

@Boulevard



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Jots from Jeff



Father's Day is just a few days away and I am thankful for fathers. I am blessed to still have my father, and I am doubly blessed because I get to see and talk to him almost every day. But even more

than that, what a blessing it is to have a heavenly Father who is constantly seeking a relationship with me (John 4:23)! If your father is still alive, I hope you will take the time to talk to him soon. But above all, spend some time talking to your heavenly Father every day. He would love to hear from you.

May, 2013 has been a very difficult month in Oklahoma because of the recent storms, tornadoes and flooding. We have been blessed to have suffered no significant losses at *Boulevard* or *Eagle*. But for so many others the losses have been huge. The magnitude of suffering by the masses is difficult to comprehend. We did manage to put together a few needed items for distribution to storm victims, but it seems like so little compared to the need. Someone asked where was God in all of this? I saw God in the immediate response of thousands across the state and the nation as they came along side those who are suffering to lend a hand. I saw God in the millions of dollars in cash and goods donations. I continue to see God in the goodness flowing from person to person as each are committed to the other for the duration of recovery. God never promises to protect us from tragedy, but He does promise to turn our tragedies into triumphs if we will

trust Him. And if we will let Him shine through our own good works of service to others (Romans 8:28; Matthew 5:16). It's a beautiful thing to see God through the hands, feet and hearts of His people.

Sunday evening, June 9, 2013 we were blessed at *Boulevard* to host the **Genesis Camp** group for worship and a devotional. The best count we could get said there were about 230 precious people in attendance, which is the largest group we have ever had in our little building. Two of our *Eagle* residents (**Amillia** and **Kayla**) spoke to those in attendance about their own struggles with addiction and challenged the teens to choose a path of righteousness and sobriety. It was a powerful evening and we believe God and His Spirit were among us shaping hearts. Thank you to **Gary Cochran** and the entire **Genesis** team for allowing *Boulevard* to share in this event.

We are looking forward to June 30, 2013! This is the day the **Alameda church** from Norman will be bringing a group to worship with us on Sunday morning. They will also be bringing a worship leader which is a real treat for our church family. We are always blessed and encouraged when they come.

We would like to invite you, too, to come be with us any time you can. Your presence encourages us. It reminds us that you are praying for our ministry. We value your partnership and we know without you and our God we could do none of it. Thank you.

—Jeff Gardner, evangelist @Boulevard



In the Spotlight



Meet **Kayla Hernandez**. *Kayla* has been at *Eagle* since November, 2012 and is doing very well in her recovery. Since being at *Eagle* she has celebrated two birthdays: her physical birthday and her spiritual birthday. On Easter Sunday, she decided to become a committed follower of Jesus Christ by confessing her faith in His Lordship of her life and being baptized to participate in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. She is very excited about her new life and we are equally excited she is our sister and part of our church family. She participates in multiple Bible study opportunities and often shares helpful spiritual insights.

@Boulevard: Before you started your recovery from addiction, how would you describe your life?

Kayla: I was a very selfish and lonely person. I was sad, hurt and angry. Life was all about me. I didn't work. All I wanted to do was party and have what I thought was a good time. And because of all of that I wasn't allowed to live at home any longer. I did not have a firm foundation to live the life God wanted me to live. I didn't even have God in my life at all.

@Boulevard: Since coming to *Eagle* and becoming involved with the *Boulevard church* how would you describe your life now?

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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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Kayla: I have rediscovered God and made Him number ONE in my life, which has made me extremely happy! God has blessed me with a job, the ability to pay my fines on time each month, He is helping me stay sober, and I enjoy helping others (which is something I would never have done before). God has shown me that I have a purpose.

@Boulevard: What do you think are some of the most difficult obstacles to overcome in choosing recovery over addiction?

Kayla: Patience is a big obstacle. I have had to learn patience with myself, with others

and with circumstances. Recovery takes time and there are no shortcuts. Consequences of addiction require patience to overcome. Relapse is another obstacle. It is easy to think you are stronger than you are. And relapse is always tugging at your life. So I have to stay on guard.

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

Kayla: Thank you so much for all the blessings! My life has forever changed.

Editor's note: Please pray for Kayla in her walk in sobriety with God.

A Few Donations



Katy Terrell @News 9 Receives Our Donations



Genesis Camp @Boulevard



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:

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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 Jeff at one the numbers listed below to volunteer.

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