



"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith

who for the joy

set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame,"

~ Hebrews 12:2 ~

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Dear

Waking up in the early morning hours, our window slightly ajar, I can hear the dawn chorus - the song birds are back bringing us that beautiful morning melody. A chorus rich with the anticipation of new life as we enter the spring season. I am also reminded of the life that was given through Christ's death that Good Friday afternoon when He breathed His last and the veil of the Sanctuary was torn in two. That last breath, that tearing, and His resurrection gave way to a relationship with God the Father...it was **GRACE** poured out to undeserving mankind.

Over the last number of months I have had numerous calls from women looking for help. There is a great need in our local community and beyond. **In speaking with a former alcoholic she once told me, "desperation is a gift".** I would agree, because unless there is that desperation people tend to think they can do it on their own, that through sheer willpower they can conquer their addiction, but for the majority it becomes an endless cycle of trying on their own and not succeeding.

And so, Easter, is such a beautiful picture of the love that the world so desperately needs. In our sin Christ died for us, not when we had it all together but when we were a mess, desperate for His love, healing and forgiveness.

At New Life Women's Home, we believe that when a person becomes desperate for change and is willing to do whatever it takes, God can work and bring lasting change. It's a hard journey but so worth travelling and it's a journey we are so willing to walk with those who want to lay it all down and work at changing their lives forever. We invite you to pray for the women that will come to New Life, that God would prepare their hearts for change.

Blessings, *Aina*

"When did Jesus choose to give us the supernal, enduring gift of His presence, His dear communing with us? When we were worthy of the gift, good people indeed? Hardly. It was precisely when we were most unworthy. When our wickedness was directed particularly at Him. In the night of gravest human treachery He gave the gift of Himself.

This is GRACE."

~ Walter Wangerin Jr. ~

Campus Updates:

- A well for the main lodge was drilled, with a flow rate of 15 gpm
- Donated ICF blocks were delivered for the main lodge, ready for installation
- Site-plan agreement was finalized with the city of Belleville
- Permit review and finalization for main lodge building plans will be completed soon
- Trent Schutt will join the team mid-May, taking a lead role in the construction of the main lodge. His wife Kayla and son will join him on site where they will live in the staff home

Thank you for your faithful support through this transition phase in our history, whether that be through prayer, finance or volunteerism, this ministry would not be possible without you. New Life Women's Home is in excellent financial shape. With everything paid to date, we have over \$1 million set aside to begin construction of the new campus.

The Board of Directors has set a **fundraising goal of \$1 million for 2022**. This amount will enable us to finish the main lodge and the first dorm. With these two buildings constructed, the campus will be in an excellent position to begin the program where women will be welcomed to find freedom, faith and new future through our robust in-residence discipleship program.

As we walk out this journey in faith, we fully trust that our Lord will provide. We invite you to prayerfully consider how you can help us reach our goal of \$1 million for 2022. **Thank you for your faithfulness in standing with us** to see generations set free from addiction and life-controlling problems by the power of God's love.

God's blessings during this Easter season!

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