Chili Crossroads Bible Church

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My name is Neal Dearyan. I'm the Pastor of Chili Crossroads Bible Church in Fresno (Coshocton County) Ohio.

Drug abuse has caused my family great pain. My brother's brain literally exploded inside his skull when he died of a cocaine overdose.

His wife and one-year-old son were left to fend for themselves. They immediately started living on state funds to make it.

This makes me personally very passionate about solving this problem. It's too late for my brother but what can we do to help other Ohio families avoid the pain our family went through?

The latest CDC numbers are out and in the 12 months ending July 2017 5232 Ohioans died of drug overdose. That is a 39% increase over the previous 22 months.

The definition of insanity is doing the same thing and expecting different results.

We are on a crash course in Ohio. The number of deaths is rising exponentially. The time for theory has passed and the time for immediate action has arrived.

400 studies show that faith-based addictions recovery programs have an effectiveness rate between 40 and 60%.

That is 2 to 3 times higher than the effectiveness rate of addictions recovery programs that do not include a faith component.

Our church hosts a faith-based addictions recovery program every Friday night at 7 PM. Here, those who struggling with stubborn habits find the answers and solutions that have eluded them for years.

Three weeks ago, we started a chapter of RU Recovery inside the Coshocton County Jail. We meet with inmates every Sunday night.

Our team of dedicated volunteers has the privilege of watching hope come back into the eyes of people who have been bound by their addiction for decades.

It's time for Ohio to implement the most effective solutions. I believe the Bible provides the solution we need in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

That's why, as an Ohio pastor who cares about hurting people, I'm here to personally express my support for Substitute House Bill 427.

Thank you!

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