Accelerated Entropy

The second law of thermodynamics is the reason why ice cream melts on a summer day and coffee cools on a winter day. This law contains a powerful force called entropy. Entropy basically states that if left to its own devices, everything moves toward disorder and degradation. Cars rust. Toys break. Food rots. Corporations dissolve. Companies go bankrupt. Buildings become condemned.

At Project Rescue, we are frequently confronted with accelerated entropy. Each time a man abuses drugs and alcohol he steps on the entropy gas pedal. Addiction and the attendant sins act together as entropy accelerants. The first chapter of James illustrates this destructive force: “But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.” James 1:14,15

When a Project Rescue program member arrives on our doorstep we see the entropy effects: His character has been corrupted, spirituality swept away, health harmed, relationships ruined and all his resources squandered.

God wants us to realize entropy’s end game regarding his soul: “For the wages of sin is death…” Romans 6:23
“Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.” James 5:19,20

God also wants us to step into his life and stop the entropy:

“Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness...” Galatians 6:1

“Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all.” 1 Thessalonians 5:14

The entropy stopping strategy we use for each man is as follows:

1. We separate him from the ability (money, phone, transportation) to obtain alcohol and drugs.

2. We encourage him to pray, read the Bible, study the Bible, do the Bible, and teach others the Bible. He is required to attend daily Bible classes and two worship services on Sundays. He is required to participate in one-on-one sessions with ministers and counselors.

3. We encourage him to exercise and develop a healthy diet.

Charles Baggett meets one-on-one with the men. Charles also, through our House Flipping Project, helps them to learn a trade, develop a good work ethic and earn money.

Dona Drake meets one-on-one with the men. Dona is on-site Mondays and Wednesdays. She teaches them how to stop their emotional pain from driving them back to the drugs.

One-year graduate Jason Cagle lives on-site and is serving as our dorm manager. The dorm is for new program members and members who have relapsed.

Scott Fuller is a great mentor to the men! Scott teaches a Bible class on Thursday nights. He is on-site almost every day.

Wayne Speegle teaches a Bible class on Monday evenings.

Joe Holley teaches the New Life Behavior material on Thursday nights.
One-year graduate Beau Nelson teaches a Bible class on Friday nights.

Registered Nurse, Kim Johnson dispenses the medicine.

Jeanie Crocker keeps our financial books and serves as the personal accountant for each man in the program. They are not allowed to have cash, so everything must be purchased for them. Jeanie documents every purchase, from a week’s worth of food, to a haircut and from paying off a fine to the purchase of a candy bar.

Ronnie Crocker is the hound dog who catches the program members who relapse and abuse drugs or alcohol. They meet one-on-one with Ronnie Crocker when they break the rules. Ronnie also serves the men to help take care of all of their daily needs (food, housing, transportation, medical appointments, etc.).