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## Living through the heartaches

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



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including receiving answers to prayer and listening to testimonies of those who, because of your help, have been led to Christ.

It's always refreshing to be blessed;

There is probably nothing as wonderful as being part of the great work of God. There are so many rewarding times of joy and excitement

no one wants to live in despair. The longer we live, the more we know of tragedies concerning people we know. But our faith is strengthened as we trust God and go on.

I wish I could tell you that we never experience any "downtimes" here at New Destiny. But to be honest, there

are times we feel our hearts are going to break because we were not able to stop someone from self-destructive

behavior. All the preaching, praying, counseling, therapy, and medications are sometimes not enough to keep a client from taking his life out of the hands of God.

Persistence is the partner of sin and addiction. Listening to a man make multiple excuses about why he needs to stop treatment is staggering. When an individual makes up his mind that he wants to leave and

return to his sin, his path is set and



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## Choose God!

*Client testimony by Charles (Doug) Wood, Jr.*

I grew up in a home with an alcoholic father who was also a gambling bookie. At age 10 I swore that I would never drink or gamble. My mother always took me to church. However, all I wanted was to get home and watch football with my dad and his so-called "friends."

I began playing baseball at a young age and my dream was to play professionally for the Cleveland Indians like my grandfather. At age 17 I was very involved in sports, playing football, baseball and basketball. My senior year I was "All-Ohioan" in baseball and was heavily recruited by colleges.

I decided to attend Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio

on a baseball scholarship. That was where my addiction to alcohol and drugs began. I joined a fraternity and began drinking two to three times each week. During my freshman summer I received my first D.U.I charge.

In my sophomore year I did well in baseball and school but my drinking increased from weekends to a couple of times during the week, then four to five times each week. I also began experimenting with marijuana.

After my sophomore year I became involved with a girl I really loved, and I fathered a child. That same summer I had a tryout with the Cincinnati Reds baseball team. However, I continued to drink heavily and



*Charles (Doug) Wood, Jr.*

received a second D.U.I charge. Because of the alcohol problems and having a child to support, I dropped out of Baldwin-Wallace and transferred to a school closer to home so I could work. My addiction

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# The importance of our (Christian) job

*Rev. Lester Rowan, assistant director*



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I remember reading a quote that I believe was attributed to Rev. Charles Spurgeon: "Some men prefer steeples and bells, but give me a rescue mission ten feet from hell."

This statement illustrates that rescue missions and similar ministries are busy trying to offer hope and help to those who are closest to death and eternity. The specific reference to "hell" implies that such ministries even encroach upon the domain of evil, darkness and Satan to salvage someone who might otherwise be lost.

I have worked at New Destiny Treatment Center for 13 years. I have become vividly aware that we are truly the last stop for many men who come to us for help. This

point was driven home to me again a couple of weeks ago when one of our clients went away for the night but passed away before he could get back.

At least seven clients who have been at New Destiny in the past five years are now deceased. These statistics remind us over and over that we are daily working with men who are literally on the brink of eternity.

These facts cause me to be very serious regarding the ministry God has given us here. The nature of addiction means we work with people all of the time who are especially vulnerable to the reality of death. It is vitally important for each staff member to be Spirit-filled and

able to demonstrate the grace of God to every client.

I am sure that each person reading this newsletter has an important job to fill each day. Some of you no doubt are involved in ministry roles and jobs critical to the eternal destiny of precious souls. If so, you know full well how important it is for each of us to be ministers of God's grace to everyone we meet.



Therefore, it is essential that all of our friends pray for us each day. You may be tempted to think that your role as a prayer partner is not all that important, but it is. Pray that we can overcome our financial struggles, but pray also

for every client and staff member so that through us God will save another soul from eternal destruction.

*New Destiny Treatment Center benefit concert*

*the Blackwoods*

Thursday, March 26 at Wadsworth Church of the Nazarene

Dinner & concert: \$15 (dinner begins at 5 p.m.)

Concert tickets: \$5 (concert begins at 7 p.m.)  
a free-will offering will be received

For more information about the concert or to purchase tickets, call 330-881-4795 or email [mbolsopple@newdestinytc.org](mailto:mbolsopple@newdestinytc.org)

Wadsworth Church of the Nazarene is located at 743 High Street, Wadsworth, Ohio 44281.

We are grateful to Christian Healthcare Ministries (CHM) for sponsoring this event. CHM is a non-profit medical cost-sharing ministry. In the last 15 years, members have helped each other by sharing more than \$450 million in medical costs.

[www.chministries.org](http://www.chministries.org)

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grew even worse and my girlfriend told me to “hit the road.” The resulting depression led me to drink and use drugs all the more, trying to cover up the pain. However, it only got worse.

I then became a welder and started making good money. I fell in love again with a woman I met in a bar, who was also an alcoholic. From that point I started selling drugs, growing marijuana, drinking like a fish, gambling and taking bets. I had finally become exactly what I said I hated as a teenager. I got there by making many, many bad choices.

During the next four years I drank heavily and got my third D.U.I. Yet, that didn’t stop my alcohol abuse or drug dealing.

When I arrived at New Destiny Treatment Center I was at rock bottom. I was divorced, I had no relationship with my son, my parents were alienated from me and my only “friend” was a brown bottle!

After two weeks at New Destiny I began working in the kitchen where I met two “angels”: “Miss Ellie” and Lew. They have helped me develop some daily structure and responsibility as well as helping me spiritually. Our Spiritual Formation class taught by Rev. Rowan has also helped me understand questions I have always had about the Lord.

By giving my heart to God and repenting of my sins I have rebuilt my life. I even had the privilege of going with my 17-year-old

son to see a football game at Ohio State University.

While we were watching the game and eating a hot dog, my son looked over at me and said, “Boy, it doesn’t get any better than this, sitting at a Buckeyes game eating a hot dog with my dad!” It was truly an experience that would have never been possible without the Lord and New Destiny Treatment Center.

Thank you so much New Destiny Treatment Center! But most of all, thank you, Lord. Praise be to God!

My advice to everyone is: choose God!

**Christian stewardship: is the proof in the pudding?**

Our society values results. We want to know what the end outcome of our investments will be. We want a bang for our buck. It is our inclination to want a large return on our investment and to support ministries that can show big results. The bigger and better the results, the more we tend to believe that we have wisely exercised our stewardship responsibilities.

Scripture, however, tells us that we should evaluate our giving recipients based on faithfulness and commitment to God’s Word. Of course, when we have judged a ministry to be spiritually faithful it is prudent to look at other factors, such as financial integrity, transparency, board involvement and quality of management. The website All About God ([www.allaboutgod.com](http://www.allaboutgod.com)) suggests that ordering our decision process in this way recognizes that:

1. God blesses the faithfulness of His servants.
2. God will ensure that the resources necessary for His work are distributed where He requires them.
3. The visible results of faithful

**ministry may not be evident for years or even generations.**

NDTC is faithful to the call that the Lord has placed upon the hearts and minds of those directing the ministry. The counselors and other support staff work to infuse God’s Word and direction into the lives of the men seeking refuge at NDTC. At New Destiny, we do not consider men seeking treatment as numbers to add to the tally of those served. Our desire is to see each man

*Melinda Holsopple, director of development*

enter treatment as an individual, wonderfully created by God, for a purpose. Truly it is a miracle to witness lives changed for now and for eternity.

Please know that when you contribute to New Destiny you are providing for a Christian ministry that is faithful to God’s Word and committed to principles of Christian stewardship. We welcome you to come visit to witness God’s work in progress!

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

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

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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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his course is inevitable. And it's never good.

About a year ago we had a nice older gentleman come to receive treatment. He was cooperative and helpful in every way possible. He was courteous and thoughtful and our other clients had tremendous respect for him. He showed signs that he was going to beat the odds and stay sober. I don't recall him ever having to be reprovved for doing anything against the rules. He was just a likeable fellow.

After about four months he decided he needed an alcoholic drink. I tried to discourage him by reminding him how well he had been doing. Others tried to tell him that he would lose all the ground he had gained during treatment. But there was no way of dissuading him once he started to relapse. Other clients were saddened because of his decision. He packed up and left. Clients asked such questions as, "Why would he leave?" "What's he going to do?" "Will he ever come back?" All were unanswerable.

Over the following months different events caused this man to want to try treatment again. He called one day and asked if someone would drive to his town, pick him up at a motel and bring him back to New Destiny. We were happy to do so. It was good to think that we might have made an impact on him and now he could see that there was hope for recovery. He was glad to be back and loved visiting with the other clients. He greatly enjoyed working in the kitchen, which brought out the best in him. He knew how to handle the other clients when things weren't going well for them. He was a friend to all.

The heartbreak came a few weeks ago when he decided to leave after four months. He hitched a ride with another client going home for the weekend. He had developed a pattern and it was time again to get drunk and leave reality behind. His departure created the same effect on the other clients as it did the first time.

I was notified about his leaving and did my best to reach him to bring him back before he did something irreversible. My thoughts were that the next time we hear about him will be a phone call telling us that he is dead. Tragically, we received a call that he was found deceased in a motel room. He struggled to find help but his addiction kept pulling him back.

As we contemplate a memorial service for this man, we must live with the heartbreak. These situations are hard to live with. Our only hope is that his life might be an example to other clients to see what happens without Christ. They have to find a different kind of strength in the Christ of Calvary who delivers from sin.

Please pray for our clients as they struggle to deal with the death of their friend. They loved him and were touched by his life. Now we must work to prevent others from taking the same course. We need the help of heaven!

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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