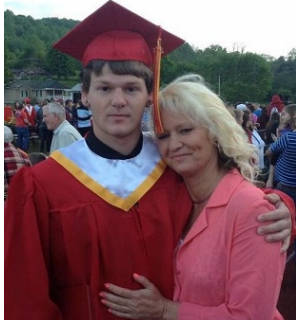


Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

~1 Thessalonians 5:11

Hello Family and Friends,



Pictured are Lisa Newton and her son David. **A Changed Life is Possible, when given the opportunity.** Last month, Lisa was able to see her son graduate. Following years of addiction and two years incarcerated, Lisa celebrated her sobriety birthday in April. For Lisa, this was the beginning of her new life clean and sober! ***She is no longer the person she was but a new person following her dreams.*** However, to get to where she is today has not been easy, nor will it be. No one sees the struggles she must work through. In the past year, I've seen Lisa work daily to see her dreams come true. One of those dreams is to help others. She's not hesitant to tell her story, if it will help another. In her own words, Lisa shares her life with you. **"I grew up in a home filled with physical, mental and alcohol abuse.** At 15, my father passed away. What seemed to be the answer to handle the hurt and anger; I began drinking at parties on weekends. ***As I got older, I would drink every chance I got. I hated life, especially my own.*** Drinking didn't take away the hurt like I expected, so I used drugs occasionally. Then I had neck surgery due to an injury from the physical abuse afflicted by my ex-husband. Later, I struggled with PTSD (Post-traumatic Stress Disorder). I used pain medications for the neck pain and anxiety medicine to treat PTSD. I soon began to depend on prescription drugs to help me stay alive mentally. I avoided the reality of living by hiding behind drugs.

My drug addiction continued until I was arrested for actions related to my drug abuse. I lost much during those years, especially time with my son. ***Once I was to be released from jail, I had no place to go. I had prayed for a home to go to with a good environment and God put Shirley in my life.*** A guard at the jail came to me and said she had spoken to Shirley and she thought I'd be a good candidate to stay at His Ministries. We met and I took her classes in the jail. Many people came together to help me while I was incarcerated; the officers at the Duffield Regional Jail and the courthouse employees that I met working on the outside. There are too many to name that stand behind me today, letting me know they love me despite my mistakes. They helped me to believe I could be better! I no longer hate life, I love life! I'm not saying days aren't hard, but I've found that they are worth it." ~Lisa Newton

As Lisa implicated and what I've seen with all I assist with substance abuse issues, it takes a community to see lives changed from the devastation of drug addiction in their lives. I want to thank all of you for allowing us to give another the chance to make a new life. I'm blessed for the opportunity. ***Your gifts make this possible at His Ministries!***

Good News My Friends. Governor McDonnell announced recently that Restoration of Rights for Virginians with non-violent felons will be an automatic restoration process on July 15, 2013! Hooray!

Now, I want to tell you about the story of the little sump pump that could, and did. Little by little, the little sump pump did what it was supposed to. The cost for getting the water out of the basement was about \$150. We have one more project to do to eliminate all the water from entering the basement and would you know it, we wait for the rain to stop! My quote for finding the solution to this problem is this, ***"Sometimes you don't have to look far for a solution. It's always within you."*** The solution was right in front of me the entire time. I was basically waiting on someone else to do the job actually thinking the solution was more complicated, when all along it was simple. I'm elated that three projects are out of the way, and a fourth waits getting done. The roof, the water in the basement, the electrical upgrade and the furniture store on the corner is open. WOW! Everyone here has worked hard to get all this done.

The Chronicles of His Ministries, The Roof, The Ceilings and The Basement. We're seriously living a chronicle of events trying to raise the finances for the ceilings while more building problems crop up, so hence the title. However, as each project is complete, it's another step forward toward our mission in fighting substance abuse. **Please keep our needs in your prayers. <http://www.gofundme.com/202i8s>**



Furniture Odds and Ends pictured at left is our very nice furniture store, complementing our thrift store greatly! In January, our corner building became empty again. We decided to use it instead of letting it stay empty waiting for a renter and then risk the possibility of them moving out again. We're now able to receive furniture and other large donations. Thanks to several friends, we were able to fill the store with furniture items, odds and ends. **MAYBE YOU CAN HELP WITH THIS NEED:** The thrift store is in need of **Novels, Fiction, Romance books, and What-nots.** For a van load of these donations, I'm willing to pick up. The Furniture Odds and Ends shop is located on 401 Wood Ave and just Around the Corner the Thrift Store on E. 4th Street in Big Stone Gap. **Please don't hesitate to drop by and visit us!**

Here's My Summer To Do List: Build onto the deck of our furniture store to have a receiving donation area for drop offs **-Paint Arbor -Replace His Ministries' Front entrance door -Remove kitchen garbage disposal. The Edge NEEDS:** Enlarge sound booth; **Build storage room; iPod** needed for music & videos; **Change ceiling tiles; Paint bathroom ceilings. Office Needs List: New Telephones, \$120; Copy Printer-Fax-Scanner, \$150.**

I LOVE MISSIONS GROUPS! Be in prayer for a mission group from Bethany Baptist Church from Belton, SC. They'll be here July 29 through August 1st to do VBS, an adult Bible study for Artesian Baptist Church and complete several work projects here at His Ministries!

It's a Good Fight My Friends. A fight we cannot afford to lose. We could not do what we do here without you. **Your Prayers, Partnership, your volunteering, and all In-Kind-Donations received, all allow us to do what we do here at His Ministries!** You make a difference in the lives of those we serve. **THANK YOU!** Do keep our needs in your prayers. **I ask you to pray** for each of us and if you can, give a donation toward our needs. If you would like to know more about what you or your group can do here, don't hesitate to call me at (276) 523-7447 or 276-220-0172. **Because of the partnership of others, we are blessed to serve!** ~Shirley Smith



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Partners in Ministry Give Youth a Positive Environment and Assist Individuals with Addictions.

In 1995, we saw the need in our area to learn about substance abuse beginning with providing a referral service. Eighteen years later, drug and alcohol addictions have increased at an alarming rate! We continue the good fight. We are consistent in providing drug & alcohol counseling with referral service, a positive environment for youth to hang out and student training program. We provide a 12-week program for those incarcerated, a community service workplace, speaking on substance abuse and assist needy families when supplies are available, give groups the opportunity to share the Gospel through missions, and share Christ's message to all we meet.

A gift of any amount would be greatly appreciated and **Tax Deductible**. If you give to the **United Way of Southwest Virginia**, or are a **Virginia State Employee**, you can support His Ministries through these organizations. Please designate your gift to His Ministries. **His Ministries** is made possible by faithful individuals, churches, businesses and organizations and some agency support.

If you have any questions or comments call us at (276) 523-7447. If you desire to support **His Ministries**, **make check payable to His Ministries** and fill out and mail to: **His Ministries, 407 Wood Avenue E., Big Stone Gap, VA, 24219**

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