

#### January 2017 Issue



# 5 RESIDENTS GRADUATED 11-5-16





Brittany



Alandra and Lacey

### How Can You Help?

- → Prayer for our staff, residents, and board of directors
- → Volunteers: transportation, and more
- → Dining Room Flooring
- → Goal 50 Churches giving \$200 and 100 families giving \$30
- → One-on-one mentors
- $\rightarrow$  groceries
- → Exterior drain and dirt work
- → Plumbing
- $\rightarrow$  Interior painting

These ladies received their certificates of completion at a ceremony held at London Baptist Church with friends and family in attendance.

We are Proud of these Ladies!



Whitney, Brittany, Valerie and Lacey



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**Testimonies at Bar None** 

11-15-16

## The Son Shine Lighthouse was Truly Blessed at Christmas!











Best Wishes in 2017









Thank you to One Heart Women's Ministry - Bar None Cowboy Church, Potters Hands - FBC Henderson, West Rusk Alumni, Chad's Christmas Cheer, Highland Park Church– Kilgore, Kelly Howard, St. Paul's UMC and everyone else that so graciously contributed to our Christmas.



Megan



Chelsey



Brittany with Lynda Haughton



Valerie

On November 15th Rhonda and Ginger graduated from CWJC at Eastside Baptist Church. We are so proud of these ladies!







Jo prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up... Ephesians 4:12

#### **THANK YOU:**

FUMC New London (top R), Mobberly Baptist-Jerusalem Project (L) and West Rusk 2nd Grade Student Council (bottom R) for your acts of service.

### **FUNDRAISING**







T.J. and Laverne Plunkett Foundation

#### **CWJC of Rusk County**











The Main Event Wrestling



Erica and her Family



Stefani and her Family





Renaissance Holiday Gift Fair

### FAMILY REUNIONS



Valerie and her Son



Ginger and her Family



Chelsey and her Family





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**My name is Brittany Prince.** At the age of 13 I began to experiment with drugs. I quickly became addicted and over the next 15 years lived in bondage and darkness. My children were born and though I desired to change, I honestly did not know how to stop the destructive cycle that had begun in my life at such an early age. I raised my children in my own broken home, fueled by addiction, poor choices and abusive relationships.

We came to Son Shine September 28, 2015 looking for hope and something different. My little family was fragile and completely broken in every way possible. This program was very intense and my children deserve recognition because they were with me every step of the way. It was not easy and there were times I didn't think I'd make it. Times I wanted to quit. When I came to Son Shine I knew very little about God, but just a glimpse of Him instilled a desire in me to persevere. Once I surrendered completely to God's will for my life, He began to reveal Himself to me in so many ways. The transformation I so desperately desired began to take place, not only in myself but in my children as well.

Today I have the knowledge of how to parent my children in a healthy way and how to be a godly woman and mother. The kind of mother my children deserve and a role model they can look up to. Though, once hopeless, we are now confident and our bond is stronger than ever and I owe it all to Son Shine Lighthouse Ministries. Both of my girls and I have been baptized while we've been here and my son is well on his way to being ready. As a family, we serve the Lord.

I have gained the tools to live a life that is pleasing to God and will continue in my recovery as well as my personal relationship with God as I move forward into this next phase of my life. The Lord continues to open doors and bless me and my family. My next transition will be to have my own apartment through an amazing program called Hope Ministries. They have already helped me get a car and I will begin college courses to be a paramedic on January 17, 2017.

I am very excited and look forward to being in my own place soon. I am so thankful for the support and encouragement of my family. They never lost faith in me or my ability to complete this program. I truly thank God for this entire experience. I have formed a bond of friendship with the ladies of Son Shine that will last long beyond our days here. I am so very proud to call them my sisters in Christ. I praise God for this program and I will forever cherish my time at Son Shine Lighthouse. It completely changed my life.



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