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Pastor Freeman Pierce of the FBC of Danville hosted an amazing fundraiser for our ministry on January 14th. First, our current residents gave a cardboard testimony to demonstrate their life before Christ (prodigal) and after salvation (saved). The entire congregation found the presentation to be very moving. After the cardboard testimony two of our graduates spoke about Son Shine Lighthouse. Erica Wehmeyer says, "Son Shine helped me realize who I am in Christ and that I am totally complete in Him. I am forever grateful to Son Shine for the life changing experience that this ministry gave me." Regina Glass spoke about the Lighthouse and the enormous impact that it had on her and her daughter's lives. Regina says, "I owe my faith and freedom in Christ to Son Shine." Then three of our ladies demonstrated their decision to follow Christ by baptism. It was a very blessed day!



Regina Glass



Rikki, Laura and Samantha with Brother Pierce



Erica Wehmeyer

STEFANI ENTEMAN

My name is Stefani Enteman and I'm an addict and alcoholic. I can finally say that today, not in defeat, but in victory. I am 40 years old and have 3 children, all boys, Jordan-16, Aaron-7, and Randon-5. I grew up in a Christian home with Christian parents who were very active in church, very loving, and very supportive. My grandpa was a preacher most of his life and my grandparents were also missionaries in New Zealand, Trinidad, Jamaica, India, Korea, Spain, and Indonesia. I was introduced to God at a young age and became a Christian early in life. I was involved in church activities with the youth group all the time. I was taught about God, Jesus, right and wrong, and the proper way to live. My brother died when he was 23 and I was 14. That completely changed my family as well as myself. I had never experienced death up to that point and had no idea how to deal with the grief, emotions, and devastation it brought. I ran in the opposite direction of everything I had been taught. I was so angry at God for my brother being gone too soon and not part of our family anymore. I rebelled against everything and everyone, especially God. I started using drugs and drinking on a regular basis. I got into an abusive relationship that lasted 13 years. Drugs were very much the center of our relationship and world. We were in and out of jail numerous times. I tried treatment and never stuck with it. I tried to take my own life, totaled numerous cars, and even fell off a third story balcony landing inches from concrete. I was hospitalized with a drug induced psychosis that doctors weren't sure I was going to come out of. We had a son and that changed a lot of things. I had never experienced the type of love I felt for this little baby of mine. After the heartbreak and loss of 2 miscarriages, he was my miracle baby, when I didn't think I was going to be able to have children. We changed a lot and quit all the hard drugs but continued to dabble with alcohol and marijuana. Our relationship was always rocky and our baby didn't change that. Our relationship ended and I began another abusive relationship that lasted 11 years and 2 more children. Once CPS got involved and I lost my first born, my life spiraled out of control deeper and deeper into addiction. He went to live with my parents and I thought I was doing what was best for him at the time instead of bringing him back into the self-destructive path that my life was on which was full of chaos and misery. I knew my parents would take great care of him and I didn't feel I could at the time. At this point I had been in and out of jail for years, tried different rehabs, halfway house, lots of things, and could never kick my addiction fully. I might quit one thing for another and stop using hard drugs but always went back to what I started with. I was miserable in my own skin and couldn't see how I was ever going to come out of it.





My relationship and life were in complete chaos, and unstable to say the least. We moved around a lot and never had steady jobs for very long. I would always leave and then run right back. I put my family and children through hell trying to make my own way and come out of my addiction. Last year we found out my Dad had cancer. He went through chemotherapy and was free of cancer but got pneumonia and never recovered. He was in the hospital for months. He died in July of 2016. In September I lost my younger 2 children to CPS. My heart was in pieces, my world was shattered, and I knew something had to change. I was miserable in my own skin and with my life. As I look back now, I know that God was doing for me what I couldn't do for myself, not in 25 years. I made the call to Son Shine and got on the waiting list. I entered the program on October 17, 2016. I have grown so much as a person and God has blessed me beyond belief. I can see the many times and ways that God spared me with His unfailing love, grace, and mercy over all these years when I could've been in prison or dead. I know now that God loves me and wasn't done with me yet. That is why Romans 8:28 is one of my favorite verses because I know now that He will use all my past for good in my future if I love Him and follow His will for my life. I got my younger 2 boys back in January and they live with me at Son Shine. I am mending the relationship with my oldest son and the rest of my family. They have stuck beside me through all my ups and downs. I couldn't be more grateful and thankful for my family and that they never gave up on me. More importantly, God never gave up on me. He has brought me to this place in my life of peace and joy, which I thought was not possible. But, nothing is impossible with God. I have grown in my relationship with God and Jesus and have been able to teach my children about Him as well. We pray together as a family and go to church regularly. I graduated Son Shine Lighthouse in October 2017 and am forever grateful to this program. They brought back everything I was taught at a young age about God and showed me how to live again without alcohol and drugs. It has been a hard road but well worth it in the end. The people, the churches, the volunteers, and the staff are truly special people and will always hold a very special place in my heart. The classes have helped me in numerous ways. I am now able to deal with life on life's terms and able to lean on God instead of my own understanding. I have gone back to school to be a surgical tech and am currently enrolled in Kilgore College for my second semester. Last semester I finished with all A's. I am so happy and can't wait to see what God has in store for me and my family in the future.



Holidays at the Lighthouse



Son Shine ladies and their children were blessed many times over during the Christmas holidays. From the Angel Tree at Rose Heights to gift cards from FUMC Overton, Chad's Christmas and Ebenezer Baptist Church. They received parties by Dusmadre Motorcycle Club, DLife Bible study, gift bags from Bar None , and many other area churches and organizations. Thank you all for your generosity.

God's Provision



St Paul's UMC of Tyler invited our ladies to pick gifts for their children.



Supplies from FBC Henderson Sunday School classes #7, 8 provided much needed cleaning supplies.



Anonymous donors provided Son Shine with a new upright freezer and 2 washers. We are very grateful.



Special Thanks



CWJC of Rusk County



How Can You Help?

- Prayer for our staff, residents, and board of directors
- **Volunteers to Transport**
- Backup generators for freezer/fridge and computers
- Goal 50 Churches giving \$200 and 300 families giving \$50 monthly
- Adopt a room
- Painting inside and out
- Volunteer with trailer to haul off items to Goodwill/dump
- Gas powered weed eater