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Jots from Jeff



Fall and football are in the air and we are beginning one of my favorite times of the year. It is also a reflective time for me as I recognize we are approaching the last quarter of the year. I can't help but wonder if we are making a positive difference for Christ in the lives of the precious people with whom we work. Then I will witness a break-through moment when someone changes the course of life to be more in line with the will of God, and that's when I know we are. Inch by inch, one day at a time, one person at a time, one moment at a time, God continues to provide the increase. And so I praise God for the inches.



It was after the meal that we recognized a big accomplishment of one of our Eagle residents.



On August 25, 2013, after worship time we hosted a potluck at Eagle which was attended by at least 50 people. Food and fellowship were wonderful and our Eagle Ladies were amazing hostesses.

Rachelle Goodwin had just completed a year in the program of recovery at Eagle and she received a special certificate commemorating that milestone and is now one of several Senior Mentors of Eagle. Congratulations to Rachelle! She is in the Spotlight section of this newsletter.

September 8, 2013 was an amazing day as Jorge Pinales confessed Jesus as Lord and was baptized into Jesus Christ! He and his family are part of our Latino group led by Abel Maldonado.

And we were blessed again on September 15, 2013 by our friends from the Alameda church in Norman who sent a group of nearly twenty to worship with and encourage us. A big thanks to Korry Rogers who led our singing worship, along with four members of their praise team. The assembly was very encouraging to all who were present and we cannot express appropriate gratitude with words. We were definitely edified. Thank you Todd Robeson for your leadership in this ministry.

You may wonder what you can do to partner with us in this ministry. You can pray for us. You can visit us. You can donate time and talent to help with tasks around Eagle Recovery Center. You can spread the word about us. We need business partners who could help in providing work opportunities for some of our residents. And we can always use financial help. And everything you do makes a difference and saves a life. Thank you for your partnership.

— Jeff Gardner, evangelist @Boulevard



In the Spotlight



Meet Rachelle Goodwin. Rachelle just completed a year at Eagle and is now one of our Senior Mentors.

@Boulevard: How would you describe your life before recovery?

Rachelle: When I got deep in my addiction, I was a very lonely, mean and selfish person. I didn't realize it until I started recovery. I lied to anyone to get what I wanted. I hurt a lot of people I love very much. The one word that describes me then is lonely.

@Boulevard: What are some obstacles that were between you and successful recovery?

Rachelle: Mending relationships was my biggest obstacle. The first and most important was with God; that had to be right before anything else. The second most important was mending my relationship with my sons. I lost their trust and respect. To get that back has been the best feeling of all. Other relationships which needed mending were with my mom, sisters, aunt and other family members. Not easy, but getting better!

@Boulevard: As a Senior Mentor at Eagle, what do you see as your main responsibilities?

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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.

Rachelle: I want to encourage new residents, to show them that they can do it. I want to be one of those people who makes a positive difference in their lives; to show them the kind of life they can have and what they can accomplish.

@Boulevard: Who has mentored you at Boulevard/Eagle and how has that influenced your success?

Rachelle: There have been so many! If it were not for the people at Boulevard and Eagle, I would not be where I am today. I don't even want to imagine what my life would be like or if I would even have a life. **Lora** has influenced me so much. To

see what she has overcome in her recovery and still have the faith she does is awesome! She has always been there for me during the good and the bad.

@Boulevard: How would you describe your life now?

Rachelle: I actually *have* a life now! I have earned back the trust of people. God is back in my life. I lost everything because of my addiction. But now I am working every day to get those things back. I have my career back. I have a car again. I still have obstacles, but I can handle them sober and that feels great. Because of the things I did in my

addiction—I am just thankful to still have a life

@Boulevard: What would like to say to our many supporters?

Rachelle: I cannot thank them enough. I don't think people realize the big difference they are making by supporting the women of Eagle. They help women get their lives back. And there are just not enough Thank You's to express the gratitude we have!

Editor's Note: Please keep Rachelle in your prayers as she continues on her journey of sobriety.

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)

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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 Jeff at one the numbers listed below to volunteer.

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