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The New Destiny Treatment Center Newsletter
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Pictures! And more pictures!

By R.W. Bolois, PhD., CCDC III-E

There is something about pictures of the past that creates an emotional response within each of us. We know there are many memories associated with pictures. We understand that our minds rewind to the time the picture was taken and produce the same emotions we originally felt. With the passage of time, many things have transpired since the picture was taken. We begin to think and ask, "What if . . . ?"

I was recently looking at pictures that were taken during the past decade here at the treatment center. My heart and mind were flooded by thoughts and emotions as I looked at the graduating classes as well as some individual photos of men. I saw the pictures of some who I know are not doing well at all. They may be in prison or out on the street again. I asked myself the question, "What if . . . ?"

I felt deep sorrow for each of them.

Then I looked at those who are doing remarkably well. They call and write from time to time to let me know they are making excellent progress in recovery. Many of them take time to share their spiritual experiences. I feel overwhelmed with joy.

As I sat and looked at each picture I asked myself again, "Is it worth it? Was it worth all the time, money, and pain to work with that individual long enough to see him break free of the addiction, secure employment, and experience restoration with his family again?"

I concluded, "It is well worth it! I'm thankful I had a small part in helping them find their way back. What a tremendous blessing!"

Would you like to enjoy the same experience? Would you like to feel the joy and thrill of being part of a man's search for God? Nothing can compare to it! You can help by joining our 900 Club.

We are still seeking individuals and churches that want to make an impact in the lives of our clients by giving \$100 per month toward their treatment. We have prepared a calendar with various pictures from New Destiny Treatment Center that we will send to each person or group that joins the 900 Club. As time passes, you will look at those pictures and be able to say, "I had a part in helping those men find hope and a new destiny!"



Volunteers needed

Volunteers are in high demand at New Destiny Treatment Center. With the opening of our new thrift store, volunteers are needed more than ever. Please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Carla Doss, by calling 330-825-5202. Her email address is: cdoss@newdestinytreatmentcenter.org.

Client testimony: “He saved my life!”

By Peter Arnold

I found myself involved with drugs primarily as a result of some wrong choices earlier in life.

The first wrong choice was turning my back on God and following my own will. As a teenager, I made a conscious decision to stray away from my Christian upbringing. That choice made sense to me at the time, but it led me down a path that I never dreamed I would follow. It led me places I never wanted to go and kept me longer than I wanted to stay.

I made another choice to ignore the words of warning from my family and ultimately turn my back on them. Ignorant of the truth, I blindly continued to make one bad decision after another, blaming others and choosing to believe it was just bad luck.



For example, I decided to drop out of college, and then fell deeper into my addiction. Thinking that I was just doing some harmless partying, I was convinced that my professors and the university were to blame, not me. At some later point I finally realized I was an addict.

Living this life of addiction has caused me to feel a lot of shame about how I treated my family. They struggled to provide me with many things and opportunities, but in return I gave them many sleepless nights. I stole from them and even blamed them for my troubles.

They didn't deserve any of that, but once the addiction set in, it eroded my moral fiber to the point where I just didn't care. My parents still cared enough about me that when I got in trouble they tried to get me help, which is how I eventually ended up at New Destiny Treatment Center.

I was in jail when I was first presented with the possibility of coming to New Destiny Treatment Center. Because I had only been in jail for a couple of weeks, and was still in the grip of addiction, I was resistant to the idea of a nine-month program.

My parents wisely let me sober up in jail instead of bailing me out when they could have. After another week, I started to realize how badly I needed help. I finally got on my knees, for the first time in a long time, and prayed to God for help. The very next day it was arranged for me to come to New Destiny Treatment Center; an obvious answer to my prayer.

At New Destiny Treatment Center I heard the message of hope through Jesus Christ. After ten years of destroying my life, I was willing to try anything to get better. I gladly received the message of hope.

Though I had always believed in God, I did not have a close relationship with Him. Turning my life over to Christ was the logical thing to do in order to experience first-hand what He could do for me.

Today, I have all the proof I need that God can deliver from the bondage of addiction. There is no doubt in my heart that He saved my life!

Mailing list revision coming

In an effort to cut operational costs and practice better stewardship, we are planning to reduce our newsletter mailing list. We want to continue sending the newsletter to everyone who wishes to partner with us through prayer and donations. Others, however, may not want to continue receiving the newsletter, or may prefer to read it online.

For the next few months we are going to ask for your response in order for you to continue receiving the newsletter in the mail. If you want the newsletter to continue coming to your address, please send us the form found on the bottom of page 3 and be sure to check the box indicating your desire to receive the newsletter.

Those who have not responded by November 15, 2004 will be removed from the mailing list.

Seed money grows and grows

Several months ago a local church distributed \$100 to many members and extended the challenge for them to use it for God in some way. They were encouraged to see what God would do when they invested in His Kingdom.

One of those members contacted New Destiny Treatment Center and inquired to see if there was some way she could use her seed money for our organization. She was informed that we were in need of a new power washer to keep our buildings and equipment clean.

Through the efforts of this faithful woman, Jody LaFollette, the request became a reality. Jody recruited nine others from her church to use their seed money along with hers in order to purchase a quality power washer for New Destiny Treatment Center.

Those who joined with Jody include: Monica and Craig Allaben, Marjorie Chevrier, Vona and Rick Colelli, Chris Ehlert, Bob and Gail Harmelink, Jan Kiener, Wayne and Bonnie LaFollette, Bob and D'Ann Sanker, and Susan Smith.

In the accompanying picture Jody is presenting the power washer to Marlene Brink, Administrative Assistant / Public Relations, and Tim Doss, Director of Buildings and Grounds.

We want to thank Jody and all who contributed to this project. Their faith and co-operation on our behalf is deeply appreciated.

Perhaps you would like to use some "seed money" to challenge others around you. If you would like to take on a similar project, please contact Marlene Brink at 330-825-5202, or by email at mbrink@newdestinytreatmentcenter.org.



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Memorial Donation by:
Judy Hamilton

In Memory of
Phyllis Coy Hawthorn

Memorial or honorary donations may be indicated by
submitting the form below.

***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 (\$100.00 per month)*
I want to begin the month of _____, 2004

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

Name _____

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God is opening doors

God is literally opening new doors for New Destiny Treatment Center. We have mentioned in previous editions of the newsletter that we would keep you informed of new developments in regards to funding for the treatment center. The latest development includes a thrift store called, New Destinations Thrift and Gift Store.

New Destinations Thrift and Gift Store is set to open its doors in August. The store is located in Barberton, Ohio, and it will provide another source of funding for the New Destiny Treatment Center.

The store will offer quality used clothing and furniture, as well as toys, gifts and crafts. Some of the craft items will be designed and created by treatment center clients.

The store will utilize volunteers for most of the work involved with its operation. Volunteers will be needed to sort clothing, pick up donations, and perform various other tasks. If you would like to help us with this venture, please contact Carla Doss or Marlene Brink at New Destiny Treatment Center.



Hygiene items needed

We are in need of personal hygiene items to distribute to our clients. If you can provide quantities of soap, deodorant, toothpaste, shaving cream, razors, toothbrushes, shampoo, etc. we would greatly appreciate it. Our supply of these items is depleted, so your help is needed. Thank you.

Contact us: Contact the New Destiny Treatment Center at 330-825-5202, or write us at PO Box 340, Clinton, OH 44216. Please forward your requests to Marlene Brink. You can reach her at the address given above or by email. Her email address is mbrink@newdestinytreatmentcenter.org. **Mailing List Changes:** It would be greatly appreciated if you would send your current mailing label with all requests for change of address or removal from our list. Please remember that it often takes a month or two before changes take effect.



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