

Solus Christus

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HELP US SAY — YES!

It can start with a puff of marijuana. “It’s nothing” she says. But addiction begins.

She thinks it will not be her. She can stop anytime. She’ll just try a line of coke.

But the numbing and escaping seem to be the answers. She no longer remembers the beatings and rapes. Heroin comes next. The needle. The escaping from reality.

Food isn’t important. A shower is a waste of time. Her children? Later, not now. She has to have more. To the streets, the drug houses, the woods, whatever it takes to numb her. She is caught, lost, and alone. Overdosed how many times? Death sounds good. Anything to escape the hell she’s living in.

She calls her pastor, talks with her lawyer, and she gets our phone number.

“Do you have any openings?”

“No, not at the moment. But if you will put in an application, we’ll interview you and put you on our waiting list.”

“Oh, ok”

We never hear from her again. Did she survive or is she one more of the thousands that are dead?

As many as 14 have been on our waiting list at the same time already this year. Because of your generosity two more homes are being built, with more beds for women wanting a shower, clean clothes, food, and hope. Let’s finish these homes as soon as possible! The second floor in the Ladies’ House needs to be

completed with a bathroom, carpet, sheetrock, etc. You get the idea. Then there is plumbing, driveways, electricity, furnishings. The list goes on.

Please partner with us as we finish the houses, as we welcome more women into our doors, and as we help one woman at a time find real hope in Christ instead of the needle. Two donors have started a 1:1 matching gift fund. The fund is at \$10,000. Your gift for the homes will be doubled up to \$10,000. Let’s build these houses. Let’s say “Yes. Come on in. We have a bed for you.”



WISH LIST

Supplies of all kinds for the new houses, broom, vacuum, etc.

Paper products-toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex

Ibuprofen, allergy meds, cold/cough meds, band aids, decongestion meds- non drowsy, bug spray

Food, perishable and non perishable

Trash bags, tall kitchen and big black bags

Laundry detergent pods, dish soap

Food Lion gift cards

Cleaning supplies, furniture polish, bathroom cleaner, Windex, floor cleaner

Liquid hand soap, body wash, non aerosol hairspray, shampoo, deodorant

Makeup, accessories

Spiral notebooks

First aid supplies

Socks, underwear, bras

Calling cards for ladies going to rehab

CRUSHING COST OF REHABS

“After addiction comes families’ second blow: the crushing cost of rehab. Out-of-pocket expenses to save loved ones are soaring beyond what many can afford, especially when addicts go through multiple rounds of treatment.” Wall Street Journal March 8, 2018. The article goes on to say that “a couple in the Salt Lake City area spent nearly all their time and energy in recent years trying to help their drug addicted sons stay clean. They spent nearly all their money too. They amassed \$120,000 credit card debt, took out a home equity loan and clean out part of their 401(K) to pay for multiple rounds of addiction treatment.”

Solus Christus asks for \$50 a week if the woman can afford it. Most cannot. We do not receive any government help. We rely on the Lord to provide through His people to reach the lost with the Gospel and bring hope for a new life found in Christ alone.

When women get through their rehabs, they have no lingering costs. They are free to start life with a new network of godly friends, with their churches and mentors. What a blessing. When the Son sets you free, you are free indeed. John 8:36

Of 116 women who came through our doors last year, 90 of them were homeless, 63 had court issues. With God’s help Solus Christus has provided lifesaving beds, food and care to 991 women since we opened December 31, 2007. When I talk with the weary women their stories bring tears to my eyes as they relate the abuse, the rejection, the pain of living in this dark world. Each woman asks to come here. Each woman hears the Gospel all through the day as we share the life found in our Mighty Savior. Because of your faithfulness to the ministry, women one at a time find real hope in Christ instead of the needle.

Thank you!

I know He is alive.

Lord, amazing and only God You are the best relationship I’ve ever had and I barely yet know you. I love the Bible. I’m so much happier. I love My Lord’s peace.

Thank you for saving me!! Lord please hear me and my heart. You are indescribably amazing and I can’t begin to put on paper a prayer filled with words even close to describing what my heart feels for you. But you know my heart. I give it to you.

Thank You for being my HERO!!

Jen

PRAISE & PRAYER

- Praise the Lord as He moves forward one step at a time with the new house.
- Praise the Lord for many speaking engagements to share what He is doing at Solus Christus.
- Pray for the staff needs as we expand.
- Pray for the women to believe He loves them no matter what they have been through or have done. Pray they know there is nothing they can do to make Him love them more or less.
- Praise the Lord for Jennifer Mathis a new staff member from Hamptonville. She loves our ladies well reflecting God’s love.
- Praise the Lord for the churches and individuals that have joined us in the work the Lord is doing among the women.
- Pray for our ladies to rejoice and have faith in the Lord through the trials and tests as they go from darkness to light.

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DEEPLY ROOTED

What was I...broken, unwanted, unlovable druggie who wanted nothing more than to feel a lot less pain and a lot more love. My mom had me when she was 16. My dad gave up his rights when I was a baby. So my great grandma raised me for the most part. Mom was in and out of my life constantly, man after man never knowing when she would be home or what daddy I would have next! Mentally, physically and emotionally abused not knowing where I would stay next... I went to 2 different kindergartens. My little eyes had seen it all!

I hid my emotions very well and just made everything look so good, when deep down I was a very broken girl. By my teens I was with guy after guy cause that's all I new. At least I felt loved even though I was getting used. I had my first son right after high school. Working day and night and going to school just to provide for my baby. Drugs, sex and alcohol the first time I ever really parted I fell in love with the devil who made me into the person I never dreamed of being—the mother I despised to my child.

As the years went on the addiction got stronger and the relationships got more violent. But I said its ok, he loves me anyways. Why God? Why? All I ever wanted to be was wanted and to feel good enough. Day after day and night after night I would say God just get me out of this and I promise I'll do better.

I found out I was pregnant. It was a struggle to stop but I did. After he was born I went right back to it. I would ask God to please take the craving away but nope day after day more and more money wasted on a high I could no longer find. One day I filled the bathtub up with water laid there for a minute dead, lifeless and selfish. Next thing I heard was little foot-steps running in the bathroom yelling mommy, mommy.. My saving grace. How much more selfish could I be? God saved me through my son, but was I grateful? Nope I was still mad at God and hated Him.

God saved me out of a car wreck. I knew it was time and God meant business. Its now or never. I came to Solus Christus. God has changed me in so many ways. I absolutely love who I am becoming. I crave for Jesus everyday and love the Bible and how He talks to me. He saved me through it all. Jesus is my saving grace, my hero and the daddy I always longed for, the person that loves me for me no matter what my failures are!

This broken, unwanted, unlovable druggie is here to say my chains are gone and I have been set free! My only goal in life is to live for Him because He is my healer, my provider, my Father. "Do not fear, for I am with you. Do not be afraid for I am your God. I will strengthen you. I will help you. I will hold on to you with My righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10

"I am deeply rooted in God's love!" Ephesians 3:17 Heather

"The people who walk in darkness will see a great light; those who live in a dark land, the light will shine on them."

Isaiah 9:2



Proceeds will benefit Solus Christus.

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Hear my cry, O God
And listen to my prayer.
From the end of the earth I call to You
When my heart grows faint;
Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.
You have been a shelter for me
And a strong tower against the enemy.
I will dwell in Your tent forever
And take refuge in the shelter of Your wings.

Psalm 61:1-4



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