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## HOPE

Have you been feeling hopeless? Are you facing a situation that you can't see your way through? Are you dealing with a case of what if's? What if I lose everything? What if I never get married? What if they reject me? What if I can't do it? What if I try and fail? Please listen, I'm here to tell you that voice is a lie!

Please look with me at **Genesis 18:12-14**. So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?" Then the Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I have a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too hard for the Lord?"

**Romans 4:18-20** Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be." Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead. Yet, he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God.

Sarah laughed when she heard the news; me pregnant? No way, she thought it was impossible. Then God said to Abraham, "Is there anything too hard for the Lord?" Abraham and Sarah faced a situation that seemed hopeless. They could not see how this would work out, yet Abraham, in hope, believed. He did not weaken in his faith. He did not waver through unbelief (what if's); he was strengthened in his faith.

Abraham and Sarah hoped for a son for so long, and it seemed like it would never happen. I wonder, is there something in your life you have lost hope in? Has God given you a promise and you are discouraged that it has not come to pass? I'm sure Abraham and Sarah had those feelings too. But God... at just the right time, allowed them to have a baby. God works through seemingly impossible situations to fulfill His promise in our lives.

We at The Sanctuary want you to know you're never without hope. Is there anything too hard for the Lord? The answer is NO! The feelings you are having and the struggles you are experiencing prove that you are going in the right direction. Whatever you do, please do not quit. With Christ, you are never without hope.

Psalm 20:7 Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

Greetings from The Sanctuary. We **hope** and pray this newsletter finds you well. As we share some of the happenings here with you, we want to thank



each of you for your prayer and support. Lives are being changed here at The Sanctuary: we could not do it without your help.

Joseph Elibri  
Executive Director

## Grace House News

Jessi Laytart - Grace House Administrator

### Little Thoughts from Jessi

As a woman of God goes through life, trying to figure out her purpose...purpose to love others and show truth.

I know fully and completely that the LORD placed me here to guide other women to the cross AND if I am not able to do just that...then...guess what? I'm still gonna love them and meet them where they are at and I will illustrate a sense of hope because my life is NOT just an example of the light of GOD, but my life is an example of recovery, healing, and how someone came from homelessness to being completely filled and adopted into the promised land.

With all Gods love, I give you these words through the Vessel, Miss Jessi.

Matthew 28:16-20

"Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

### Prayers Requested

We would LOVE for YOU to PRAY with US!!!

We have some upcoming completions coming up as some of our women residents are entering into phase 3 of their program. They are preparing to go back out into the world and working their jobs that God has blessed them with. I ask for you to pray with me for their protection and for their discernment to grow with the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

*The Grace House Administrator  
Jessi Laytart*

**Pictured Below Left to Right**

- (1) Chuck Wood's Ministry at The Grace House.
- (2) Former Resident Sharing Testimony
- (3) Women Residents at Grace House
- (4) Former Resident sitting between Grace House Administrator and her brother at her graduation celebration.
- (5) A Spiritual Retreat Weekend for the Grace House Residents.





## Sanctuary Mission Men's House

Richard Torres - House Administrator

"My Thoughts"  
From The Men's House Administrator

Here at the Mission, we start our days in prayer. We always ask our Father for



the best strategy as to how "God's commands are always wise."

*Proverbs 13:1*

A wise son heeds his Father's instructions, but the scoffer does not listen to rebuke.

*Proverbs 10:17*

Whoever heeds instruction is on the path to life, but whoever ignores correction leads others astray.

We at the Sanctuary Mission honor and respect God's compound, His fortification. We, as in a ship provide a lifeline in order to rescue those that are left without the basic needs in life.

I ask this? When we do see those that are struggling with life, how much more are we to give?

God says in 2 Corinthians 9:7, "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

God says in Matthew 25:40, "The King will reply, Truly I tell you whatever you did for the one of the least of these brothers and sisters, you have done unto me."

Our mission continues to be the hands and feet of Jesus, but most of all to love the needy.

*By Richard Torres*

*Sanctuary Mission*

*Men's House Administrator*



### Rolando's Testimony

On September 3rd, 2020, I arrived at the Sanctuary. I was there 9 months to the day. For over 30 years, I'd been covering up my hole of pain with everything this world has to offer. As I was to enter hell forever, God made the impossible possible.

There are a couple of things that have been taught to me. The Lord will provide all that I need. I learned that I didn't know what I needed. As I head out each day, I thank the Lord for everything that has come and will come this day. The Lord loves me. What I learned is that the tank of my heart was on E. The thing is that I have to bleed





**Pictured Above:** Top picture is Rolando receiving his graduation certificate in front of his truck that he was able to purchase from the funds he earned while in our program. The resident on the tractor came in walking and now he is driving.

it out before being filled. I love my brothers and sisters. This fills me and makes my Father happy.

I begged God for help, so I step aside and let Him do His work. I know where I've been. God only knows where I'm going. I wait and let Him take me when it comes.

Thank you to all my brothers and sisters in this community who support the Sanctuary. Because of your love, I have love. God bless us all. I will let Him today. Amen.



Two of our graduated residents who work and assist here at the Sanctuary Mission.

### 2 Corinthians 5:17

"Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."



A moment of light-hearted fun to say "howdy" before unloading the truck for our Sanctuary Mission Yard Sale.



## Charlie's Testimony

Hello there Sanctuary friends and family. My name is Charles Perkins. I came to the Sanctuary about a year ago completely broken and lost. The lusts and desires of this world had tormented me my entire life. I was desperate, seeking to fill an emptiness, a hole inside of me that was insatiable and seemed to have no end...BUT GOD, He called and I yielded to that small voice and thought "me?" While I was still a sinner, I was drawn to this mission. The Staff here showed such kindness, genuine compassion, and love that is rarely found or experienced in this world. Through their patience and acceptance, I was led to find the Truth.



I decided to follow JESUS! I submitted my life and will over to the FATHER. I was saved, sanctified, and filled with the HOLY GHOST! All to the glory of God through this ministry. I am forever indebted to my Savior for bringing me to a place where there are rivers of living water. I consider it an honor and a privilege to tell you I am a child of God and will continue to serve our LORD! I'm grateful to now be on staff here at the mission! I'm also actively involved in my local church as a musician and youth minister. Praise the LORD our GOD!!

### **Romans 8:28**

"And we know that God works all things together for the good of those who love Him, who are called according to His purpose."

## Sanctuary Mission Thrift Store

Jenna Pittman - Thrift Store Manager

### **What's happening here at The Sanctuary Mission Thrift Store**

- ***BIG SMILES and BIG SAVINGS.***

Working with the residents and watching them gain confidence and hope puts a BIG smile on your face. With our huge half-off sale on the first Tuesday of every month The Sanctuary Mission Thrift Store puts big savings in your pocket.

Do you have the heart to SERVE? We're always looking for volunteers! Come on in and fill out an





application! Maybe you're not able to volunteer, that's okay! You can always donate your unwanted household goods, appliances, or furniture, with our free pick-up, it makes it easy. Don't miss out on our upcoming events. Storewide half-off sale July 6th, 2021 (9 am - 5 pm). Our Christmas in July runs from July 1st to the 31st of July.

My name is Jena Pittman, the manager of The Sanctuary Thriftstore. My team and I are beyond thankful for the support we receive from the community. So once again, THANK YOU and God bless!



We want to SHOUT OUT a huge THANK YOU to the Women of Sugarmill Woods for your love and support! Pictured to the left is a Wood Splitter recently purchased from a generous donation from The Women of SugarMill Woods.



Resident Prepping Clothes



Volunteer's Joey and Todd Busy at Work



Our ladies serving In the Thrift Store

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There are various ways you can support the wonderful life-changing

You can also donate. Your support is greatly appreciated and making a



work taking place here at the  
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If you are interested in volunteering  
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powerful impact on the lives of our  
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