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8 YEARS LATER



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- Makeup, accessories, nail clippers, tweezers
- First aid supplies
- Calling cards for ladies going to rehab
- Chap stick
- Coffee, tea
- Toboggans, gloves, and socks

It seems like a lifetime ago. It was 8 years ago! God is so good. 8 years ago my future was full of fear and uncertainty. I had become just a shell of a person. I was a liar, a cheat and a thief. I manipulated and deceived everyone around me shamelessly for my own personal gain. I hurt the people who really cared and sought love and acceptance from those who were incapable of giving it because they too were lost.

Through a series of events and really bad decisions I found myself addicted to heroin and meth with no sight of ever escaping. My addiction led me to be homeless sleeping in parks, abandoned houses and random people's couches. I was in and out of jail, institutions, outpatient and inpatient rehabs.

In May 2011 I was tired. Tired of the lifestyle but mostly tired of myself. I moved to the East Coast hoping a geographical change would "fix" my problems. I quickly found out wherever I go there I am and I was the problem. Over the last 8 years with a lot of honesty,

openness and willingness on my part with the support from some amazing people, I gained two very invaluable things...freedom and purpose. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11.

God has given me the opportunity to turn my mess into a message. I am grateful everyday that I have been given the privilege to work with beautifully broken women like myself. Everyday I get to witness the Glory of God as ladies lives are transformed and they are given hope and a future. Thank you to all the beautiful ladies for listening to God's call on your lives to minister to the brokenhearted. Thank you Derek Alvarez for being the best thing God has given me apart from Jesus Christ. I can't wait to see what the future holds for us!

Rachel is now married, has 2 children and they just bought their first house. That's what our wonderful God is doing in her life. Notice her accomplishment in the picture above. God is good!



IN CHRIST ALONE



PRAISE & PRAYER

YOUR HEART OF LOVE

You are part of rescuing ladies like Rachel and Sydney (her story on the next page). Thank you so very much. Their stories are getting more and more exciting as life has opened up for them in ways only God can make happen. We have staff and interns now that have come through Solus Christus and are reaching out to ladies that have the same past. Hopelessness and despair are part of life without Christ. It is so encouraging to watch the transformation that compels our ladies to reach out to others, sharing the hope they found, encouraging them to cry out to Jesus.

1,135 women have come here in the last 12 years. With your continued support we will be able to help hundreds more in the coming years. Thank you for your faithfulness. Thank you for your heart of love. Thank you for your kindness. Thank you for caring. Thank you for being part of building strong godly women out of broken, lost, wounded women.

“Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison and did not help you?” He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’” Matthew 25:44-45

- Praise the Lord!! We are loving our new home. It is wonderful having a place to welcome people. Thank you Father.
- Our timing is not God’s timing. But God’s plan is wonderful. We now have more staff and interns to help share the love of God with the broken women.
- Please pray for the funds to enrich our staff in areas such as higher education and obtaining their drivers licenses.
- The holidays are particularly hard for the moms here. Please pray.
- Thank you for Charity Baptist and the beautiful quilts.
- Praise the Lord for His people that love our ladies well.

HOLIDAY SEASON

Everyone that joins us this holiday season is a piece of the puzzle that God is using to heal and bring hope to the Annas and Candaces. Each gift, each present, each pair of gloves and ham are all used by our Father to show love to His children. Thank you for the parties. Thank you for the cards. Thank you for your love. To go from the freezing cold streets, the dangerous drug houses and the closed doors to hot showers, good food and open arms of love is often overwhelming. It is such an example of God’s love for us poured out to each woman that comes through our doors.



You make it possible for women to be here where they can be surprised by the amazing love of our wonderful Lord. Thank you for your faithfulness. Thank you for all the hours you volunteer helping the ladies get to appointments, rehabs and teaching classes. We LOVE you.



*MERRY
CHRISTMAS*





DON'T GIVE UP

My prayer was answered in jail. I was coming off heroin, in so much pain. My pain ran deeper than physical pain. Drugs were a way to cope. They were my escape. My soul was broken and all I wanted to do was die. Jesus met me in that jail cell that night.

Later I went to Solus Christus. I began to learn of the Healer that set me free, the one that died to give me a new life with my Creator. Jesus found me, saved me, washed me clean and gave me a new life in Him. Almost 6 years later, 6 tough yet beautiful years, 2 kids, 1 pretty awesome husband, a great job, a ministry that helps women come out of that darkness. I'd say HE IS A MIRACLE working God. Wherever you are today, don't give up. Sydney

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6



You, O Lord, have declared that we must: "Defend the weak and the fatherless; Do justice to the afflicted and destitute. Rescue the poor and needy and Deliver them from the hand of the wicked." Psalm 82:3-4

Please pray for the financial means to support the new staff and additional new homes. We doubling the number of women that can be helped.

God is doing amazing things far above what we could ever imagine or ask. Only God thinks and plans this big. We stand in awe of our Father. We are thrilled watching Him work. This is all more than we can do, but God has it all in His hands. Thank you Lord!!

"Who knows but that God hath provided this place, to be a refuge for many whom He means to save out of the general destruction." John Winthrop



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