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A Monthly Newsletter

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Jots from Jeff



It's that time of year again. Christmas trees, shopping lists, letters to Santa, mistletoe, ribbons and bows, bells jingling, gumdrop cookies and gingerbread men. These are just some of the sights, sounds and smells

which remind me that Christmas is just around the corner. Families will gather. Children will laugh. Joy will spread from house to house. It is my prayer for you that whatever makes this time of year special to you is yours in abundance.

It is true that no one knows for sure when Christ was born. But we know He was. And the message which preceded His arrival is still relevant today: "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11). Good news of great joy for ALL the people! If we ever needed good news we need it now. And that good news is we have a Savior, someone to save us from our own mess, from being tortured and tormented by the devil. We no longer have to live as victims in this world, but victors through Christ who empowers us (Philippians 4:13). It is a message of hope and fresh starts. And that is precisely what *Eagle Recovery Center* and the *Boulevard church* are working to facilitate: hope and fresh starts.

And you are our partners in ministry. We have a record number of fifteen women actively living at *Eagle* and every day we witness something wonderful because of the good news of Christ in their lives. Thank

you for your faithfulness during this past year. Thank you for your prayerfulness on our behalf. Thank you for your service to those who need hope and a fresh start.

—Jeff Gardner, evangelist @Boulevard



Occasionally we would like to introduce you to someone who has been blessed by their relationship with Eagle and Boulevard. This month we want to shine the spotlight on Misty Colley. She was at Eagle for a year and continues to be a vital and vibrant part of Boulevard.



@Boulevard: What was going on in your life before you came to *Eagle* and the *Boulevard church*?

Misty: I became addicted to prescription medicine after the birth of my second daughter. I was in a toxic relationship and I used the pills to numb the pain. And then I started selling pills to support my habit. I gave up on everything! On God, my two sweet little girls, career, family and friends. My life quickly began to spiral out of control, landing me in Oklahoma County Jail with no bond and a court date two months away! It was my "wake up call"!

@Boulevard: How has *Eagle/Boulevard* made a positive difference for you?

Misty: I firmly believe my family prayed my way into recovery. My sisters, grandma, aunt and uncle told me about *Eagle*. Two days after being released from jail I had an interview with Lora and was moving in. I felt such an immediate overflow of love and acceptance. God knew that there I could mend my broken wings. It was an awesome feeling to be understood and not judged. *Boulevard* is the most welcoming church I have ever entered. Being a part of something so loving and pure is an indescribable feeling! I am so blessed to be a part of *Eagle/Boulevard*. 18 months sober and I give all the glory to God, but they are second on my list!

@Boulevard: What advice would you give someone who is currently struggling with addiction?

Misty: First, I learned from a dear friend that you can love/pray someone into recovery. Be the change you wish to see in them. And if you are thinking that you might have a problem with drugs or alcohol then there is no time like the present. *Today will never come again*. Being in recovery is a beautiful thing, waking up everyday with a full and thankful heart is a feeling I will never again try to numb!

@Boulevard: What would you like to say to those who support *Eagle/Boulevard* through prayers, service and finances?

Misty: If I knew how to say thank you in every language it still wouldn't be enough! Please know that thru your help and prayers YOU ARE CHANGING LIVES and for that, when I count my blessings, I count you twice!

Editor's Note: Misty is reunited with her children, has a promising career in a dental office and is highly evangelistic for Christ. God is so good!

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.

Merry Christmas from Eagle



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