

Testimony of Ana Claudia, Jundiai, Brazil

It began when Ana was 13 years old. She was very unhappy and consulted a Palm reader for help. After many sessions the Palm reader said that she would never be happy. So she decided to promise the devil that she would give him her blood if he would make her happy. Cutting her arms to make them bleed gave her a temporary relief, but it would not stop.



This led to eleven years of cutting, anorexia, bulimia and torment. Finally, she had to have relief and attempted suicide by swallowing 13 full size razor blades. The doctors had taken x-rays and had ordered immediate surgery. She refused and left the hospital. Ana then sought out a Pastor for prayer; afterwards X-rays could find no sign of the razor blades. This led her to applying to and entering the Rose of Sharon Teen

Challenge program. She was so weak at this point that the other students in the program had to carry her for her to take a shower. But she was still tormented every day by voices telling her to cut herself. She even attempted to hang herself with a bed sheet.



God had other plans for her. The Teen Challenge director and staff welcomed her with Christ's love. They continued to minister and pray for her day after day until after five days the power of God set her free.

Ana still had a long way to go. It took many weeks before she could eat solid food. Slowly she began to regain her strength both physically and spiritually. After completing the program she was invited to join the staff. That was ten years ago. Today she is still sharing the story with other troubled women of how Jesus can set them free.

