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Project Hope

There have been many obstacles in my life that I have had to overcome. With hope I was able to get through all of these obstacles. I have been through some rough times in my life from members of my family passing away to failing in school. With hope that everything would come out to be the way that God wanted it to be, everything went fine. A year ago my mother passed away due to a bout with cancer. It was a very hard time for my family and especially a hard time for me since me and my mother were very close to each other. I had lost faith in God for I did not know why he would let such a good person know. People tried to tell me that she was in a better place but I just was not listening to them, because God had taken something from me that I really loved. I was in denial for a while after this; I just did not want to talk to anybody and was really depressed. I stopped going to church for awhile. One day I was just thinking about all of the good times that we had together and I remembered that we always went to Church. That very next Sunday I went to Church and was greeted very warmly because everyone had known what I was going through. This really touched me and it really changed the way I started seeing life. This experience really helped me to realize that there is love in the world and that people really do care about other people. Ever since the experience I have been praying to God and going to Church more often than ever. I have just been having a different perspective on life and I always try to think of the glass half full and not half empty. It has changed my life and I think that I am a better person because of it. If it were not for God and the hope that he gave me to keep on going and living my life and just trust that he will take care of her, who knows where I would be today. Another thing that changed me is when my grandma and grandpa got in a serious accident in front of the Alario Center in Louisiana.

My dad got a call from the hospital to go there as soon as possible. We got in the car to hurry to the hospital and when we arrived we went to the emergency room. They pulled my father into a separate room and told him that my grandpa did not make it and it was not looking good for my grandma. We were devastated by the news since it was so unexpected. The doctors said there was a good chance that my grandma wasn't going to make it. We just started praying and praying and put it in God's hand. With the prayers and hope in God, she made it out with some brain damage. We felt very fortunate that she made it out ok, but we still were grieving the loss of my grandpa. My senior year came around and I found out that my graduation was going to be at the Alario Center, the same place that they got in an accident and my life changed forever. I know that God had something to do with that, and I know my grandpa and mom will be watching me when I walk across the stage.