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## Hope at Christmas time

*Dr. R.W. Bolois, executive director*



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We are told in Luke 1:30-38 that the Angel of the Lord appeared and had a conversation with Mary. She was told she was going to be the mother of the Son of God, and His name would be Jesus. Mary said she was just the handmaid of the Lord but would do anything that He asked of her.

Unbelievable faith! She was going to be ridiculed, criticized, and harassed for carrying a baby and not being married. Who would believe her? Was she using God as an escape for her sinful behavior? She was

becoming the talk of her village. Despite the rumors and looks she believed God as the Angel of the Lord assured her that the child she was carrying was going to deliver His people from their sins.

This tells us that there is a great message of Hope at Christmas time. God never deserts us when situations get out of hand, but makes a way possible to bring healing and forgiveness. He may just be talking to you about doing something that seems ridiculous; yet, if we can believe, great things can be accomplished. The New Destiny staff promotes

the message of Hope all year through. Christmas gives us an opportunity to build upon this truth by sharing with our clients that they must continue to believe. Few people will believe in the good intentions of a drug addict or alcoholic. As they start to change their lives there are skeptics that cross their arms and wait and see if it is true.



It takes a lot of faith for a client to assure their families and friends that he is changed and will be accountable to them. Many times a

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## Looking forward to a life of sobriety

*Client testimony by Jeremy Murch*

My name is Jeremy Murch. I am 21 years old and I am from New Philadelphia, Ohio. I have been at New Destiny for nine months.

I think all my problems started when my mom and dad split up. I thought we were the perfect family. I loved them both, but they did not love each other anymore. They waited until I graduated high school to finalize everything.

During my junior year I did a

lot of drinking. I drank every night for about a year. I loved the feeling that alcohol gave me; it seemed like the friends I had really cared for me.

I lived with my mom for awhile after she and my dad split up; however, we did not get along. I was out of control, so she finally kicked me out when I graduated. I was sneaking in at 3 a.m., usually very intoxicated. Then we would get into a fight.



*Jeremy Murch (right) pictured with NDTC client Donald Reese*

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## 2008 NDTC Fish fry

*Rev. Lester Rowan, assistant director*



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On Friday evening November 7th the New Destiny Treatment Center held its annual benefit Fish Fry to help raise funds for and awareness of our ministry. The last couple of years the attendance at

The kitchen staff at New Destiny worked very hard preparing the meal. Ella Norris and Lewis English did a fantastic job in preparing the food. Several staff members and clients volunteered their time and energy to help cook and serve the food as the guests filed through in a steady stream for over two hours.

Once again this year Mr. and Mrs. Ike Rufener took responsibility for providing the desserts for the meal. Through their efforts, delicious homemade pies were brought in and served for the dessert.

the fish fry was down from previous years. Therefore, we were hoping and praying for an excellent turnout this year.

We do not have an actual count of the number who attended this event, but it was a huge success. There was a very good crowd that attended the dinner and enjoyed the delicious meal. It was a real delight to see many of our faithful friends and supporters, as well as some new faces that we hope to see again next year.



*Above and right: NDTC Fish Fry attendees enjoyed their meals.*



*Above: (l-r) NDTC staff member Clarence Curry and NDTC volunteer Kris Rowan assist with the serving line.*



New Destiny staff and administration would like to thank everyone who attended this benefit dinner to help us in our efforts to raise funds for the work of the treatment center ministry.

We would earnestly desire your continued support and prayers as we meet the challenges of this vital work.

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I moved with a friend that lived down the road from my house. We have been friends since first grade. His house was where I was doing most of my drinking, so I just continued.

I worked with my dad. I didn't really miss a lot of work at that time, but I would often go in drunk or hung over. I did really well for about a year without getting in any legal trouble. But one day I got really drunk and went driving, which I rarely did. I flipped my car that I had just gotten, but I did not get hurt, thank God I did get cited with a DUI. It was my first.

I went to court and they gave me probation, community service and three days in jail. I moved into a house with my

dad and I thought everything was going to be better because I wasn't with my buddy and I was on probation. However, I did not do well on probation. I was not doing what the court wanted me to do, I got a probation violation. A year was added to my probation.

I still didn't care, I was still drinking. I was cited for underage consumption, and had to go in front of the judge again. I received more consequences for my choices—including a bracelet which would alert the court if I drank again. Even with the bracelet I drank, so I faced additional trouble.

My Dad brought me pamphlets about rehab programs, but they were all so

expensive. Eventually the judge gave me the option of going to New Destiny Treatment Center. I was very grateful for this opportunity and accepted the offer.

The nine months haven't been easy. There were a lot of issues to face and changes to make. I am very grateful for the staff at New Destiny and what they have helped me to accomplish. I look forward to a life of sobriety and living as a productive person.

## Faithful giving

*Melinda Holsopple, director of development*

Dear Friends: As I sit to write this, I am speechless as I ponder the continued generosity so lovingly bestowed upon NDTC and the men and families that we serve. Although it continues to be a struggle to meet our obligations, we marvel at God's provision through the obedience of his people.

We are deeply indebted to those who faithfully give each month as well as to those who are moved to provide one time and special gifts. We rejoice in the envelopes that contain tributes to those who have gone Home or are offered in honor of loved ones.

As you try to decide on the perfect Christmas gift, please consider making in the name of a cherished loved one a tribute gift to NDTC. Your thoughtfulness and Kingdom-building actions are sure to

thrill the person you are honoring. We are happy to acknowledge your gift to you and the recipient.

We are currently accepting room sponsorships in New Destiny Center, our new housing facility. Imagine how your special person will feel knowing that shelter and care are being provided in their honor.

As you look to the New Year, please continue to support NDTC in your giving; we rely on your faithfulness.

Here are some quotes on giving. Ponder and enjoy!

- "At its best, giving is an act of worship." — Cornelius J. Dyck (1740-92), colonel under the command of Gen. George Washington

- "It is through generous giving, that we affirm before the world, our nation's faith in the inalienable right of every man, to a life of freedom, justice and security." — Harry S Truman (1884-1972), 33rd president of the United States

- "What is the chief end of giving? To glorify God and enjoy him forever." — Dennis Bakke, businessman

- "Giving frees us from the familiar territory of our own needs by opening our mind to the unexplained worlds occupied by the needs of others." — Barbara Bush (1925-), former American first lady  
Merry Christmas! May you and those you love experience the fullness of the season and be blessed beyond measure.

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family member's first response is a laugh and then disgust to hear that this person, who created so much turmoil, is now talking about living a clean life.

One of our past clients, John, came to us from another state and was ordered to do a full term of nine months of treatment. He was somewhat of a hothead and didn't want to listen to anything about God or the Bible. He tried starting controversy in classes and refused to get involved in group work. As he would attend the chapel services he make it clear by his actions that he was not interested in anything of a spiritual nature. He brought his old behavior with him from the streets and drug life.

His parents informed us about how awful he was and wished us good luck with the challenge of straightening out their son. The courts were glad to get rid of him and ship him out of their state. We noticed over time that John became interested in some

Bible stories most of us have heard since childhood. He was curious to know how a little boy by the name of David could defeat and kill a giant named Goliath. All of this led him to the story of the Christ who could become his Savior being born in a manger.

I remember the day when John finally

decided he needed a radical change in his life. He went to the altar in the chapel and found Jesus as his personal Lord and Savior. This was a tremendous moment in this young man's life. He became a living testimony here at New Destiny. He carried his Bible everywhere. He prayed,

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### **Yes, I want to help return husbands to their wives, fathers to their children, and sons to their parents.**

I am enclosing \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as a:  900 Club Member (\$100 per month) beginning the month of \_\_\_\_\_, 200 \_\_\_\_.

(If partnering with a friend, please include full name and address of partner for tracking purposes.)

Monthly gift (other than 900 Club)  Annual gift  One-time gift

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer to donate by credit card:  Visa  MasterCard

Gift amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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I am unable to contribute at this time, but I want to be a prayer partner for the New Destiny Treatment Center. Please continue sending the *Destiny* newsletter.

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testified, and witnessed for the Lord. His language changed, his behavior changed: his entire life was different. He was a saved man by faith.

The problem was getting his family and the courts to believe that a great change had occurred. His family said that they would wait and see. The courts adamantly refused to believe that this could happen to such a scoundrel. But it did.

There were many times that John would feel low because he just wanted his family to believe him. We encouraged him repeatedly saying that over time, as they watched him, they would see the change and believe. He was misunderstood so many times in those early days of his newfound experience with Christ, but his faith held him steady. John was a new man and his family did eventually accept him. He became a blessing to those that had to

learn to love him all over again.

I took him to his last court appointment in another state and it was somewhat comical. After the prosecutor stated his case – wanting John to be placed in the state prison - the judge asked him to speak. It was so exciting to hear him give a solid testimony to a judge that had the power to put him away for years. The judge was stunned. After John finished, the judge asked me several questions. It was interesting to watch God work.

The judge told John that he wanted to believe him but with a record like he had it was difficult to swallow. Finally the judge ordered him to leave the state and not return. He wished John well but never wanted to see him again in his court.

John was relieved to be going back to the treatment center. He could have been

headed for prison but his faith held him during this trying time.

John is now living in another state, works hard, is married, and has a wonderful family. He is connected to a good church and does a lot of personal work for the Lord. He cannot stay silent about what God has done for him.

Even though it was difficult to get people to believe in him, his faith kept him true to his God while he was being misunderstood.

Christmas offers hope and change to so many if they will only have faith to believe.

God bless you during this Christmas season, and if you are being misunderstood about what God has asked out of your life, keep the faith, keep the faith.

Mailing list changes: Requests for change of address or removal from mailing list should be sent to Melinda Holsopple at (330) 825-5202 (ext. 120) or [gholsopple@aol.com](mailto:gholsopple@aol.com). Please remember it often takes at least one month for changes to take effect.

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