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Dear Friends,

Welcome to summer's end. A few days ago I heard a woman express how much she hated summer. I myself am not fond of winter but love the warm weather. As people, we will have different opinions about such things. Many times I remind myself that like it or not, where I live, we have four distinct seasons. Each with its purpose and need. Each with its time and cause for celebration.

Seasons in our life are no different. Though not all seasons are welcomed in our lives, all have their purpose and in the end bring cause for celebration. They bring growth, hardship, abundance, loss, joy, sorrow and many life lessons. It is in these seasons that we come to the place of knowing who we are and are challenged as to what we can become.

Sometimes I find myself discouraged because of a season. I forget that although God doesn't hurt us, that He may allow something to help improve us. If only I would pass those tests and not waste so much of my time being annoyed. If only I could remember in the midst of it all that like all seasons they come to an end and do not last forever. If only I would stay focused on the God outcome and not mine.

The women that come to us have reached different seasons in their lives too. It is not always easy to let go of resentment and focus on the good God is doing. Often one

will become critical of another around them. After all, isn't it much easier for all of us to be on the outside of someone's despair than be in it? How do we bear this season, we sometimes ask. The answer is not easy. The Spirit of God is the only one that can help us do so. Oh that we as the body of Christ could always help bear one another's burdens of their seasons.

Your prayers and partnerships truly help our students make changes and learn to appreciate God's desires for their lives. Your volunteer work, kind words and compassion make a spring board for those going through a tough season. Every time a volunteer teaches a class, or a need is met through the supply closet (full of your donations), when a pair of shoes are bought or food is on the table, the students are encouraged because someone cared about their season. We often ask for "I Spy's" throughout the day. (For those of you who don't know, an I Spy is noticing God doing something in your life.) Each time we remind them of how God has provided their needs through others who are obedient to Him. Provision for the season. What a lovely plan God has.

Let me thank you in advance for reading this newsletter and remembering us as we work through our seasons. If you have prayer requests, please send them. May God give you increase and abundance in this season.
In Him, Fran



We welcome you to attend a class that is beginning here September 9, 2016, at 10:00 AM. The presenter is Brandy and it is sponsored through OHAI (Oklahoma Healthy Aging Initiative). It is for all ages. The first class will be "Healthy Brain, Healthy Mind". The class will help you to understand the many ways you can maintain or help someone maintain a healthy brain. Those who attend will learn more than a dozen ways to improve physical and mental health. Later, other classes will address healthy choices, medication, diabetes, resources for enhancing Alzheimer's caregiver health and the most popular is the Tai Chi class. It is free and open to the public. We would love to have you. For questions, call Bobbi at 580-852-3356.

From our Director of Services -

Hello! Summer is winding down and with school resuming so do most schedules, including ours. I am presently working on the fall program to include classes, activities, studies, and events for our women. In **1 Peter 4:11** it says: **Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.** We are called to love one another and one way of doing this is by helping others. Many of you have talents, experiences, and gifts that God has blessed you with. I am searching for those that want to pass those blessings on to our students. It is rewarding to watch our women make changes in their lives and enjoy the fellowship of new mentors. You can help them develop their lives into what they use to only dream about. You can volunteer as a group or as an individual. My vision is for each here is to have an abundance of experiences on a daily basis. It is a goal that I need assistance with. If God is encouraging you to share your talents/gifts with our students, please call me at 580-852-3356. Bobbi Parker

I surrender to my God. My name is E Wright and my journey is to keep God only in my site. I'm no longer trying to battle, argue or fuss and fight. EW now only lives for what is right. And know that I am able to acknowledge my God not only in morning but also at night. The treacherous life I dealt to myself has only got me where God's people help. I no longer need drugs, or violence.

Though in my way I now live sober, loving God every day. And thanks to Gettin' Home, they have showed me the way. With God and their help I'll never go astray. But I'll live for my God every day. Being rejected, raped as a child, depraved and neglected doesn't mean to give up. So whomever reads my poem, let me sum it up. It is much easier to deal with my problems because God never gave me up. My God

only made me stronger and tough. So please read my poem whenever it is sunny or storms. No matter what the situation may be, God with the Gettin' Home has set me free. My God says come to Him. All who seek will see.
From a new student:
Hi! I'm Lisa. I'm 45 years old. I've had a lot of ups and downs in my life that has brought me here to Gettin' Home. I've been here for 2 weeks & I'm learning how to

grow with God and finding myself again with a clean and sober environment. I'm looking forward to graduating in a year and starting a new clean and sober life with my kids and family and keep growing in God.
Another student writes:
Hi! My name is Sandie. I am 32 years old. I have only 4 months left in the program. It's been a long journey but with help of God I have been able to push on and keep going. I am ready to get started on my new life in four months clean and sober and growing in God still. Thank you.

Gettin' Thrifty is opening in October. Located on our East wing, this thrift store will be used for job skill training and to help with the ongoing costs of our program. We still need men's and children's clothing to provide for our shoppers. The opening date and store hours will be announced.

Attention Readers... In case you didn't know, we have a great library available at Gettin' Home. We loan books to the public. Please call if you would like to visit the library and borrow a book. 580-852-3356

Help Needed---Please see the article and enclosures for areas that you may volunteer to help us accomplish this great task in providing ministry with excellence at Gettin' Home. Areas not mentioned elsewhere is the installation of an frost free hydrant. Changing a ditch grade so we can mow it, Johnson grass sprayed and dead hedge tree removal.

Board Members

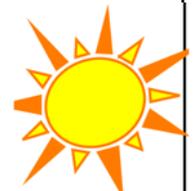
- Rev Fran Bruce, Cherokee, OK
- Rev Max Ridgway, Alva, OK
- Mary Alice McLeod, Wichita Falls, TX
- Tonya Kennedy, Enid, OK
- Rachelle Pohlman, Wichita, KS

Wanted

5' T posts, X 60
Corner posts X 12
Drive in gates X 3
Walk in gates 4' X 2
Fence Panels 4-5' X 12
This will provide fencing for our patio area and garden.

Prayer Requests

- Pliable Hearts
- Students
- Volunteers
- Utilities
- Salaries
- Favor



Volunteers are vital to our program. Listed below are some of our needs.

Spiritual – bible studies, Christian movie night, a once a month Christian book club meeting, and for those who have been on mission trips to come and share pictures and experiences.

Recreational – Cook out night, game night, karaoke, bowling, church concerts and special speakers, etc.

How-to-classes -- How to can food, cake decorate, decorate for the upcoming holidays, fix meals on a budget, organize, prioritize, set up a budget, dress for success, make quilts, etc.

Classes – Computer, GED, simple home maintenance, creating your own business, turning a hobby into a career, etc.

It seems as if all we do is ask you for favors, money to meet budget, merchandise, time and prayer. It has been one of the hardest parts of this endeavor. Not for God but, for me. I know that people tug all day long at our hearts to help. God reminded me that He meets all our needs. And that many times He will use people we least expect to do so. If we don't let the need known, someone may not get to give of the talent God has given them. This giving blesses the giver many times over. So today I ask, please help us. And if there is a need we can supply, please let us know as well.

You may call, write, email us at:

Gettin' Home, PO Box 175, Helena, OK 73741 Office 580-852-3356 or Fran's cell 316-519-8946

Our physical address is 215 W Third, Helena, OK

We Love Volunteers! Over 15,151 hours volunteered since we opened.

Volunteer Needs: Electrical, plumbing, carpenter, painting, tree trimming and tree removal. We also have needs for car repair and general maintenance. Volunteers are needed to help transport women to work, teach, supervise students and bookkeeping. If you would like to volunteer at least two hours once a month or more, please contact us for an application. Contact Bobbi Parker 580-852-3356

Relief Housemothers Wanted– If you have felt God tugging at your heart to mentor women, then please consider this need at Gettin' Home. Volunteer relief housemothers are needed to cover the evening, night and morning shifts. You may volunteer as often as you like. You can choose one day or more through the week or a weekend. Training is available. We have openings for 16, 24, 48, 72 hour or more shifts. The housemother sleeps at night unless there is an emergency. She may be responsible to drive a student to or from work. All meals are provided and cooked for you. You have your own bedroom and 1/2 bath. Shifts vary but often begin at 4pm and end when an employee or volunteer returns to relieve you. This is a desperate need and could become a paid position at a later time.

Matthew 5:16 The Message (MSG)

¹⁴⁻¹⁶ **"Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.**

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Items Needed Regularly

Postage Stamps	Liquid laundry soap	Liquid hand soap
Journals	Tall 13 gal trash bags with pull ties	Duracell batteries (esp. 9V & AA)
Coffee	Lawn & leaf bags	Cornstarch baby powder
Coffee creamer	Napkins	Tampons all sizes
Meat –Fresh, frozen, canned	Freezer & Storage bags– all sizes	3 Ring Binders
Canned Fruit & Vegetables	Press & seal wrap	Coconut Oil
Paper towels	Parchment paper	
Kleenex brand Kleenex	Paper plates	Revised list 08/01/2016

Wednesday's with Jesus!

Every Wednesday at 12:30

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For more Information:

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You are invited to study with us every Wednesday at 12:30 PM. Bring your Bible and an appetite for the Word of God.