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WOMEN'S HOME

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them a light has shone.”

~ Isaiah 9:2 ~

Christmas 2024

“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.” What a beautiful thing to behold and think upon this Christmas season, that the God of the universe sent His Son - **the Light** - the most precious gift ever given. Jesus, **HOPE** to a world lost in darkness. Why? Because **He loved** the world.

Daily, we are honoured to walk with individuals who have known deep darkness, pain and loss, showing them God's love. Their journey is not easy. When you've walked in darkness the *Light* can be blinding, and exposes so much of who they once were, the very places where God wants to set them free.

I am reminded of the story in John 8, of the adulterous woman, she gets dragged out into the center court of the temple where Jesus is teaching. There she is, exposed and surrounded by scribes and Pharisees who despise Jesus and are using this woman in hopes of tripping Him up. There is Jesus, He sees her, He knows her more than anyone could ever know her and He also knows those who dragged her in front of Him. The law of Moses says, such a woman is to be stoned and so they ask Jesus, *What then do you say?* At first He says nothing, He just writes with His finger in the sand but they persist and so Jesus straightens up and says to them, *“He who is without sin among you, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.”* **The Light**, exposes their own hearts of sin and one by one they walk away. And this woman is left with only Jesus and He says to her, *“Woman, where are they? Did no one condemn you? She said no one, Lord. And Jesus said, I do not condemn you, either. Go. From now on sin no more.”*

Christmas...the above story captures it's true meaning so powerfully. God's love for the broken-hearted, those lost and caught up in a lifestyle they would have never chosen for themselves and yet through the course of life choice by choice, hurt by hurt, they end up there. And they come to New Life and the Light shines and either they run to it or away from it...the choice is theirs. As said, the journey is not easy. It comes down to what's the harder hard? Surrender or keep trying on their own.

Thank you for being a part of transforming lives through the love of Christ, whether through prayer, financial support, or volunteering. We appreciate you so much and are grateful for your heart for the residents and staff at New Life. We could not do this without your support.

Recently, as a community we joined together and celebrated Brianna, Brook, and Rachel's graduation of New Life's Regeneration program. We gathered for worship and heard the testimonies of the *Light* of Christ working in their lives and the lives of their family and friends, what a beautiful day it was.



Campus Life



"I began my journey here at New Life in August and it's certainly been a journey of ups and downs. Over the first couple months I was so homesick and didn't know how I could do a 12-month program. I was desperately trying to find out who I am and where I fit in here at New Life. But I can see God's hand in it all as my journey unfolds. God sees beauty in my brokenness and He's molding and shaping me here in this community into my true identity. There have been struggles; times of true repentance, humility and surrender.

This time is about tearing down my walls, my false beliefs about myself and getting honest with God and myself about my true heart and spiritual condition.

I can see God using others and using my pain and brokenness to restore my relationships, develop a true love for myself and bring me closer to Him and a life of freedom and fruitfulness. I'm starting to see that God has so much more for me and I'm blessed to be on this healing journey at New Life."
~ Alysha

"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh." ~ Ezekiel 36:26

This fall, we as a community, were so blessed to celebrate the marriage of Evan and Crystal here at New Life. Though they had been together for 13-years, God had done a deep work in their hearts and it was important to them to be married in the Lord before Crystal went home. They are a witness to God's love and transforming power in their lives.

Again, Thank You for being a part of lives redeemed and restored. Our residents are very aware and so grateful for all those who pour into New Life to give them the opportunity to change their lives.

If you would like to become a **monthly partner** or give a one-time gift please use the response slip and postage paid envelope provided.

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Have a wonderful Christmas season with family and friends and God's many blessings as Lord willing we enter a new year. A year of new opportunities to serve and reach a hurting and lost world with God's truth and love.

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