

About the Founder of Three Oaks

James Barnes, the founder of Three Oaks Life Transformation Center, knows all about the need for second chances. James grew up in a Christian home but ran from God at the age of 17 after being deeply wounded by Christian leaders. He spent the next 7 years searching for purpose & fulfillment apart from God.

After filing for his second divorce at the age of 25, James hit "ROCK BOTTOM" in 1999 with a string of alcohol related arrests & a grand theft charge. Fearing for his life as a former Corrections Officer & Military Policeman, James found himself contemplating suicide with a loaded handgun. But God had other plans. Ashamed of who he'd become, but ready for a new direction, he cried out to God for a second chance. James calls the rest of the story "Discovering God's Grace." God miraculously protected James during his 9 months of incarceration & he was released, unharmed, on March 13, 2000.

Since then, James has always prayed, "God help me make the maximum impact I can for your kingdom," & God's answered that prayer by an outpouring of His grace allowing him to: graduate a two-year school preparing him for ministry in 2005, helping to plant a church, working in youth ministry in multiple settings, helping to lead two Missions trips, & publicly sharing his personal journey of faith hundreds of times.

In 2004, James received training from Saddleback Church on the "Life Hurts... God Heals" curriculum & began working with those experiencing pain from addictions, abuse, & broken relationships. Shortly after launching LHGH the Lord began stirring his heart for the need for an after-care follow up program, & as a result the Christ-Centered Change program was launched in 2005 for teens & adults.

In April of 2008, James was approached by his local church elders & asked to consider launching his own ministry. Three Oaks Life Transformation Center was officially launched & has rapidly expanded to multiple classes, Bible studies, & other opportunities.

As of April 2009, Three Oaks became the contract provider for the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections statewide. As the "Faith-based Resource Developer," James & his team of amazing staff & volunteers have become the focal point for connecting community organizations, local churches & individuals with opportunities to serve the various needs. We are developing resources in the community for juveniles & their families to increase the chances of successful reintegration upon release.

"God clearly demonstrates all throughout His Word His heart for the hurting, broken, & oppressed," James says, "and it's my belief that this is why Three Oaks has been given so many amazing opportunities to serve those in crisis."

Mission Statement

Three Oaks exists to bind up the wounds of the broken-hearted; to proclaim freedom for those held captive by habits & addictions; & to comfort & provide for those experiencing grief, by modeling a loving, empowering, Christ-Centered community whereby life transformation & true purpose may be found.

*"They will be called Oaks of Righteousness,
a planting of the Lord for the display of His splendor."
Isaiah 61:1-3*

Vision

Three Oaks Life Transformation Center envisions a community center whereby anyone can safely find help, hope, healing & life's true purpose through a holistic & balanced approach that includes meeting not only emotional & spiritual needs, but the physical, social, & educational ones as well.

It is our desire to create an environment whereby anyone, regardless of church background or affiliation, type & depth of need, or ability to pay, can come & receive the necessary tools required to empower them for life long change rooted in a maturing relationship with Christ. Three Oaks embraces a three-pronged approach: recovery, discipleship, & leadership development, through a variety of basic life-skills, education, & discipleship classes.

Core Values

- God's Word
- Community
- Discipleship
- Evangelism
- Servant Hood
- Prayer
- Accountability
- Reconciliation
- Truth
- Balance

Juvenile Corrections Center - St. Anthony

Resources presented by



Three Oaks
Life Transformation Center

*"Helping you get free from your past,
so you can look forward to the future."*

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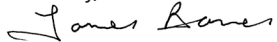
Volunteers

Thanks so much for your heart to serve the needs of the youth entrusted to the IDJC. We recognize the huge contribution local churches & volunteers have made in the past & we are very thankful & excited to be able to offer new opportunities to collaborate. It's our desire at Three Oaks to build a bridge between the IDJC & the faith community by facilitating timely resource identification & disbursement. In order to accomplish this task we need your assistance in identifying, locating, & donating a wide array of resources. I'd like to challenge you to prayerfully consider ways you & your church could get involved:

- 1) Think outside the facility. How are they going to get to school, get a job, or build a network of healthy relationships. Could you help mentor in any of these life skills areas?
- 2) Think outside the juvenile. No matter how well "programmed" or "loved" opportunities to succeed are greatly diminished if mom or dad are struggling or lack basic parenting skills. What types of classes, programs, facilities, or resources can you & your church or organization offer?
- 3) Think outside the box. What gifts, talents or abilities do you possess that could make all the difference? Could you donate some recreation equipment, a gas card, or maybe phone card? Maybe you could make a one time financial donation to the "juvenile assistance fund," which meets a variety of the needs listed.

Thanks again. Your generosity is helping juveniles like Nick (see story to the right).

Sincerely,



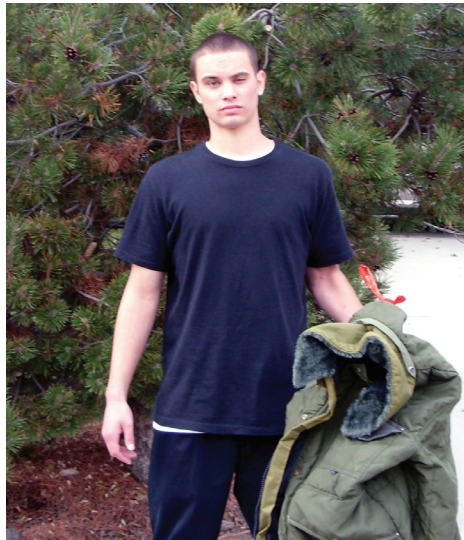
James Barnes
Three Oaks Life Transformation Center
Founder & Executive Director
IDJC Faith-based Resource Developer

Post Release Resources & Services Needed

- Donations: "Juvenile Assistance Fund"***
- Gas & Phone Cards***
- Recreation Equipment***
- Bicycles***
- Clothing
- Bibles or Christian Resources
- School Supplies
- Jobs or Trade Skills Training
- Short/Long Term Housing
- Religious Services & Clergy Visits
- Mentoring
- Bilingual: Willing to offer translation services
- Group or Individual Counseling
- Life Hurts... God Heals
- Medical Assistance
- Community Substance Abuse Treatment or life skills classes
- Tutoring
- Victim's Resources or Assistance

***Most important Needs

Nick's Story



To Whom it may Concern:

I just wanted to say "Thank you" for helping me out on my journey to sobriety.

When I got out of jail, all I had was a pair of sneakers, jail blues and polos to wear. With your help, care, concern, and donations I was able to get a job and have the confidence in myself that though I was in a new city by myself, I still had someone there to help me with staying sober, getting a job, and guidance in staying away from the gang life.

Once again, I thank you for not judging me because of my past. You also treated me with respect -- like the adult and positive citizen of society that I am trying so hard to become.

Thank you for your hospitality and help on my road to recovery. I am forever thankful and I really appreciate you for making my new start just a little bit easier. Thank you for the donations and being there for me.

I would also like to personally thank Mario for helping me and telling me that if I ever needed someone to talk to or someone to just hang out with, I could call him and he would be there for me. It gives me inner strength to go forward because of what you guys have done for me. Before you guys came into my life I felt lost, hopeless and abandoned. But now that I have your help, you have influenced me to stay on the right track.

THANK YOU again for all you've done!

Sincerely,

Nick Jackson

Juvenile & Family Services

Having a son or daughter incarcerated can be an intimidating & overwhelming process for all involved. We at Three Oaks understand what you are going through & are here to help. We currently offer two programs (Life Hurts... God Heals & Christ Centered Change) that can meet a large variety of needs for the entire family. Let's face it, sometimes life hurts. But, you don't have to stay stuck in the pain any longer. Three Oaks can equip you with the tools to heal & grow in any of the areas listed below, as well as connecting you to various other resources.

- Drugs
- Alcohol
- Pornography
- Eating Disorders
- Cutting, Depression or Suicide
- All types of Abuse
- Anger
- Fear
- Control
- Pride
- Boundary Issues
- Communication Skills

In addition to the classes offered by Three Oaks, we can assist in connecting you to the following resources:

- Mentoring
- Tutoring
- Counseling Services
- Parenting Classes
- Life Skills Classes
- Job Readiness
- School Supplies
- Bibles
- Bicycles
- Crisis Transportation
- Basic Medical Assistance
- Food Bank
- Clothing
- Translation Services
- Assistance locating Transitional Housing
- College Placement Assistance
- Assistance with Transitional Set-Up

If you would like to be contacted by a representative of Three Oaks concerning any of the resources mentioned, feel free to call, email or visit our website.