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A Monthly Newsletter

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Jots from Jeff



You may have noticed it has been a while since our last newsletter. We certainly haven't forgotten about you or ceased operations. To the

contrary, you are always on our hearts and we are busier than ever. We are simply trying to streamline some of our processes and make more efficient use of our time and finances. As a result, we are changing our publishing frequency to every other month, rather than monthly. We hope this will still serve as a great way for us to communicate with you what God is doing at *Boulevard* and *Eagle*. And we encourage your feedback always.

Enrollment at *Eagle Recovery Center* continues to be strong. The ladies in the program have created a cohesive bond with one another, helping each other take the next right step in life. It is a beautiful and encouraging sight to witness. Your partnership with us makes this life-changing ministry possible. Thank you.

Sunday, March 13, we were excited to induct another *Eagle*

resident into the **Senior Board of Mentors**, which is a special group of women who have worked with determination to succeed in their recovery in exemplary fashion for at least a year at *Eagle*. Sunday we inducted **Donna Capper**. **Donna** has become like a mom to most of our *Eagle* residents, providing them with nurturing and mentoring on a very personal level. Her own journey has given her a unique perspective which is very relatable. Her unselfish giving of herself to others makes her a stellar member of this special group. Congratulations, **Donna!**



Our **Hands and Feet of Jesus** ministry is thriving under the leadership of **Ivan Gonzalez**. He has helped mobilize our university group, also known as *Merge*, to take a leading role in this ministry of feeding and caring for homeless residents of Oklahoma City. Through delegation, it has been refreshing to witness a whole new crop of leaders step up to help prepare and package food, set up a distribution point downtown, distribute the meals with

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Ivan's Info

On February 13th-15th, six of our university students and I were blessed to travel to Wolf Point, Montana for a mission trip. During our trip, we focused on helping the Wolf Point church of Christ hold their first-ever youth rally. We served as leaders to the teens, facilitating discussion groups and service projects throughout the Wolf Point community. We were also honored to help lead worship and assist with other preparations for the weekend event. **Harold Eggar**, a student from Oklahoma Christian who helps us tremendously with our Hands and Feet ministry, is from Wolf Point. He helped plan the event and the mission trip. Harold previously shared with the Wolf Point church about our Hands and Feet ministry. They, in turn, decided to ask the churches attending the event to bring winter items to donate for our ministry in Oklahoma City. Not only were we able to serve by helping with the rally, our work at home was served by bringing back many coats and blankets for our ministry. We are so thankful to the congregations of Canada, Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming who attended the Northeast Montana Youth Rally and partnered with us by selflessly giving to our ministry. A special thank you to everyone at the Boulevard church who pitched in extra giving to cover our travel expenses.

—Ivan Gonzalez

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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a cheerful, Christ-like disposition and invest time in a sector of our population mostly ignored or viewed with suspicion. It has energized our entire congregation with renewed purpose. It is a beautiful sample of cross-cultural unity between multiple age groups and two different languages (Spanish and English). It's amazing what God can do when sectarian positions are eliminated. We are still seeing new

people every week from the community drop in to lend a hand.

On the streets, we witness many prayers and spiritual discussions in addition to filling physical needs. Some of our most outgoing workers are Eagle residents or Merge members. To you who have been sending financial and other kinds of gifts to help with this work, we cannot thank you enough for your partnership. The work we do, we do together with you.

—Jeff Gardner

Memorial Gifts to Ministry

- In memory of **Melvin Bell**
 - Paul James

For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing... when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me! (Matthew 25:35-40)



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 _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
 Email _____

Make checks payable to **Boulevard church of Christ** and send to:

1301 N. Drexel Boulevard • Oklahoma City, OK 73107

www.eaglerecoverycenter.org

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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