



Crossroads Rescue Mission

Spring News Letter 2018

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

Spring is once again in the air, which means it is Jubilee time once again! And what a time to look back and thank the Lord for all He has done for us, and also for all He has planned for us in the upcoming year, with even greater things to come. With the new land acquired through the giving of our faithful board members and supporting churches, a new project has begun. We are even now working with engineers to get site plans for our new store and warehouse. Pray also that the Lord sends us some faithful tenants for some of the new buildings that will be on the property. The rent money generated will help pay for the new project.



Our greenhouses are really starting to come together. We have some plants this year and much, much more coming in the future. Our theme for this project is "Synergy (sin-er-jee) Power." The origin of the word "synergy" is from a Greek word "sunergos," meaning working together or cooperation; the interaction of elements that when combined produce a total effect that is greater than the sum of the individual elements. The designed beauty of synergy is that *it serves only to add, never to subtract*. As Luke wrote in the book of Acts about the believers in Acts 4:32, "And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things in common." This is true biblical Christianity, and the Lord has let us work with men and women lost in sin and bringing them to Christ, which is always adding to and never subtracting and showing them that they can become far greater than they were before. What a great God!

We just celebrated the graduation of three men from the Sons of God program, and as we look back at the thousands over eighteen years of this ministry, we have to say "THANK YOU LORD" for letting an old sinner add to (and not take away from) Your Kingdom.

If you are the pastor of one of our supporting churches, our Jubilee is always a special time, and many of you have not been able to make it in the past. I hope that you can work it in this year to bring yourself and your congregation. Our line-up of preachers are great, and also our singers. They each have a heart for God and we're expecting great things this year. I hope to see you there!

In Christ,

Bro. Rocky Shelton, Executive Director

Romans 8:28

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"...this is my story..."

My name is Hunter Bess and I am from Statesville, North Carolina. When I was 13 I attended a youth camp at my church called Mt. Vernon Baptist. I thought I was saved then but I kept living my life the way I wanted to live it for another 5 years of my life. Later on I was attending another church called New Prospect Baptist and we went to Crossroads Rescue Mission to work for the day and stayed for the night service to hear my Pastor Josh Byrd preach. When we left the chapel service I thought God was convicting me of my sinfulness but at the time of talking with my pastor I was focused on too many other things and on nothing that I should've been thinking about and I still wasn't ready to let go of my sinful life and submit to the Lord and the Holy Ghost. Two years later my drug and alcohol use had escalated to the point where I was either going to be forced to live in a homeless shelter or go to Crossroads Rescue Mission. I choose to go to Crossroads because I knew if I kept living the way I was that I would never live to be anything. Little did I know that this was the Lord moving me to exactly where He wanted me. When I arrived at Crossroads with my pastor I kept only my clothes and my Bible. I didn't know what else to do at night except to read my Bible and the 3rd night I was down there reading Matthew 7 where the Lord says, "Depart from me I never knew you." I knew He was talking to me. I understood in that moment that I was never submitted to his will and forsook my own but that night I asked God forgiveness of my sins and have been living for him ever since. ([CONTINUED ON PAGE 2](#))

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The Editor's Corner



The Psalmist wrote in Psalm 125:2 that, "As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the LORD is round about His people from henceforth even for ever.." What a promise! You may have noticed the "mountain" theme at the bottom of pages two and three in this edition. I've always enjoyed spending time in the mountains, as they're a constant reminder of the greatness of our God, and that even faith the size of a mustard seed could move them! Each day, there are mountains being moved in the lives of the men and women that come to this ministry. Mountains of addiction, abuse, depression, anxiety, and any other type of sin imaginable! The mountains of sin may be great, but our Savior is a mountain mover! God has always proven Himself and confirmed that His hand is upon Crossroads. Those who have stood with this ministry through the years have seen God's hand at work in undeniable ways. I'm thankful that Jehovah-Jireh, our Provider, gave Bro. Rocky Shelton the vision for this ministry so many years ago. God has never let us down, and never will, as long as we continue to build His Kingdom and honor His Word. Ask yourself, how can I help Crossroads? **Most importantly: your prayers.** But we need your financial support as well. As the ministry grows, so do our needs. We've got great plans in store for 2018 and beyond, but it's going to take the faithful and increased support of our loving friends. You can't out-give God! We are so grateful for all of our friends and supporters. Please continue to consider this work, pray for us, and remember that without your giving we cannot continue to change lives from men and women from around the United States.....Men like those pictured below. Men who, weeks and months ago, had given up on life, but now have found new purpose and direction through Jesus Christ. Thank God for Crossroads Rescue Mission, and thank you for your continued support!



Bro. Aaron Bridges
Director of Development and Planning



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I recently finished my first year of college at West Lenoir School of Ministry and am learning in depth what the Bible says God called us to be. I love Brother Rocky Shelton for the love God put in his heart for the men that drugs and alcohol have taken over and destroyed their lives. More importantly I am thankful for JESUS because without him I never would have had anyone or anywhere to find refuge!



Bro. Hunter Bess

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth! —
Isaiah 52:7

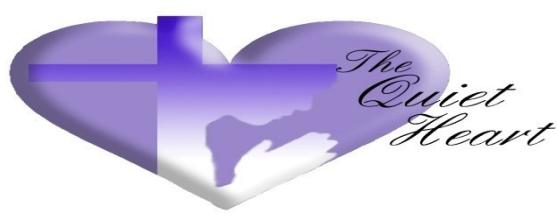


Our March graduates from the Phase II Sons of God Program (from left to right): Vadris Thigpen, Glen Floyd, and Daniel Lovelace



IT'S JUBILEE TIME!

It's almost time again for the annual CROSSROADS RESCUE MISSION SPRING JUBILEE! This year's JUBILEE will be held April 23-27 in the big tent on the grounds of Faith Baptist Church (2738 S. Post Road in Shelby). The theme this year is **FOR WITH GOD NOTHING SHALL BE IMPOSSIBLE! -Luke 1:37.** This will be our 17th Jubilee and each year gets better and better! Services will be held at 7pm each night, with morning services beginning at 9am on Thursday and Friday. Preachers will be called from the floor during the morning services. This year's guest speakers include Dale Vance, Sam Vance, Cody Zorn, Brian McBride, Sidney Weaver, Barry Spears, David Epps, and many more! Special singing will be offered each night from the Lancasters, the Rochesters, the Orange Family, "On the Right Side," Calvary Road, and others yet to be announced. Please go ahead and mark your calendars to attend, and come praying and expecting GOD to do great and mighty things in hearts and lives! If you would like to help financially, with food, paper goods, or just your general labor, please call our business office at 704-484-8772 to see how you can help!



Introducing the new directors of the Quiet Heart: Mr. and Mrs. Daniel and Tracy Behney

I was born in Waterbury, CT in 1970. I remember how the devil got his hands on me at a very young age through pornography and witchcraft books of my brother's. The images made an impact on my mind and life. I believe this is where my trouble started. My life was one of full rebellion, violence, crime, and drugs. Nobody knew what to do with me. We moved to the south when I was twelve years old and I was locked up within six months arriving here. From that point on, I was in and out of detention centers, jails, and prisons.



By the time I was fourteen, I was stealing cars and selling drugs, and soon after received a seven year bid. When I was twenty and still serving time, I slipped into a church service, mostly out of curiosity. For the first time in my life, I felt God convicting my heart. I did not get saved at that time, but God was hard on my trail. After eleven years of running from the conviction and using everything I could to keep from feeling it, I found myself in medical lock up for trying to kill myself in April of 2004. I was miserable, broken, and tired. Looking out the cell window I said, "God, if you are real, show me!" At a time when everybody had given up on me and I had given up on myself, God came walking in and changed my life forever! In my misery, God showed mercy. And in my grief, God gave grace. I have never felt a love like that before. Crying so hard that I couldn't catch my breath, I keep telling the Lord I was sorry. I had never wanted a Bible before and that was the first thing I now wanted! However, I didn't get rooted and grounded in a solid church, and soon began to drift. Believing I was losing my mind, I checked into several mental hospitals. Like Peter says, "I forgot I was purged from my old sins," living in pure misery for a year and a half, I found myself walking down Interstate 85, stepping in front of every set of head lights that came up behind me, begging God to kill me. Finally I said, "God if you're not going to kill me....help me." And that's exactly what He did. I heard about Crossroads and got there the next day and at their night service I surrendered completely to God and He restored me right then in that service. About a year later I left the mission and on December 16, 2008, the Lord called me to preach!

This year in April it will be fifteen years since the Lord saved me. It has definitely been the greatest fifteen years of my life! I've watched the Lord take a life nobody wanted and nobody could do anything with, and make a living miracle out of it. God has allowed me to serve Him for seven years on bus ministry, and over five years in jail and prison ministry as well as teaching adult Sunday School. Simply to be a part of so many lives that I have seen changed under the ministry the Lord has given me is amazing. In addition to my salvation and call to preach, God gave me His second greatest gift on August 8, 2015, after a serious eight year-long-prayer for a godly wife. The Lord once again amazed me with the love of my life, Tracy.

After praying for ten years for a full-time ministry position, God has blessed Tracy and I to become the new directors of the Quiet Heart. We are so excited about what God is doing through this ministry, and trusting and believing for great things in store in the years to come! Pray for us as we launch out in faith!

Every six seconds, an addict steps off into eternity.



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Our recent graduates from the Quiet Heart:



Ms. Gretchen Greco



Mrs. Candice Parker



Ms. Shanna Bailey

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Hunter Bess—Ms. Edith Moose

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Misty Brown—Little River Baptist Church (Taylorsville, NC)

Misty Brown—Everett Chevrolet Hickory

Misty Brown—Ms. Marcella Grover

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There are so many ways that you can help the ministries of Crossroads Rescue Mission and the Quiet Heart Women's Mission. We are always in need of the following items: CLEANING SUPPLIES (Pine-Sol, bleach, laundry detergent, hand sanitizer, dish-soap), PAPER GOODS (toilet paper, paper towels, paper plates, even copy/printer paper), KITCHEN ITEMS (coffee, sugar, trash bags, canned goods, etc.). If you can think of it, we probably are in need of it! And of course, don't forget about our thrift store! With yard-sale season coming up, if you're in the Cleveland County area, give us a call at 704-472-2671 (the box truck) if you have items you'd like to have picked-up to donate.



I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth. —
Psalm 121:1-2



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II Corinthians 9:6

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