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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are so blessed to bring to you the good news happening at New Beginnings-Big Country this season. So many wonderful blessings and opportunities have come since our last newsletter. We are always so grateful and humbled by our supporters that take the time to read what's happening in the lives of our ladies, and what God is doing in each of their lives.

One of our ladies had been involved in the drug life for about twenty years before coming to New Beginnings. She had a relationship with the Lord already but had slipped off from Him. Upon her arrival to New Beginnings, she hit the ground running and went to work with a new knowledge that God had never left her and was just waiting for His chance to shine in her life again. In September, facing a fifteen year sentence, she went to court. God not only showed up, so did all of His angels. The judge heard her testimony and released her to my custody, on probation!!! The judge said he had never released ANYONE to an individual before. I am so honored. He also said he is very impressed with New Beginnings and what we are doing here. Now the best part about all this is that the victims of her crime were also in the court room. They had been praying for our girl the whole time she was incarcerated that the Lord would intervene in her life in a mighty way, and they forgave her debts in court after hearing her testimony!! Praise you Jesus!! Then they took a pamphlet from New Beginnings because they wanted to know more. Now that is a testimony of God's grace and mercy!!

Another of our ladies that has been with us for some time, had been without teeth for six years. She was embarrassed and always covered her mouth when she attempted to smile. Through Missions of Mercy, that came to Abilene to hold a dental mission, she was introduced to a wonderful Christian dentist! He fitted her with a new smile! She received dentures at no cost to her or to New Beginnings and is smiling now for the first time in six years!! Thank you Jesus! During the same dental mission, another one of our ladies was also able to have all of her top teeth pulled, as they were infected, some due to prior drug use. Her testimony of being clean now for two years and being a leader at New Beginnings moved on the dentist heart and he also prepared her jaw and mouth for dentures in the same visit. Again, the same dentist has now offered to offer this lady with top dentures on a payment plan she could have never afforded otherwise. We are so blessed!

Just a few days ago, another one of our ladies was dismissed from probation. A year and a half early!! She never even had to go in front of the judge. The attorney who had gotten her out of jail almost two years ago and placed onto probation had made her a promise. His promise to her was that if she stayed clean and sober and lived

the good life, that he would do everything in his power to get her an early release and to have the felony conviction set aside. The attorney did EXACTLY what he had promised because this lady keeps up her end of the promise! Amazing!! She is now off probation, can visit her daughter anytime. Her daughter will visit her for the first time unsupervised at the apartments, our third phase of New Beginnings. Very exciting!!

We recently went to look at a building for our business we are planning on opening to provide ladies with job opportunities, and to allow the public to get a better look into the miracles happening at New Beginnings. The building we looked at would be perfect for what we are looking for. However, this is a purchase only building. So, we are asking for prayer on this matter as we need the finances to be able to start this endeavor that God has placed in our hearts. We thank you for your prayers in all situations. We also want to assure you that the book is truly coming soon. It shouldn't take as long because we are using a local publisher, but we are in the final stages. God is really moving!!

Our closest upcoming event is that we are planning a dinner. We realize the need for more exposure to the public as well as the civil servants, judges, parole, probation, and even the attorneys!! We really feel like the luncheon we hold serves an awesome purpose but we want something a little more professional in the dinner. We hope to catch the attention of the people we are missing with a luncheon that moves very rapidly. We want to have a silent auction, a guest speaker, and for the ladies to really be dressed for success!! Our tentative date is December 5th, 2013. As always, dates are subject to change, and we will keep you updated as our plans progress.

We have several new ladies at New Beginnings-Big Country that are already feeling the presence of the Lord!!! Please keep us in your prayers, they are appreciated so much. We also have two more ladies heading to the apartments! We are just overwhelmed by what God has done and continues to do at New Beginnings and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your support.

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