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WISH LIST

Office paper, Kleenex, toilet paper, paper towels, napkins

Allergy meds, cold/cough meds, decongestion meds– non drowsy, bug repellant , vitamins

Food, perishable and non perishable

Trash bags, tall kitchen and big black bags

Laundry detergent pods, dishwasher pods

Food Lion gift cards

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

Makeup, accessories, nail clippers, tweezers

First aid supplies

Calling cards for ladies going to rehab

Glue, glue sticks

Tampons

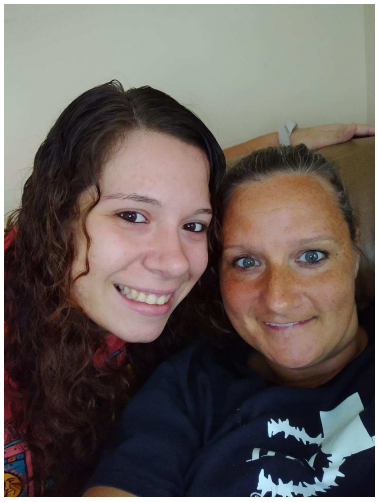
Shampoo & Hair conditioner

Scotch tape

Women's underwear 5-9

Spiral notebooks

GOD PLEASE HELP ME!!



For the past 13 years, God has worked through generous friends like you to bring new life to over 1,200 women at Solus Christus. You are a part of changing their lives. "**For in Christ Jesus….the only thing that matters is faith working through love." Gal 5:6.**

S grew up in a broken home. Her dad was in prison for 8 1/2 years. S was raped at 13. The guy performed an abortion on her in the woods. S knew nothing about God. After being in a group home for a year, she moved in with her dad and was introduced to drugs, alcohol and physical, verbal and mental abuse. The trauma didn't stop. At 18 she was kidnapped and forced into prostitution. She wanted to die.

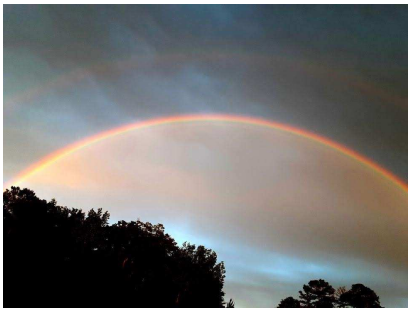
Years later she cried out to God "PLEASE HELP ME, I want out of this life style, I want off the streets. God HELP me. I'm so scared and I don't want to go through this again." She got off the streets, had a baby boy, and stayed clean for 3 years. But S left and lived and ran on the streets again for 3 years, attempting suicide during that time. "Nothing was working for me. I had no hope. I just wanted to die."

"in Nov. 2019 I remember laying on the floor in detox in my room, scared, hopeless, and lost. So I threw my hands up, got on my knees crying out to God again. HELP ME!! If you are real, please show me who you are." She ended up in jail 2 days later.

Her cell mate was a Christian. She told S that God is a forgiving God. S felt there was no hope. But, a man found Solus Christus. S called, was interviewed, and accepted pending court issues. In court all charges were dropped except one. She served 22 days in jail. Everything was clear to come to Solus Christus. By sitting still and waiting on God, He revealed Himself in many ways. "I don't know what my future holds, but I know God is in control, and I am going to walk the path He has for me."

Isaiah 41:10 "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God, I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

S's path is going to be a challenge, but **"This is the will of Him who sent Me, that I shall lose none of all those He has given Me, but raise them up at the last day." John 6:39.** She has met God in the darkest moments of her life. God led her to Solus Christus and because of your prayers and generosity she is now walking in the light, learning to love Jesus, follow, and obey Him. S has a future and a hope. You are part of her story. Thank you.



GOD PROMISED

Raised in a Christian home, M went to a Christian school, and strived for perfection. She was saved and baptized. Life turned for the worse when she started dating a very controlling boyfriend. He introduced her to drugs and alcohol. After her next much older boyfriend with more abuse and drugs, her mom got her into counseling. Prescription medications followed. She abused them with her friends.

More boyfriends, more abuse, more drugs. 12 years later, 5 rehabs later, now 2 children later, she was sick and tired of the lifestyle, facing death many times. M got arrested. "I woke up in this strange place and cried out to God for help. I knew if I didn't do something I wasn't going to live to see my daughters' next birthdays. I was so depressed, I just wanted to die. But, what the enemy meant for harm, God used for His good purposes. Jail was definitely an eye opener." M was not allowed to leave jail until she committed to a program. Led to Solus Christus she is at the "perfect place" to start her new journey. God promised never to leave her. She turned her life back over to Jesus Christ. A double rainbow beautifully unfolded across the blue sky when she arrived. God's reminded her of His promise.

Today God continues to work in her life. Her court and felony charges will be dropped on completion of her program. She is learning to have an intimate relationship with Christ. She is learning to depend on the Lord and be transformed to be more Christ-like by renewing her mind. M's objective now is to glorify God and His kingdom. He is turning her rebellious past into an obedient future.

"Heavenly Father you deserve all the praise for I am nothing without you Lord. You broke the chains to the strongholds and set me free to glorify you." The shame has been lifted and in Christ she is a new creation. "My desires are different now. I am truly changing each day and my faith in Christ is getting stronger. I wake up with a new song of praise as I am reminded how far the Lord has brought me, brought me back to life."

We are forever grateful for each of you. Your support has given new life to M. **"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans not to harm you, but to give you hope and a future." Jer 29:11**

But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers,
they shall not overwhelm you;
When you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

Isaiah 43:1-3

PRAISE & PRAYER

- Pray for the Board of Directors as they lead us through these days of COVID-19. Pray for wisdom on how to minister to women and yet be wise in day-to-day operations.
- Pray for women away from their children as school starts back.
- Praise the Lord for our faithful supporters. You are a gift from God.
- What a blessing to have the Thrift Store. Praise the Lord for Edwina and volunteers that are running the store. Please pray for continued safety for everyone involved.
- Please pray for safety as women enter Solus Christus, some from detox or incarceration, but some from the streets.

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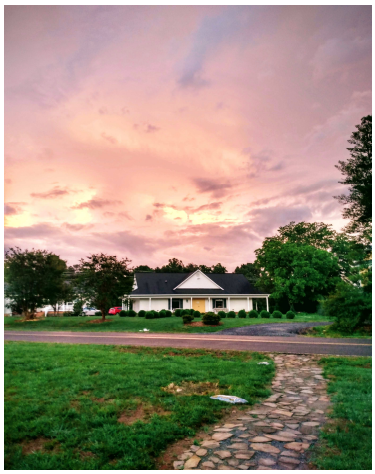
Molly Skawski, World Magazine

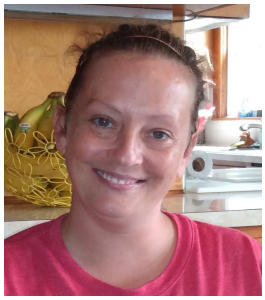


LESS OF ME, MORE OF YOU

My life had become unmanageable. In the beginning drugs gave me wings and over the years they slowly took away my sky. I didn't enjoy anything anymore, not even getting high. I used drugs to escape the pain I was feeling inside from all the people who had hurt me. Being numb from everything was better than feeling anything at all. Each time I didn't die I was angry I was still alive. I told my mom how I wished there was a place on a farm where I could go to heal and work on getting sober. That night she told me about Solus Christus.

I was skeptical by the idea of going to a faith-based rehab. I didn't have much faith in anything, let alone faith in God. I had lost all sense of hope for myself. Before I got to Solus I didn't believe the Bible was anything other than a really long and boring bedtime story told on Sundays to give hope to seemingly happy people. I didn't understand the first word of it. When I opened up the Bible they gave me when I got to Solus, for the first time ever, I not only understood the words on the pages, but I found what I was reading to be so interesting. It suddenly became the best book ever written. I became curious about all things to do with the Word of God. I instantly started asking questions and I still haven't stopped. God began revealing himself to me through Scripture.

For the first time in my 17 years of addiction, I understand what it feels like to be genuinely happy. I finally know what love is. I am no longer just existing, I am living because Christ lives inside me. I have grown so much in the past 5 weeks. I am able to walk in freedom. I go on to a 9-month program. I don't know what my future holds, but one thing I know is that God will be with me every step of the way. **"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1**



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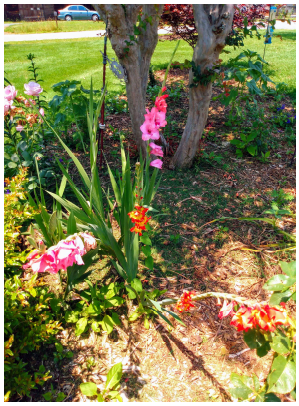

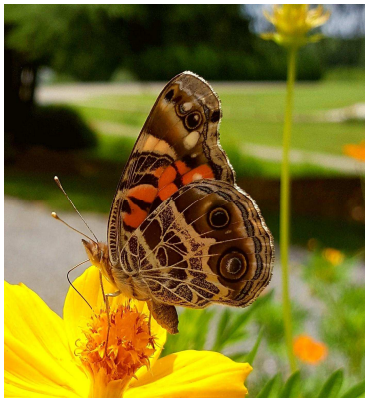

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