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## Christmas heals

*Dr. R.W. Bolois, executive director*



*Dr. Bolois*

We all have stories to share about Christmas. This wonderful Christian holiday changes the atmosphere in homes, churches, schools, and workplaces. Everyone gets a smile on their face and they like to tell of past Christmas celebrations.

One thing I have noticed from these conversations is the great work of forgiveness and healing that takes place at Christmas. People who have been hurt, misunderstood, or ostracized from family and friends find their way back

into the circle at Christmas time. People seem to soften and consider issues differently when they look into the eyes of loved ones and friends from whom they have held back love and care. What makes this happen? Is it that someone is missed, or is it that real change created a desire to have the circle unbroken? Christmas is not just about gifts and festivities, but enjoying freedom from guilt, bitterness, brokenness, hostilities, and loneliness.

Over the years I have seen this healing in the lives of our clients here at the treatment center. Men who thought they didn't have a chance to see their families again were surprised when family members showed up at Christmas. There was a lot of emotional work to be done, but those willing to do it were reunited with

family and friends.

We try to have special days for the men to enjoy time with their families. But there are times when families stay away because of the pain they have suffered. Letters and cards are mailed, and phone calls are made - to no avail. Clients can get frustrated and figure there is no use in trying to reunite. Then, suddenly, the Christmas spirit fills the air, Christmas music is played, stories are told, and laughter is spread among friends and loved ones.

Something wonderful happens! Family members call and want to know if they are allowed to visit and bring a gift to their loved one whose drug and alcohol use has kept him outside the circle of his family's love. I watch healing take

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## Creating a new destiny (part 2)

*Client testimony by Nathan Moore*

*Editor's note: The November 2007 newsletter featured part 1 of an article about NDTC client Nathan Moore. It is available online at [www.newdestinytreatmentcenter.org](http://www.newdestinytreatmentcenter.org) or by contacting the editor at [mrboads@cbministries.org](mailto:mrboads@cbministries.org) or 1-800-791-6225, ext. 6813.*

One day I went for a walk after shooting up a bunch of dope. I woke up on my stomach with my legs in a small creek by my parent's house.

I had overdosed on Oxycontin.

I thought it was luck that I

didn't drown. It never occurred to me that God was watching over me and had mercy on me.

I was so badly addicted that I had to have a large amount of Oxycontin every 6-8 hours just to keep from getting sick. I dreaded waking up in the morning to another day of agony. I was at the point where I hurt so bad physically and emotionally that I couldn't even look at my son. I wanted to die!

One night I purposely loaded up on Xanax and Oxycontin and took off in



*NDTC client Nathan Moore*

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## A visit from a man of God

*Rev. Lester Rowan, assistant director*



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New Destiny Treatment Center invites guest speakers to preach for special revival services held during two weeks each year. One week is usually in the spring and the other in the fall.

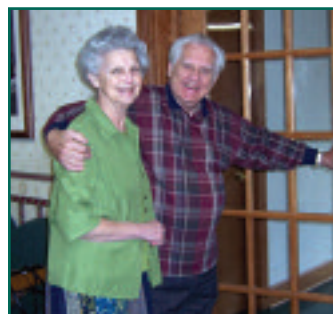
On Nov. 2, we concluded a week of special services with the Rev. Herman Noll, from southern Indiana.

Rev. Noll worked for New Destiny in the mid-nineties and has been a dear friend and faithful partner ever since. He has a long and fruitful ministry as a pastor and participates in other areas of service. He continues to be effective in proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our week of special services was held in the NDTC chapel at 10:30 each morning. I was responsible for leading the songs each day. As the week progressed it was amazing to witness the changes evident on the men's faces and in their singing. Early in the week the men appeared to be a little unsure what the services were all about. However, by Friday most of them were putting everything they had into the songs and paying close attention to the preacher. God was working in their hearts.

Rev. Noll communicated well with the men. They listened attentively as he combined dozens of true stories from ministry experiences with powerful truths from God's

Word. At the end of each service Rev. Noll simply extended his hand, beckoning listeners to come to the altar and seek the Lord. Time after time the altar area was filled with men seeking Jesus Christ. Nearly every service men stood to testify about what Christ is doing in their lives. Many voiced appreciation to Rev. Noll for his messages.



*Rev. Herman and Mrs. Noll*

We express our heartfelt gratitude to Rev. and Mrs. Noll for ministering to the NDTC clients and staff. We pray that God's blessings will be given abundantly to them for their wonderful ministry to us.

Please pray for the men who gave their hearts to the Lord. Pray that they will continue to grow in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and truly experience a transformation from sin and addiction to a life of devotion to God.

## Biblical generosity: Giving from the heart

When we think of generosity we often look at the size of the gift or the nature of the cause. Jesus challenged that way of thinking when He taught us to measure generosity by His standard: the condition of the giver's heart. As it says in Matthew 6:21, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."



is more than an obligation for Christians. Giving is an opportunity to store up treasure that will last for eternity. Jesus teaches in Acts 20:35 that, "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

Unfortunately, not all Christians understand this mandate. Statistics show that U. S. Christians give less (in proportion) today than what was given

*Melinda Holsopple, director of development* during the Great Depression.

Now more than ever, God has blessed His people with unprecedented wealth and an awesome opportunity to glorify Christ by mirroring His generosity and giving from the heart. We thank all of our donors for their generous giving. We are overwhelmed by those who give from the heart. You, our donors, are storing up treasures that will truly last for all time.

We know from Christ's teachings that giving

## Don't forget to include New Destinations Thrift Stores when making your holiday shopping plans!



With locations in Barberton, Wooster and Massillon, you can find something that will be perfect

for everyone on your list! New Destinations Thrift Stores are designed to provide a department store experience for all who enter. Popular New Destinations departments for holiday shopping include

toys, books, household decorations and household furnishings. The selections include new and gently used items. The stores are a perfect place to find antiques, Christmas decorations, crystal, china and small appliances.

"Christmas is a special time here at New Destinations – Wooster," says store manager LouAnn Scharf. "It is so fun to see someone find the perfect gift, whether it be an antique lamp, an out-of-print book, or a

special dish to complete a set. We share the joy with our customers." All three stores are open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The addresses of the stores are:

- Barberton: 1230 Wooster Rd., Barberton, OH 330-706-9092
- Massillon: Amherst Plaza: 1525 Amherst Rd., Massillon, OH 330-832-9365
- Wooster: College Hills Plaza, 1825 Beall Avenue, Wooster, OH 330-264-8885

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a relative's car. I was pulled over before getting very far. I received 13 charges, but was put on probation and given a suspended jail sentence. I didn't care. Seven days after court I went out and committed two felonies for which I got caught by the police and was put in jail. In jail I was sick from the drugs and couldn't even remember what I had done.

The judge asked me if I had a drug problem. He told me he would suspend two-and-a-half years in prison if I would be willing to go to New Destiny Treatment Center. I agreed and arrived at New Destiny April 12, 2007.

The first two months at New Destiny were an emotional and physical roller coaster. At the end of my second month I lost it and broke down. I went to my room and cried long and hard. Everyone kept talking about Jesus Christ. They said, "He will help you if you let Him." I cried out to the Lord with all of my heart: "Please save me and take away my emotional and physical distress. Heal my heart and I will follow You."

I slept soundly through the night. When I woke up I thanked Him. I was struggling with terrible anxiety, but I prayed and prayed. I kept asking God to take it from me. Day after day it got worse, but I never blamed God; instead I kept praying that He would take it away. After about three weeks I woke up and it was gone. I got on my knees, thanked the Lord because He heard my cry and fully submitted myself to Him!

Since that day I have had a peace and happiness I have never felt before and a sense that everything will be all right. As I began to read the Bible and fully devoted my heart to Jesus I understood many new things. Jesus does love me and He was watching over me. I was never just "lucky." I was shown grace and mercy because He has a plan for me.

By God's grace and mercy through the court I was sent to New Destiny Treatment Center. I thank Him every day for bringing me here.

NDTC has helped me to establish a personal relationship with Jesus

Christ. My family relationships are restored. I have a wonderful girlfriend. Most of all, I am back in my son's life. My son loves me so much.

I'm very thankful for every sober day. I am no longer sick, no longer weak or sad, and I know that it was Christ who did that for me.

Every day is a blessing even though it has

trials and temptations. I will prevail with the strength of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I am no longer in bondage. I think of all He's done and from where He brought me. I thank Him and I will keep my promise to follow Him and to praise His name every day.

*One of the most meaningful gifts you can give this holiday season...*

Dads Still Care

Each year, NDTC clients show love for their children by giving gifts purchased with your donations. This holiday season, partner with your Sunday School class, small group or friends to show a child that dad still cares.

*Please hurry!*

Donations must be received by December 12, 2007. Mark your donation on the response card below.



(Party to be held December 16, 2007)

**Yes, I want to help return husbands to their wives, fathers to their children, and sons to their parents.**

I am enclosing \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as a:  900 Club Member (\$100 per month) beginning the month of \_\_\_\_\_, 200 \_\_\_\_.

(If partnering with a friend, please include full name and address of partner for tracking purposes.)

Monthly gift (other than 900 Club)  Annual gift  One-time gift  Dads Still Care (see ad above)

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer to donate by credit card:  Visa  MasterCard

Gift amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Signature (required): \_\_\_\_\_

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I am unable to contribute at this time, but I want to be a prayer partner for the New Destiny Treatment Center. Please continue sending the *Destiny* newsletter.

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place that doesn't often happen like this other than at Christmas – a day we celebrate the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ.

Jesus was both God and man. There is redemption for anyone who chooses to surrender his or her life and receive forgiveness of sin and healing from God. No wonder healing occurs on this great day.

Let me share a story with you about a client—we'll call him Clyde—who seemingly had no hope of ever being anything but a drug addict and the black sheep in his family. Clyde came to NDTC a broken man. He had used up all of his resources and played his family for fools.

They had helped him in hopes that he would change. Instead, he lost everything: his home, relationships, car and job. He ran a house of prostitution and sold drugs. He thought he was a king and felt that he was above the law and would never get caught.

However, one day he found himself before a judge who ordered jail time and addiction treatment. Clyde had a family member who knew about New Destiny and made a phone call asking that we consider Clyde for as a client. We took him through the process and several months before Christmas he began treatment.

By that time Clyde's family had had enough of him. They felt that he had brought enough grief into their lives and had damaged their good name. They knew he would be taken care of at New Destiny and that he might also straighten out his life. After seven weeks Clyde wanted to see his family.

He called, but they would not respond. He mailed cards and said he was going to change, but he needed their help. No response. One week before Christmas I received a call from the family member who made the initial call for Clyde to get out of jail and enter treatment. She asked about bringing Christmas gifts and

dropping them off for him.

I encouraged her to tell the family that he was ready for visits and that they would see a difference. She said it would take a miracle for the family to talk with him again since he had hurt them so deeply.

I prayed and asked Clyde to pray as well. On Christmas day, Clyde's family arrived. When they saw him, they just ran into his arms and sobbed. It was one big family hug. They gave him gifts and visited with him for hours.

Clyde has been finished with treatment for several years and his family life is strong. I asked one family member what changed their minds about letting him back into their lives. She told me that she couldn't explain it, but the closer they got to Christmas, the more she wanted to forgive him and try one more time.

What else can we say? Christmas heals!

Mailing list changes: Requests for change of address or removal from mailing list should be sent to Melinda Holsopple at (330) 825-5202 (ext. 120) or [gholsopple@aol.com](mailto:gholsopple@aol.com). Please remember it often takes at least one month for changes to take effect.

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