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A Monthly Newsletter

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Jots from Jeff



This is the 38th time I have written to you by way of this newsletter. It is also the last time. I have been honored to keep you informed about the ministry at *Boulevard church of Christ* and *Eagle Recovery Center* since our very first issue in November, 2012. Many of you have been with us from the beginning. We cannot adequately express our gratitude for your faithful prayers and support. Any good that has come from our involvement in this work has been a result of God and a team effort. And you are vital to this team.

We began working with the *Boulevard church* and *Eagle* in December of 2010. In August of 2011, I left a full time job in the IT Industry to devote full time to this fledgling work. God has done some remarkable things through our feeblest of efforts and it never ceases to amaze me. He has transformed many lives right before our eyes, and for that we give all the praise and credit to Him and His great mercy and grace.

Two years ago, **Ivan Gonzalez** married **Diana Esparza**, and they

agreed for **Ivan** to begin working full time as my associate and ministry apprentice. Their energy and devotion to the Lord and the work is nothing short of amazing. I have worked closely with **Ivan** training him for the day when I would retire from this ministry.

In answer to our prayer for additional financial support for the ministry, God placed a new opportunity in the IT Industry in my path last October. This has been a great financial relief for the ministries. And working two jobs has begun to take a toll on me personally. So this is why I have decided to go ahead and retire from this great work, passing the reigns of ministry leadership to my good brother and student, **Ivan Gonzalez**. He and **Diana** and this work are worthy of your continued support and prayers. The fruit which grows is fruit to your credit. Some plant, others water, and God gives the growth!

We will be spending a little more time with family than we have been able to, and probably take a weekend trip here and there. Our hearts will stay with this work. We pray you will, too. Thank you for your partnership.

— Jeff Gardner



I write to you today honored and blessed for the opportunity that the Lord has given my wife and me to work for Him at *Boulevard church of Christ* and *Eagle Recovery Center*. I look forward to what the future may bring. Jeff has provided an intense training and also encouraged me as well. I truly expect great things to happen because I believe God will work through all of us. We continue to ask for your prayers for us and those we meet so that we can plant the seed of Our Lord in their hearts.

I'm pleased to announce that another Eagle resident has reached her 1-year milestone, been inducted into the Senior Board of Mentors and received her certificate of accomplishment. Congratulations to **Sherri Moses!** **Sherri's** drive has helped her excel during her time with Eagle. She still remains to provide guidance and encouragement to others. She is a genuine blessing.



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About Us

Boulevard church of Christ is a family of believers in Jesus Christ who want to be the hands and feet of Jesus in reaching people with messed up lives. We believe Jesus is the great Healer physically, spiritually, emotionally and socially. And we all need to be healed of something.

Eagle Recovery Center is a Christ-centered, structured, sober-living group home for the purpose of empowering women to successfully re-enter society and live victoriously over drugs and alcohol or any other destructive habit. All residents are valued members of the Boulevard church family.

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Many of you have already realized it, school has begun. We are excited that many of our college students have returned to be a part of our ministry. We look forward to working with students from **Oklahoma Christian University** and the **University of Central Oklahoma**. They bring great support and energy to our congregation. Our goal is to help them become better

disciples and encourage them to serve our Lord wherever they are. Please pray that we may reach more students this semester.

As you may remember, we have dedicated our Wednesday nights to serve through our *Hands and Feet ministry*. We continue to establish relationships with people we meet at **Cross and Crown**. **Albert** being one of those has decided to ride his bike 3 miles every Sunday to come and worship with us. Relationships like

the one with **Albert** allow, us to understand that we must continue to go build these relationship. Our goal for this fall is to extend our service to our local community. We will begin to provide meals and tutoring local children and their families.

Thank you for your prayers and support. We look forward to letting you know what we as a team are accomplishing for our Lord.

— Ivan Gonzalez

Donate online at <http://www.gofundme.com/eaglerecovery>

Yes, I would like to partner with the *Boulevard church* and *Eagle Recovery Center* to help bring Christ to and heal those who are struggling to overcome addiction by making a donation of...

\$25 ___ \$50 ___ \$75 ___ \$100 ___ or Other \$ _____ (donation enclosed)

Name _____
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 City _____
 State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
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Make checks payable to **Boulevard church of Christ** and send to:
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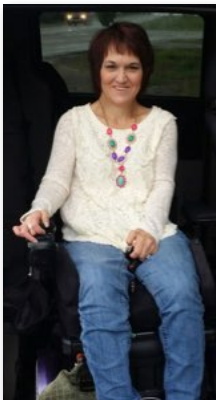
Other Ways to Help:

- Female or Husband/Wife teams to help with transportation for a day
- Donate good clothing suitable for work
- Godly women to develop mentoring relationships with an Eagle resident
- Grounds keeping assistance (mowing, limb cutting and removal, painting and repair)

Please contact Lora or Donna at one the numbers listed below to volunteer.

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