

BURIED TREASURES HOME

Women Finding Faith and Freedom.

Jesus said: "You will know the truth and the truth will set you free." John 8:32 (NIV)

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Dear Friends of BTH:

Your prayers are what keep us going! We sense and feel them every day. We're so happy to report that all the women who came to us in the fall of 2015 have stayed the course. The Lord Jesus did this and we praise Him. Your continued prayers are more vital than ever because the ladies are now in the "Trusting" phase of their time at BTH. Some are now going back into the workforce (for the first time in years) and some are continuing their education at Hinds Community College. Summer is, indeed, a time of change for our ladies. Two have already moved on: one to work and school and one back to her son's home. Others will be leaving over the summer. They need your prayers and we do, too, as eight new women begin their BTH journey this fall.

Let's look back a bit . . .

In April, the ladies gave their testimonies at Briar Hill Baptist Church in Florence and Wynndale Baptist Church in Byram. Briar Hill collected supplies for us the entire month. Wynndale continues to be an integral part of the BTH ministry. We also celebrated the ladies' completion of Celebrate Recovery with good food and great rejoicing as certificates were awarded. As most of you know, we have lots of fun with food at BTH! Sardis Baptist Church (Copiah County) hosted a crawfish boil and later a French teacher from Pearl High School taught the art of crepe making. Can you imagine? Crawfish and crepes – but not on the

same day! The women also served our Lord. They helped FBC Jackson get ready for VBS and they helped at the Mandisa/Jeremy Camp concert.

In May, we celebrated Brandy's and Rosemary's completion of Career Certificates from Hinds in business office technology (Rosemary graduated in December and Brandy in May). We also recognized them for their work at BTH as Team Leaders. The same night, we rejoiced with Misty Hall at the successful completion of her time at BTH. She now works and goes to school at Hinds. Jesus was powerfully present that night in May as over 50 people representing 13 different churches helped us celebrate!

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In the last two months, our grounds have had a wonderful make-over. A team from First Baptist Church, Ridgeland, came out first and did landscaping chores. Then a group of high school students from Alabama came out for a week to help us do road repair, limb cutting and clearing. They did cleaning projects and put the finishing touches on what is now called the Pine Lake Pavilion – see the pictures below.

Here are some needs to consider:

- Vehicles for several of the ladies who are graduating
- 12-15 passenger van (we are almost there!)
- Items and funds the ladies will need at school and for new living arrangements (we will have a list later)

On July 24, our ladies will formally graduate from BTH at a ceremony during morning worship at First Baptist, Jackson. Thank you so much for being a part of what God has done here at BTH in these ladies' lives. You have not only impacted the ladies, but also their children, families and extended families.

We look forward to the new residents coming in September. Pray now as we receive applications and conduct interviews. Ask God to move powerfully in the selection process. Pray, too, that all will go well as a new cottage is built this summer for the two team leaders. This is "late breaking news" and we praise God for it. This will allow us to take in eight (instead of six) new residents in the fall. We want this new cottage to represent the beginning of what we pray will be the building of four more cottages in the next year for eight more residents, giving us a capacity for 18 women – women finding freedom from prison and addiction and who want to learn how to walk freely with Jesus!

We Pray God's Best for You!

Clark and Valerie Rumpfelt



The Pine Lake Pavilion