

BOULEVARD *a church of Christ*

A PLACE TO WORSHIP, A PLACE TO SERVE, A PLACE TO HEAL

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An Open Letter to
Friends and Supporters of
Boulevard Church and Eagle Ministries

Dear Friends,

And I do mean DEAR. You are precious to all of us who are trying to make a difference and rebuild lives through *Boulevard* and *Eagle*. We have been publishing the newsletter, *Eagle's Landing @Boulevard*, for two years as a means to communicate to you what God is doing through your prayers, service and gifts. It is our hope that you have found it to be informative and encouraging.

This month there will be no newsletter. Rather, I have chosen to simply write you a letter. We will resume the newsletter next month. I just wanted to take a moment out of the busyness of this season to make sure you knew how thankful we are for your continued partnership and encouragement. You need to know that anything that we do which makes a positive change in someone's life is actually to your credit. The apostle Paul said it best: "*You sent me aid more than once when I was in need. Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account*" (Philippians 4:16-17).

Our culture is at war with God and everything holy. We see it on the front lines through broken lives and destroyed dreams every day. It is easy to become cynical and wonder why even bother to keep on fighting. The odds can be overwhelming. We choose to stay in the battle because we believe our God is bigger than culture, and will still be God long after our culture is extinct. And if we can help just one precious person discover our holy God and the power of living for Him, then that is worth the fight. We recently witnessed a young mother fight a year-long battle of recovery from addiction, jumping through countless hoops in the legal system, become reunited with her children and get a home of their own. She continues to be a part of *Boulevard* and recently said, "I believe you all have literally saved my life and the life of my children." That's why we press on.

We still need your help. We need your prayers. And we need financial gifts. We are looking at a deficit of nearly \$100,000.00 for 2014. I don't know how we will overcome that. I know Jesus said to ask and you will receive. I certainly know we will never receive if people don't know there is a need. So I am putting the word out. We need help. If you can help, please do. If you know someone with resources whom we should contact, please let me know. If you can help us spread the word of our need, I would personally appreciate it.

Meanwhile, I am confident God will make a way. He always does. Just know that way may include your partnership. We hope your holidays are happy and you get to spend time with those whom you love. Let it remind you of how much Jesus loves you and that He gave it all for us all.

In the Love of Christ,



Jeff Gardner, evangelist