



## **Meth Mouth Warning: This High Will Destroy Your Smile**

**Plano, TX** - When you picture a person with blackened, stained, and rotten teeth, you don't typically imagine a handsome young family man. However, as 26 year old Willow Bend Dental patient Ryan Gleason learned, the fastest way to crumble a youthful smile is to use Methamphetamine. This tooth decaying drug threatens the wellbeing of more than 12-million Americans in the prime of their lives.

*"With the majority of users being between 18 and 34 years of age, it's critical that youths understand the serious long term side effects that accompany this highly addictive drug known as meth, crank, crystal or speed", states Plano Dentist Dr. Ritchie Beougher. "One very permanent and visual consequence is a condition called "meth mouth", users can go from healthy teeth to extremely sensitive teeth and eventual tooth loss in about a year".*



**Meth Mouth Damage**



**Full Mouth Reconstruction  
by Willow Bend Dental**

As a naïve 14 year old Ryan heard warnings that drugs were bad, but he had no idea that his experimental drug use would lead to a decade long battle with drug addiction. He'd never seen or even heard stories of toothless users and frankly when in the grip of drugs, didn't care.

*“On drugs, I lost all focus and didn’t care about maintaining my body or brushing my teeth”, explains Ryan. “After I tackled my drug problem, I was embarrassed to even talk, forget about smiling, as the drugs totally destroyed all but seven teeth”.*

After hearing the radio ads of Bart Millard from Mercy Me & Randy Travis about how Willow Bend Dental can change smiles and lives, Ryan was motivated to recover his smile so that it reflected his promising future not his ashen past. Today, thanks to his loving parents and Dr. Ritchie Beougher, Ryan’s smile has been restored and he’s sharing his meth mouth story to warn others of the life shattering effects of Methamphetamine.

*“I applaud Ryan Gleason for his willingness to share his recovery story so that more people will stop before they start or have the courage to fight hard to reclaim their lives and future opportunities”, states Dr. Beougher. “I’m confident that Ryan’s personal strength, family pride, and can-do spirit will inspire others to stay clear of drugs”.*

Grateful for all the gifts he’s received since turning away drugs – great job, awesome family, welcoming church community- Ryan is now advocating for more education and public awareness about the affects of Methamphetamine and hopes that his testimonial and destroyed smile image will be enough to turn a child away from drugs. As a single father of a four year old son, he knows what’s on the line and won’t sit back when it comes to warning kids about drugs.

Dr. Ritchie Beougher is among an elite group of cosmetic dentists who personally sculpt patients’ new smiles. Celebrating 20 years, Dr. Beougher and Willow Bend Dental, located at 3001 N. Dallas Parkway, Plano, offers three dental practices in one – general, cosmetic, and children’s dentistry.

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