so big lately that they cloud your faith. Push away those clouds and remember that God is always greater. The problem you are having right now

it's not too big for God.

Think of your biggest problem right now. Perhaps things have been hard for you but remember, you're not fighting alone. Now, think of the greatness of your God and tell me, is it any match for God?

God is your solution. There is nothing too hard for Him.

May the God of the Bible bless you!

# Friday of DELIVERANCE

Are you facing problems like:

- Sleepless nights
- Paranormal activities
- Depression
- Anxiety
- Incurable Diseases
- Victim of witchcraft
- Constant failures
- Others

Write below your prayer request and bring it to any branch of the Universal Church close to you:

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*You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day, Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday. Psalm 91:4-5*

**CHAIN OF PRAYER WORKS!**

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
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6 Isaiah 6	7 Isaiah 7	8 Isaiah 8	9 Isaiah 9	10 Isaiah 10	11 Isaiah 11	12 Isaiah 12	
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27 Isaiah 27	28 Isaiah 28	29 Isaiah 29	30 Isaiah 30				



## SOMETHING WAS CRAWLING INSIDE OF ME

I had a lot of paranormal activities and spiritual attacks. I felt this presence in my car, around me, at home, at work, and every time. A lot of things were crawling inside of me that I did not understand. I went to many churches to find help, but nothing happened. Whenever I closed my eyes, I started seeing strange things, which made me afraid. I tried to

pretend as if nothing was happening. When I heard about the Universal Church, I decided to come. I started participating in the chain of prayers on Fridays for total deliverance, and every time I came, I felt lighter.

My deliverance was gradual; it took some time because I had so many doubts. I was always suspicious of people, and that included churches. Since I saw a lot of changes in me, I decided

to trust in God entirely and use my faith since I couldn't deny the changes happening to me anymore. I then realized that all those attacks were no longer there. After being bound for so long by these spiritual attacks, it was unbelievable to see that I no longer saw or felt the presence of evil any more. I am now completely free and happy, and I thank God for that.

SARAH

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT UNIVERSAL THE LOVE WALK WAS A SUCCESS



The Love Walk took place on October 29 in cities worldwide. The United States and 88 other countries brought together more than 240 thousand people. Time passes, and unfortunately, many couples grow apart. On that day, however, the aim was to bring them closer together. Before the walk

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worldwide. The United States and 88 other countries brought together more than 240 thousand people. Time passes, and unfortunately, many couples grow apart. On that day, however, the aim was to bring them closer together. Before the walk began, they got instructed to influence the conversation's productivity. Communication problems are commonly identified as the leading cause of divorce among couples, ahead of other adversities, such as lack of love, intimacy, partnership, and unpreparedness for marriage. The "Love Walk" was designed especially for couples who want to

improve and change their relationship. This moment, only for the two, encourages and provides a quality dialogue on important issues they don't usually discuss. And it also serves to get to know the other person better.

### How was the Love Walk?

Couples left the walk inspired to continue working on their relationship, with some even sharing the lessons they've learned throughout their years of marriage.



## THE SUNDAY OF URGENT MIRACLE

**HAVE YOUR PROBLEMS OVERWHELMED YOU?**

Have you received a serious medical diagnosis? Or are you facing threats because of financial debt? Are you struggling with a numbing depression, spiritual attacks, or fighting to overcome an addiction? What is your problem? Know that no matter the obstacle that torments you, God has the power to transform your life. If you don't know what else to do and need an urgent answer, participate in the Sunday of Urgent Miracle on November 20th at

your local Universal Church. Some situations cannot wait. Use intelligent faith against your problem. There is a way out. Allow God to reveal Himself to you. "...I would lay my cause before him. He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted." Job 5: 8-9 What is the Miracle that you need? Come and receive it.

**November 20<sup>th</sup>**  
10am | at the Universal Church near you



**SPIRITUAL ATTACKS**



**BROKEN RELATIONSHIPS**



**DESTROYED FAMILY**



**CHRONIC DISEASE**



**ADDICTION**



**FINANCIAL BLOCKAGE**

# THERE'S A BATTLE GOING ON AGAINST YOUR LIFE!

Through the Bible, we know that an evil force opposes God, which is evil spirits. Before they became demons, they were angels. They got expelled from Heaven after rebelling against the Most High (Revelation 12, Isaiah 14, 2 Corinthians 11:14, Luke 10:18). Since then, they have been on Earth, in the spiritual realm, terrorizing God's main creation: humanity. Demons possess a person not only to distance him from God but also to use him to express themselves in the physical world we live in.

**H**ow to get rid of evil spirits? Bishop Macedo advises that the only way to overcome demons is through the power of Jesus Christ. However, more than knowing this power is required. It is necessary to put it into practice. Are you experiencing spiritual problems? Find out how to eliminate them by participating every Friday in the Deliverance Meeting at every Universal Church.

## I HAD A PACT THROUGH EVIL SPIRITS

Jefferson had a troubled childhood and lived in a home full of physical and verbal abuse. Therefore, he grew up with trauma and hatred for his father. "He always said that my mother was garbage, that she was useless, that she was a burden in his life. He was always very aggressive and nervous with everyone in my family," he says.

**He reports that he frequented a home with his mother, who made a bonding pact through evil spirits even before he was born.**

"There was a pact between my mind and my mother's. We knew everything about each other, even when we were apart. We foresaw future events and united when we were threatened. **The power of death flowed strongly in our blood,"** he recalls.

Jefferson grew up to have an increasingly troubled life. At age 11, he started smoking cigarettes. He also began to smoke a pipe constantly in addition to cigars. "I was unhappy and hopeless in every way. I grew up repressed and afraid of everything," he says.

His traumas and complexes only increased in adolescence. He was a good student, but his classmates always made fun of him.

His parents separated when Jefferson was 14 years old, and he, who had no affinity with his father, didn't want anything to do with him anymore.

Jefferson began going to clubs and going out as a young man, but his life remained meaningless.

His mother, who sought help at the Universal



Church for financial aid, always invited him to the meetings. Until the day he decided to go to church.

"My mother prayed and made chains of prayers for me for two years. At first, I just wanted to make the chain for my financial life. After a month and a half, I had already heard about Salvation and hell. I lived in an internal dilemma for about five months until I surrendered to the Lord Jesus", he recalls.

**By attending deliverance meetings on Fridays, Jefferson gave up everything he practiced in the voodoo house.** The first change he experienced was having

# EVIL ATTACKS

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inner peace. By putting into practice everything he learned in the meetings and accomplishing the purposes, he was free from the evil spirits that stunned him and the pact between him and his mother.

Deliverance made all the difference in his life. He forgave his father and

got rid of his addictions. With his life transformed, Jefferson began to dedicate himself more and more to faith and God.

**Today he is married, has a blessed family, has become a lawyer, and has a prosperous life.**



# IT'S REAL!

**"I WAS OFFERED TO SPIRITS."**

I was just over 12 when I started drinking at family parties, and nobody was against it. It was one cup after another, and I got addicted," Greice says.

Alcohol, however, was just one of her addictions: **"A family member had offered me to spirits, and the entities thought they owned me."**

Sometimes I was at home and felt that a man's spirit was coming. I had relationships with him, I became addicted to masturbation, and I related to girls and guys, too," she reveals. To make matters worse, she became involved with people linked to drug trafficking. "I got pregnant when I was 15. I even smoked marijuana and forgot that I had a family. I was threatened, beaten, and almost hanged by one of the drug dealers, but I managed to get out of there alive. I thought they would come after me to collect some debt."

She started dancing and singing in clubs to occupy her mind. "At parties, they

abused my body. I even spent what I didn't have, but there was no shortage of alcohol in my fridge. The consumption took a toll on my health to the point that I had stomach complications and thyroid and ovarian cysts. Due to my various relationships, I had inflammation in the uterus. The ends of my feet turned black, and I became depressed. **I saw shadows, heard voices, took high doses of diazepam, and still couldn't sleep."**

That's when a Universal Church volunteer evangelized her and invited her to church. "I didn't believe anyone could help me. When I got to the cathedral, I felt sick just looking at the church sign and couldn't get inside. Someone helped me, and I sat in the very back. I was touched when the pastor said: 'you who arrived here today will not leave the same way. I manifested with spirits, but for the first time in a long time, I could sleep when I got home.'"

She says that little by little, she has taken all the wrong things out of her life. "I did



everything I could to get closer to God. One Friday, I was baptized with the Holy Spirit. I already had peace, but after baptism, my mind changed. From then on, God blessed my ministry and I became an assistant. Some family members converted through my testimony because they saw what God has done in my life."

She claims that she is healed of all the physical and spiritual ailments with which she lived.

**Today I am sure of my love for my neighbor, and I don't think about anything other than passing on to others what I received: my healing and my Salvation", she concludes.**

## MAKE A CHAIN OF PRAYER IT WORKS!

A Chain of Prayer is when you attend a prayer meeting for a certain number of weeks without interruption in order to see a breakthrough in your life. Whether it is healing, a financial breakthrough or spiritual deliverance that you need, a Chain of Prayer helps you develop the faith and determination to overcome.

**Monday - Strong Nation  
7am, 10am, 4pm & 7pm**



Learn the secrets to overcome financially. Receive direction to grow and become a successful person.



**Tuesday - Prayer for healing  
7am, 10am, 4pm & 7pm**

Receive prayers for your physical, mental and spiritual well-being.

**Wednesday - Night of Salvation  
7am, 10am, 4pm & 7pm**



A meeting will be held for those who want to invest in a genuine relationship with God.



**Thursday - Family & Love Therapy  
7am, 10am, 4pm & 7pm**

The goal of the family meeting is to bring families together. No family is perfect, but they can be free from any hate, separation and other underlying issues.

**Friday - Deliverance  
7am, 10am, 4pm & 7pm**



There is a root to every problem. No issue can be dealt with permanently without removing its root. Every Friday, strong prayers is provided for anyone who is facing a problem that is influenced by negativity.



**Saturday - Impossible Cases  
8am & 12pm**

Have you ever looked at a problem or situation and thought, 'this is impossible, there is no solution to this?' If you want to see the 'impossible become possible', join us every Saturday.

**Sunday - Gathering of Faith & Miracles  
7am, 10am, 3pm & 6pm**



These meetings aim to help people connect with God, to empower people and teach them how to use their faith to achieve what they want in their lives.

# YOU'VE MESSED UP AGAIN!

# NOW WHAT?

You messed up. Lost the trust of your family, lost your good reputation and your relationships. Your mistakes have put you in a dark place. You are tired of living this way, being disappointed, and going around in circles. You're not sure God will forgive you and give you another chance. Does that sum things up for you?

In prison, you've had more than enough time to think and have reached a point of wanting a fresh start. However, when you think of "a new life," you no longer picture those fairytale families sitting happily around the dining table. You don't see yourself in a relationship or marriage that is faithful in all aspects; You have convinced yourself that making money in a legit way is a waste of time.

So what does your new chance actually look like? Hustling on a different street corner, in another neighborhood, or even state? Being older and wise enough to beat the system one more time and avoid being caught? Is that really all that you see for yourself? Or perhaps you want better, picture better, but you need to see yourself getting there. You feel like it's easier to keep doing what you know, or you feel as though God gave up on you a long time ago!

Well, there is good news and bad news for you. The good news is that God is always willing to give you another chance, given that you sincerely want to change. The bad news is that if you've hurt other people, these people may not want to give you another chance. It's the risk you take and the price you may have to pay for your wrongs. #Realtalk

Going back to the good news. Remember the thief on the cross? He lived a life of crime – so much so that he gained a spot alongside Jesus on the cross to be crucified. – Nowadays, death row is seen as the end, but he surpassed that; that thief was already on his way to being killed. Everyone had given up on him; he had no chances left, but guess what? Up there on the cross, our Lord Jesus gave him that chance.

And that same chance is extended to you. God believes in your 'happily ever after' and wants to help you reach

it. But He needs you to believe in yourself too. No, to really believe in yourself. So much so that you physically take steps toward your new start if you want to give yourself another chance, here are some things you can do that might help you start over – Not necessarily in this respective order:

1. Stop obsessing over the past. The solution is in the now, not in what has already happened.
2. Cut off contact with people who'll only bring you down even further; seek help from those who want to see you rise again.
3. Do not try to fix everything at once. It took you a while to mess things up, and it will take time to rebuild. Be realistic. Do not expect 'overnight' results.
4. Start to do what is right, right away, now. One thing, one step, one decision. Later, take another step. Right choices, even small ones, accrue into benefits until change happens.
5. Jot down your goals on a sheet of paper and look at them daily; it helps a great deal. Don't ask why—do it.
6. Do not be overconfident in your strength. Seek strength in God. This step is essential.
7. Refrain from assuming that people will quickly believe that you have changed. You will only regain their trust if your new behavior is consistent.
8. If you think changing is too hard, remind yourself about the consequences of not changing. Jot them down if needed so you will remember.
9. Every time a negative thought comes to mind, say TWO positive things out loud with a stronger conviction.
10. If you stumble, start over. Don't give up. If you were persistent and courageous in doing wrong, you could be the same and do what is right.



## UNIVERSAL BEYOND BARS (UBB) Nationwide Schedule

\*Scheduling may vary depending on local changes

### TEXAS

Monday's:  
Luther Unit- 10AM  
Clements 2 Unit- 1PM  
Terrell Unit- 2PM

Tuesday's:  
Hobby Unit- 8AM  
Lane Murray Unit- 12:30PM  
Goree Unit- 2PM  
Jester Unit- 1PM

Wednesday's:  
Luther Unit-11:00AM  
Clements Unit- 3PM  
Goree Unit- Every 1st and 4th Wed of the month @ 4PM.

Thursday's:  
Crain Unit- 3PM  
Hilltop Unit- 2PM

Friday's:  
Luther Unit- 10AM  
Darrington/Memorial Unit- 3PM

Saturday's:  
Jester Unit, every 1st Saturday of the month @ 1PM.

\* Note: Ferguson Unit, please speak to your Chaplain for the UBB course schedule.

### FLORIDA

Tuesday's:  
Metro West Detention Center: 10AM- 2PM  
Broward Regional Juvenile Detention Center- 3PM-4PM

Saturday's:  
Miami Dade County Pre-Trial Detention Center- 10AM-11AM

### CALIFORNIA

Tuesday's:  
Avenal State Prison- 2PM- 4PM

### HAWAII

Tuesday's:  
Halawa Correctional Facility- 7PM

Wednesday's:  
Halawa Correctional Facility- 11:30AM- 1PM

\* If you do not see your unit on the UBB schedule yet, do not worry. There is still an opportunity for you to keep in touch with the UBB (Universal Beyond Bars) by sending your letter to Bishop Joshua at:

**7075 SOUTHWEST FWY.  
HOUSTON TX, 77074**

You can be sure tat Bishop Joshua will read and respond to your letter. He may also attach a Bible Study to it so that you can keep your mind focused on something positive, and stop thinking on the negative things.

If you need anymore information about the different courses offered by the UBB, please get in contact with the Chaplain in your facility.

**CONTACT US UPON RELEASE:  
1 (888) 691-2291**



I'm TIRED of being IDENTIFIED by my PAST... Is there ANYONE who will see ME for ME?

**YES.** Write to Bp. Joshua: your questions, doubts, fears, concerns, he will personally read and respond to your letter! Be sure to include: **FULL NAME/INMATE ID #, COMPLETE PRISON NAME, ADDRESS, CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE**

Send it to:  
**7075 SOUTHWEST FREEWAY. HOUSTON, TX 77074**





# UNIVERSAL BEYOND BARS

*YOU ARE NOT ALONE!*



*"Even though I knew I was wrong, I didn't want to stop selling counterfeit products. The result? My prison. I, who evangelized at the jail door, was arrested for wanting to do things my way." Viviane Cristina da Silva, a volunteer with the group of prisoners and brought spiritual help to the inmates and their families, was arrested for selling fake products. You read it correctly. That's her story.*

**T**hrough the UBB, Viviane arrived at Universal eight years before being arrested. "I used to listen to the radio at night and ended up tuning in to the program. The pastor who presented always invited us to attend the meetings. It was then that I decided to go," she recalls. She arrived with all sorts of possible problems. "Health, financial, family, everyone. I don't think you can say I didn't have a problem in some area."

**As for prison, Viviane admits: "I knew I was reaping what I sowed. She was trying to get out of piracy, but she lacked courage. The flagship of my store was pirated CDs". She spent a short time in prison. But, according to her, they were the longest moments of her life.**

"When I set foot inside, I saw that it was much worse than I had thought. There was no place to sleep; the cell was overcrowded, and there was no food. I saw myself on the other side of the coin." But it was in there that I decided to turn that page in my story. I drew strength from faith. The prison was a push for me to change for the better.



Today, I have achieved many things. "God gave me a new chance, direction, and wisdom to work with, and I obeyed. Since then, I have opened several of my own stores. We have a team of 18 people working with us. God also blessed my love life. Today I am married. When we obey God, no one can stop our victory." A message to those of you that have family behind bars:

**" I KNEW THAT WHAT I WAS DOING WAS WRONG... BUT I DIDN'T STOP, AND THIS LANDED ME IN PRISON."  
- VIVIANNE**

**"Don't accept your loved ones to come out the same way they went in, the UBB offers many courses behind bars, but maybe your loved one does not want to participate. Go to a Universal Church near you and pray on their half with their photo in your hand and determine that they will change, just as I was and many others."**

are blessed. That's why I see great value in Universal's work", he adds.

The Universal Church maintains several social projects and, through its volunteers, works in various sectors of society; we intend to bring emotional, psychological, material, and, above all, spiritual help to those in need, such as in asylums, orphanages, hospitals, prisons, and communities, among other places.

She remembers that, by faith, everything is possible. "In prison, the atmosphere is weighty. But we take a word of encouragement. As we see in the Universal Newspaper, we have many testimonies of people who apparently had no way out and are now recovered, have a family, and



**Viviane has her new store, that is licensed and God has been blessing her.**

**STAY ENCOURAGED WITH DAILY PROGRAMS!**

**WATCH US 24/7  
AND UPLIFT  
YOUR FAITH!**

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**SHOWDOWN OF FAITH**  
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Marviane, unfortunately, was a victim of this statistic but was able to overcome it by faith. See her story.

She had a childhood and adolescence of poverty. "There was no television or refrigerator at home. I had to wait for someone to donate clothes to me. My father drank 24 hours non-stop and broke things in the house. As a result, my mother had several health problems. I, the youngest among six siblings, remember that my sisters married early to escape that situation." At 16, Marviane moved in search of work, but she also began to have

problems with alcohol. A few years later, she got pregnant and went on to look for a father for her child. She even got married, but not for long. "There were many betrayals and fights, and the marriage

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ended up in separation and with another child. My ex-husband left and left me with an eviction notice, electricity bills, water bills, and rent."

She says that her income was not enough to support the house. "I remember that one day the gas went out for 15 days. I only had a coffee maker, and I would use it to make noodles and sausage to share with my kids," she describes. In this scenario, life's difficulties only worsened. Under these conditions, Marivane arrived at Universal on a Sunday. "I started going to church every day. I was sure I needed the Holy Spirit, and that's what I focused on. After that, I knew that everything would change. I participated in the purposes of Faith. I started selling,

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