

## Reaching the “AT RISK”



Attempted infanticide, banned from family meals, and beatings near death—yet God used a small church on the wrong side of town to plant seeds of hope in the ‘worst kids’ in town... With no sign of change, believers kept praying!

A powerful testimony of redemption, strength, and hope. With compassion and Maury’s engaging humour, he has shared the message of Christ’s power to overcome any challenge. Maury served with Teen Challenge for twenty-five years and is a minister with the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

### Why Child of Woe - Graphic Novel?

*“What would YOU know? You have NO idea what it’s like...”*

He never intended to share his past. Early in ministry, a *confident-looking* Maury was struggling to connect. Reluctantly, he shared about the outcast—the freakish kid who belonged nowhere, not even a legal citizen in his country. Yet, he still found hope.

Have you ever felt disconnected from a hurting person who can’t see past your *perfect image*? Maury’s testimony is one of redemption, forgiveness, and the promise of a new life.

The *Child of Woe* graphic novel can be the bridge that helps you connect!

### The Mission of Breakthrough Ministries

Maury Blair has shared his story worldwide, from rock concerts, youth conferences, to prisons. We are continuing that mandate, offering multiple versions of Maury’s testimony to a new generation—using modern tools and reaching diverse language groups.

The *Child of Woe* series have been made possible thanks to the generous support of donors and dedicated volunteers.

- Publications are available to ministries at print cost or by donation.
- PDFs have been provided that are ready for your local printers.
- Free Kindle versions are accessible via the provided links.
- Free audio version

His depressed mother left him in a field to die. His abusive step father tried to beat him to death. Believers showed up... A Divine Encounter that changed everything!

# Child of Woe

THE TRUE STORY  
OF MAURY BLAIR

**—A powerful tool for youth and frontline ministries—  
A must-read for every believer!**



# Hope is here! How can we help you?

Choose the format(s) of *Child of Woe* that best serve your ministry

## Child of Woe – MEMOIR Version



Enduring a nightmarish home of unimaginable mental and physical torment, this is the gripping account of the relentless search for hope, against overwhelming odds. Yet, rays of hope shine throughout the story—woven by Maury’s resilience and the unwavering faith of a small congregation. From tragedy to triumph, this revised memoir is a powerful tool that will encourage your ministry leaders. The modern parable of “those who sow in tears, will reap in joy.”

## Child of Woe – GRAPHIC NOVEL Versions



We’re connecting with the next generation right where they are, sharing the uplifting message: “*Hope is Here!*”

Graphic novels—both nonfiction and fiction—have become the most popular reading choice among youth and young adults today. “*Child of Woe*” delves into profound themes such as bullying, domestic and alcohol abuse, rejection, and depression—providing the “Good News” solution!

This Marvel-quality graphic novel is a valuable resource for youth ministry, abuse victims, substance recovery and prison ministries. It offers hope to the most marginalized. The novel format has also resonated with seniors eager to pass its message on to their grandchildren. A valuable resource for parents as well.

### Two Graphic Novel sizes:

**Targeted Distribution:** 32-page version, 9”x6” : Saddle stitch, high-quality gloss paper and full-colour brilliance.

**Wide Distribution:** 20-page shorter version: 5 ½ ”x 8 ½ (prints on 5 - 8 ½ x 11 sheets) for copiers with links to the larger novel. Layouts are also available with bleeds for professional printing presses.

**Online Viewing:** Kindle versions of all books are free at [overcomingabuse.ca](http://overcomingabuse.ca)

**Languages:** English. *French and Spanish versions are coming soon!* Can we make a language available to you?

Printed books or PDFs are available for local printing options.

**Memoir or Graphic Novels:**  
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### MULTI-LINGUAL SAMPLES

EN UN ARRANQUE DE IRA, CYRUS EMPUJÓ A MAURY POR LA VENTANA DEL DORMITORIO, DEJÁNDOLO COLGANDO SOBRE EL RÍO GRAND QUE FLUÍA DEBAJO. MAURY SE AFERRÓ A SU BRAZO. SI LO SOLTABA, MORIRÍA SIN DUDA.

### EN ESPAÑOL

POR PRIMERA VEZ, LA MADRE DE MAURY ENFRENTÓ A CYRUS. ALGO CAMBIÓ CUANDO LA EXPRESIÓN EN EL ROSTRO DE CYRUS SE TRANSFORMÓ. LA IRA SE CONVIRTió EN MEDO MIENTRAS TIRABA DE MAURY PARA SUBIRLO.



A LITTLE CHURCH "ON THE WRONG SIDE OF TOWN" WELCOMED MAURY AND HIS SIBLINGS TO THEIR KIDS CLUB. THEY CAME IN SMELLY AND WERE OUT OF CONTROL. THEY PLAYED GAMES OF ALL KINDS.

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