

From bars to Bibles: Biker cleans up his act

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With a leather vest, bald head and skeleton tattoos, Gene Boswell can be a little intimidating at first glance.

But he's got a story to tell that may catch a few by surprise. Known by everyone simply as "Bones," Boswell has a rough past.

He openly admits to being an alcoholic, two-time felon and an addict who tried "every drug with an initial." Boswell says he can recall a time

when the only person who mattered to him was himself.

"You take a piece of paper and ball it up and throw it in a trashcan," Boswell said. "That's the regard I had for people."

Over a period of 37 years, Boswell was spinning out of control. These days, he says, he's walking in a different direction.

Two years ago Boswell was saved and became a Christian.

Before finding Christ, Boswell says he lost touch with reality. Over the



Bones

years, his life was growing more and more unfamiliar to him.

"Before Jesus Christ, I don't know how much of my life was real and how much was a lie," Boswell said.

Today he's more focused on his "mission in life." Instead of hanging out at bars, Boswell is now passing out Bibles.

Instead of picking fights in the streets, they are now the location of many of his ministries.

Boswell and his wife, Brenda, founded Lost Souls Ministry Inc. in September 2005.

With the use of a collapsible portable baptistry, Lost Souls gives churches and ministries, without the necessary facilities the ability to baptize.

Boswell says his ministry allows people to step out of their safety zones into unknown elements and the

lives of others with goals of one day leading others to a spiritual salvation.

Earlier this month, he went to Daytona Beach, Fla., for the annual bike week. He looked the part of a rough biker, but Boswell spent his time ministering to riders and praying with them.

Boswell hopes to one day expand his ministry. He has goals of being able to provide living assistance to individuals as well as develop a

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children's street ministry.

"Children are the beginnings of our future," Boswell said. "And that is what I want to work on."

Boswell admits that he can be a bit of a talker, but he says that's a gift given to him from

God. Through speaking to people he hopes to further the ministry.

Boswell accredits the creation of Lost Souls Ministry completely to God. He says it's all in his hands.

"This is not about me. I'm like a gardener," Boswell said. "I'm the caretaker of this ministry. I mow the grass."

Boswell says the love he feels from Christ should be shared with the world and through Lost Souls, he can

start spreading it through the community.

"I wish the world was made up of buttons that I could push" Boswell said. "That way I could show people the love I feel inside of me."

Boswell says his love for Christ has gotten him higher than any drug he has ever tried.

"Jesus saved my life," Boswell said with tears in his eyes. "I love him so much, there's nothing I wouldn't do for him."