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Updates of Our Ladies

Statistics show that in most cases, only one in five make it in their fight against addiction. As a faith-based organization and operating two homes, we have seen tremendous miracles in the lives of our ladies. We did a quick follow up of some of our graduates, it showed 78% are still clean and sober! Here are a few who are exceeding in their walk:



It is with great happiness that I can write about my progress since I graduated Captive Hearts nearly three years ago. I became a new believer in Jesus, was granted custody of my children, and released of all my fines and Court fees.

Since then, I relapsed only to have CWS and fines back on my plate, all because of a stupid decision to drink one night. One night turned into one month, and back on the streets I went. Saved once again by God, I was given a one-month stay at Captive Hearts to be able to clean up and get my life back in order! Thank you, Lord.

In November, I will be celebrating one year clean and sober, only by the grace of God. Captive Hearts never judged me, never made me feel shameful, and they forgave and welcomed me back with open arms. —Carla



I graduated Captive Hearts in March 2015, and so grateful I was given the opportunity to go to Captive Hearts. I not only learned how to stay clean, I have been blessed with a family who loves me and supports me. Since I have graduated, I am now the house manager for the Captive Hearts transitions home and it's such a blessing to watch

other women stay clean and fall in love with the Lord. We are sisters in Christ who love and support each other.

I'm also seeing my kids very often; they were adopted and I was only supposed to see them once a year, but God had other plans. I get to be in in their lives now and build back the trust I lost with them. I'm also going to school at Alan Hancock that I never thought I was smart enough to do, but once again God had other plans.

I have been clean two years now, and it is because of the love and healing that I received going through Captive Hearts. God knows what He's doing and I trust Him 100%. When I want to run away, I think about all these things He's blessed me with, my second chance at life, and that keeps me clean. Thank you to everyone who prays for and supports Captive Hearts. God uses you to help save lives!

—Kayla

I was Court-ordered into a one-year recovery program in 2008 and entered Captive Hearts. I learned so much there, though I fought with God in prayer with tears as I didn't want to leave my kids again. But He knew what He was doing. My relationship with the Lord deepened during those months. I thank God for Judy, Janis and the Captive Hearts program. I was able to complete it early, and Judy stood with me in Court to advocate for me. I transitioned into the second house, got a job and eventually got to go home! Praise God, it's been over eight years since the Lord has set me free from so many chains: chains of addiction, hatred, rage, thieving, lying, and so much more—a forgiven felon. The key is a relationship with Jesus daily. He should be the one you spend most of your time with. Intimacy with the Almighty is what will fill you and keep you. But it's not all peaches and cream! All of hell comes against the born-again believer the minute they surrender. But the Comforter (Holy Spirit) dwells in me and leads me to truth. I've been on my job for over five years, raising three teens. That alone in this generation is super hard. Without the Lord, I'd be so lost. He gives me what I need to endure, overcome and keep persevering. Keep your eyes on the One who formed you, the One who has ordained your steps, the One who knew and knows all things—the Faithful King, who finishes what He begins! Thank you Captive Hearts, Judy and everyone involved in my recovery. Love you all. —Shannon



Two and a half years ago, I graduated from Captive Hearts. I moved back to Bakersfield and lived with my parents but didn't have custody of my daughter. I had been clean for six months and was on a mission to build a beautiful life and her and I. I got a job doing hair (I have been a hair-dresser for 15 years) and got an

apartment for us. I would see her on weekends when her dad would let me. I took him back to Court and was awarded sole custody of my then 7-year-old daughter! About three months ago, I was blessed with an amazing job at a pediatric dental office, and they have taken the time to give me on-the-job training to get my RDA. I work there full-time Monday through Friday and still do hair on the weekends. On August 1st, I celebrated my three years clean! God has truly blessed me! —Nicole

More Updates of Our Ladies



Hi, my name is Sonia and I would like to update you with where I am today. Since graduating Captive Hearts, I've been blessed with a full-time job with the best boss ever and have been able to buy myself a car. Just recently, I was blessed with my own apartment. Thank you, Jesus!

One month later, my daughter moved back in, and I was able to re-establish custody with her. God continues to heal and provide and restore every day. Amen! On October 13th, I will have six years clean by the grace of God. I recently checked my mail and found that the housing voucher list that I've been on since the lottery pull has requested an intake of me. Praise God! —Sonia



On February 2013, I entered Captive Hearts. I was broken, abused, lost, and nearly dead. I couldn't leave my bathroom or stop shooting up drugs. Almost four years later, I am a new creation. The Lord has truly restored my soul! All of my children have accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior.

I am leaving for a three-country missionary trip to Europe. He is sending me to the Market Place to start a business this season for His glory. I have come home to the Father's love. Captive Hearts is where I met the one true God, and I'm thankful every day of this life with everything that I am!! —Pam

Honduras Trip

Our trip to Honduras has been rescheduled for January because of conflicts of schedules. School will have resumed and the weather will be much better. Should you be interested in helping support, please earmark your check to Chaplain Judeth Boen/Honduras Trip.

Thank you so much.



Special Prayer Request

Please join with us in prayer for 8-year-old Olivia, a precious little girl who is battling cancer. She is certainly a warrior having had cancer since she was very young. She is facing yet another surgery.

Material Scraps-Yarn-Batting Needed

The work of these wonderful women in making quilts for the community is beautiful. If anyone has material scraps, yarn or large bags of batting that they would like to contribute especially for the upcoming holidays, please let us know and we will deliver to the jail facility.

Praise Report

Many of you know that my daughter, Gwenn Wood, has really suffered over the past few years from the effects of diabetes. To add to the trial, she was diagnosed with colon cancer a few months ago. Because she was hospitalized with blisters and Mersa infection, they could not do the needed surgery to remove the mass.

This past month, she had healed enough to be able to withstand the surgery. The surgeon removed the mass and sent it to pathology. You have to understand that we have the diagnosis on paper stating a malignant tumor was found in her large intestine and attached to her colon. They had done biopsies and we were prepared for chemo/radiation if needed. On the day she was released, the report came back "No Cancer." We give all praise and honor to our Heavenly Father! —Chaplain Judy

Prayer Needs

- Upcoming Elections
- Jail Ministry
- Recovery Homes
- Scholarship Fund

PACIFIC EYE GIVES BACK CHALLENGE 2016



The *Pacific Eye Gives Back Challenge* is here, and their team of physicians is seeking nominations for local non-profits doing good in our community. Nominate Captive Hearts for the contest now through October 7th.

Here's how it works: Submit your vote by typing in your name and email address and then adding Captive Hearts Recovery Services in the non-profit nomination box. Check the box to agree to the Rules box and submit. The Rules state there may be a second vote for the final 10 nominated non-profits to win the prize up to the \$10,000. If we get to the second round, beginning in late October, you can place one vote per day through Thanksgiving Day.

Visit www.paceyemd.com/nominate-your-charity or facebook.com/PacEyeMD to fill out the form. Give it a few minutes to load.

Thank you for believing in our mission, "Bringing Healing to Hurting Humanity" and reaching more hurting people who are addicted to substance abuse.

—Chaplain Judy