

## My Daddy Came Home Today

Today is the happiest day of my life! That's because my daddy is home again. A year and three months is a long time for him to be away.

He didn't leave here in a military uniform. The war my daddy fought was very different. He went to a place called Turning Point to fight his addiction to alcohol.

Some people may not think that's a big deal, but I'm really proud of my daddy for what he did. He's my hero. And he's mommy's hero too.

My daddy is a lot different now. Instead of swearing and hitting mommy, he hugs her and prays with her.

We had lots of bills before because daddy kept getting fired from his jobs. Now he's working harder than ever before and he's saving up money for my college education.

He says I deserved a better daddy and that's why God changed him. He says there are lots of kids like me who deserve better daddies.

I found out some kids have mommies that drink too much and do drugs too. I think they deserve better mommies. The problem is that it costs lots of money to cure our mommies and daddies.

Mommy paid what she could to help daddy, but it wasn't near enough. Thankfully, the other money came from people who probably don't have alcoholics in their families. They just have a lot of love in their hearts.

I'm glad my daddy's home again. I know it could have been a lot different. He could have gone to jail, or gotten real sick. Maybe even died. Then I'd never have a daddy.

So I'm really happy that people with love in their hearts gave some money to Turning Point.

Katie

# What Every Child Deserves

In a perfect world, every Katie would live in a family filled with love. Both parents would share in the responsibility of nurturing her, preparing her for the many challenges life will bring.

But the imperfections of this world are overwhelming. One out of four kids live with a single parent – 16.4 million of them. Worse still, kids in single parent families are twice as likely to abuse alcohol and four times as likely to abuse drugs.

And a dangerous generational cycle develops – broken families lead to drug and alcohol abuse, which leads to more broken families. The kids who suffer grow up to suffer more as adults and bring further suffering on their own children.

## **To Save the Child, Sometimes You've Got to First Save the Parent**

Katie is a pseudonym for all the boys and girls whose parents have come to Turning Point to free themselves from the bondage of alcohol and drug addiction. She speaks of their collective hopes, dreams and prayers of one day living in a stable, loving environment.

For Katie, those hopes, dreams and prayers were just answered. Too many other children are still waiting for the their mommy or daddy to come back home. Their hopes rest with the “people with love in their hearts.”

Would you consider a donation to Turning Point? Just so more kids can have their mommies and daddies back home.

How much you give is your personal choice. It's based solely on your conscience and ability. We have no pens or address labels or any other worldly goods to offer you in return. Just our collective thanks and a prayer that God will bless you many times over for sharing your love.

The LORD bless you and protect you; the LORD make His face shine on you,  
and be gracious to you; the LORD look with favor on you and give you peace.  
(Numbers 6:24-26)

With a humble and thankful heart,

Pastor Bob