

BURIED
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HOME

WOMEN FINDING **FAITH** AND **FREEDOM**

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Dear Faithful Friends,

Merry Christmas! Your prayers and faithfulness have meant so much to us the last few months and as we come to this season of celebrating Jesus' birth, we want to give you a special update and praise report.

After six ladies graduated in August, new residents have been arriving to fill up the cottages. We now have 9 women in residence and one more is expected soon. As you can imagine, they bring with them many challenges and problems. Yet it is our joy to report that hope and faith are being found at Buried Treasures Home. Four of the new residents have either accepted Jesus for the first time or are making re-commitments of their lives to Him. They will be baptized soon! We are seeing children and families and our ladies learning to re-establish trust and love and find forgiveness. When you look at their picture at the end of the newsletter, we want you to see the hope that fills these faces.

Two of our ladies will be graduating this month. Brandy, who has been a faithful team leader here for several years, is moving to Louisiana to work at a Baptist camp. This fall, she completed one semester of her undergraduate seminary training at the Broadmoor extension of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and she will get to continue her studies on campus next spring. Brandy's work and growth at Buried Treasures Home has been remarkable. Pray for her as her faith journey continues. She plans to serve the Lord full time.

Kayla is also graduating this month and will be returning home shortly to her three children. Kayla became a follower of Christ at Buried Treasures Home and the transformation in her life has been visible and powerful. Pray that she will continue to walk in the Light and have a successful move home. Pray too that her legal issues will be resolved quickly after she leaves here.

During the fall, our faithful volunteer teachers have taught the ladies weekly: exercise/zumba; women of the Bible; Bible drill; Recovering Redemption; purity principles; sewing; agricultural gardening; and art. These classes are in addition to Celebrate Recovery, introduction to Christianity, our very own WMU circle, and group and individual counseling. A volunteer nurse comes once a month as does a faithful group of ladies from Sardis Baptist Church (Copiah County). We also had a "Daughter of the King" party hosted by New Zion Baptist Church (Crystal Springs). We also have had great fun with monthly game night led by a volunteer and we celebrate birthdays by going out to eat, thanks to the generosity of our Monday night dinner attendees. (OVER)

The ladies have given their testimonies several times at our regular Monday night dinner gatherings this fall. They also spoke at Trinity Wesleyan Church and Pine Lake Clinton's information meeting about prison ministry. Several ladies gave their testimonies at First Baptist Church Jackson's missions celebration. Clark and Valerie spoke at the local chapter of the Christian Legal Society. (Remember: you are always welcome to come and eat with us on Monday nights at 6:00 pm. Many friends attend these special times of fellowship and fun and multiple churches are represented. Just give us a call or Facebook us to let us know you are coming.)

God has great plans for Buried Treasures Home. He is doing a mighty work among some very special people here. There are many, many more people impacted by what goes on here than just the residents themselves – their children, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers and sisters, and more are all affected and all get to see Jesus change lives. Our Board's long-range planning team has already been working toward expanding our capacity and reaching out even further than what we do now.

We are so glad that you are a part of all that God is doing at Buried Treasures Home. Continue to pray and please continue to give financially. We are totally privately funded by gifts from you and partner churches. Only a very few of the residents here can afford to pay the minimal fees we charge (just \$100 a month). We are so grateful that most residents are taken care of by people like you and by churches like yours. You can use the blue envelope to give or give on our Facebook page (Buried Treasures Home) or on our website which is www.buriedtreasureshome.com. Please read the separately enclosed letter. It is more specific about finances. You can also make us your favorite charity on Amazon Smile and on your Kroger card (it doesn't cost you anything).

God Bless All of You at Christmas!

Clark and Valerie



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