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## Thanksgiving at a treatment center

*Dr. R.W. Bolois, executive director*



*Dr. Bolois*

and sons to their parents. Thanksgiving brings emotional meaning to those goals.

At the New Destiny Treatment Center we speak frequently of our desire to return husbands to their wives, fathers to their children

I overheard four of our clients discussing what it would be like to have Thanksgiving at home in a right state of mind. One said, "I'd like to have one more chance to prove I'm normal by eating Thanksgiving dinner at home without getting drunk or high and not ending up destroying every other family member's holiday."

I let the men know they can fulfill their wish. To start, they can demonstrate the changes in their lives to their families by inviting

them to NDTC for Thanksgiving.

Many men fighting to overcome addiction want to feel a part of their families during holidays. This is when they have their worst struggles. These men bear great guilt because they know they are to blame for Thanksgiving tables where their wives and children sit without them. Many of them become depressed and isolate themselves from others. Their past catches up to them, a weight

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## "Dads Still Care" project asks for help with Christmas gifts for children

The New Destiny Treatment Center (NDTC) - which returns husbands to their wives, fathers to their children and sons to their parents - seeks help for its Dads Still Care project to provide the children of clients with Christmas gifts.

NDTC asks for contributions to Dads Still Care from people who want to help children enjoy a brighter Christmas.

"The men who are changing their lives through treatment at our

center are trading bad choices for good ones, but while they do so these husbands and fathers must be here and not at home," said Dr. R.W. Bolois, NDTC executive director. "They are overcoming their addictions to alcohol and drugs. That's a good thing, but it means that they cannot provide their children with Christmas gifts."

The NDTC offers a nine-month, faith-based residential drug and alcohol treatment program for men.

Lester Rowan, NDTC assistant



*Client Andy Brown prepares donated Christmas gifts for his children to be distributed at a party Dec. 17.*

*See "Dads Still Care," page 2*

## Thankfulness for faithful friends

*Rev. Lester Rowan, assistant director*



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As Thanksgiving approaches I think about the things for which I am grateful. God has blessed me. Like many of you, I am truly grateful for my health, my family and the many blessings we often take for granted.

Among the long list of items here at New Destiny Treatment Center for which I am thankful, I especially thank God for the faithful pastors and churches that support New Destiny Treatment Center.

During the past several months we have brought the message of this ministry to churches in Pennsylvania, Indiana, and West Virginia as well as Ohio. In every case these pastors and churches have welcomed us with open arms. This is a privilege we cherish.

It is always a blessing and a thrill to share the good news about New Destiny Treatment Center. We describe the NDTC ministry, clients relate their personal stories of deliverance from the bondage of addiction, and we share special music. We always receive a warm reception from each congregation and from people who have a heartfelt interest in helping men and families through our ministry.

We visit some churches that are brand new acquaintances for us, and we see some “old

friends,” too. All express their compassion and interest by promising to remember us in their prayers and to support us financially. In every service the Spirit of God is present in a special way.

I thank God for the pastors and churches that invite us to come and share the message about New Destiny Treatment Center. Many of these churches choose to support NDTC each month in order to help us keep doing the work God has called us to do. For this all of us at NDTC are truly grateful.

Please contact us at 330-825-5202 to have a program in your church presented by the New Destiny Treatment Center. We are happy to come and share the good news and joy of God’s transforming grace that is changing lives today. God bless each of you.

## A note of appreciation

*Melinda Holsopple, Director of Development*

I have an awesome job here at New Destiny Treatment Center. I have the honor and privilege of seeing God work through the generous donations of faithful individuals, families, churches and businesses. Each day I witness selfless, sacrificial giving as donations along with cards and notes come to our mailbox.

All of us are moved by the notes that come with the gifts. A note from a lady says, “This is all I can spare, thanks for all you

do!” We get messages on memo lines of checks that proclaim, “God is good!”

Please know that we at New Destiny greatly appreciate all of our donors. We could not do the center’s work without you. We also know that everyone cannot respond to every request. Some of our donors like reminders by letter. Some give once each year at Christmas, others give monthly.

We have no way of knowing when each

donor prefers to give; therefore, several opportunities are made available each year. The choice is yours.

Mailings will be sent to offer donors giving opportunities in November and December. It is my hope that you will prayerfully consider making a gift. However, please do not feel pressured to do so.

You are appreciated. Continue to lift New Destiny up in prayer. Thank you.

## Dads Still Care (continued from page 1)

director, said each gift brings great joy to children who are struggling with separation from their fathers.

“It’s a heart-warmer, no doubt about it,” Rowan said. “Children have something to look forward to, and they appreciate it so much.” NDTC accepts financial contributions – which are tax-



deductible – and buys presents for the children of clients. “Treatment at NDTC will enable our clients to provide for their families by becoming productive, contributing members of society,” Bolois said. “Of course, while they are with us, they can’t do for their children what other parents can do.”

“We ask that anyone who would like to bring great joy to children who need it badly to please contribute to Dads Still Care,” Bolois said. “Every cent is used for gifts for children who will benefit from this expression of love and compassion.”

To contribute to Dads Still Care, include your gift with the donation slip on page 3, or call 330-825-5202.

# “I can do all things through Him who gives me strength!”

*Client testimony by Adam Hess*



*Client Adam Hess enjoys a game of horseshoes on the NDTC grounds.*

I started my life of addiction at the age of 14, with marijuana and alcohol. I was active in my church youth group but was never there for the right reasons. Three friends and I would even go to youth group high, then leave early so we could get high again.

At age 20 I got my first DUI. My second followed three years later. I realized I had a problem with alcohol, so I quit drinking. However, I substituted a drug I had been experimenting with for years – OxyContin.

My OxyContin habit became an everyday thing. To get money to buy the drug I would steal from anyone and everyone I could think of, especially my family, until they got fed up and bought a safe.

I had to get high; I would ride my bike around town stealing women’s purses out of cars. My mom found one of them and just happened to know the lady who owned it.

I turned myself in and was put in jail for seven counts of credit card theft. I spent three months in the county jail before coming to New Destiny Treatment Center. When I first arrived I was leery of whether enrolling in the treatment program was what I should do. I opened my Bible to the back and looked up “drugs.” I had always told myself

that I wouldn’t go to hell for using drugs because it never says so in the Bible.

My study Bible led me to Galatians 5:20. It mentions, “do not practice demonic behaviors.” I then read the study part and found out that the term demonic behaviors comes from the Greek noun “pharmakeia,” from which we get the word pharmacy. That hit home. It was the answer I was looking for. I got on my knees and talked to the Lord for the first time in a long time. I surrendered it all to him, and promised to keep Him first in all I do.

Since putting God first and being at NDTC, my life has been one blessing after another. I regained my family and learned what true friends are. I now have a sense of responsibility and discipline. I have changed everything in nine months – mind, body, and spirit. I even quit smoking.

I thank the Lord every day for giving me His mercy. If it wasn’t for Him, I would be dead. He will always be there for me no matter what. We have an amazing and awesome God.

With my time completed at NDTC,

I understand why God brought me here. I can do all things through Him who gives me strength. I look forward to my spiritual walk with the Lord and plan to meet Him in heaven someday. It truly is better than any high I’ve ever gotten from drugs and alcohol. Thank you, New Destiny, for being a vessel of God’s work.

## New Massillon thrift store grand opening



NDTC celebrated another milestone Sept. 22 with the grand opening of the New Destinations Thrift Store in Massillon, Ohio.

Local elected officials and clergy joined NDTC board members and staff to officially welcome the store to Massillon.

Located at 1525 Amherst Rd. in the Amherst Park Shopping Plaza, the new store features the sale of gently used clothing, household goods, toys, books and furniture. All proceeds benefit the ministry of NDTC.

Volunteers are needed. Please call 330-832-9365 for more information.

### **Yes, I want to help return husbands to their wives, fathers to their children, and sons to their parents.**

I am enclosing \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as a:  900 Club Member (\$100 per month) beginning the month of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_.

(If partnering with a friend, please include full name and address of partner for tracking purposes.)

Monthly gift (other than 900 Club)  Annual gift  One-time gift  Dads Still Care (see page 1)

In memory of:  In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer to donate by credit card:  Visa  MasterCard

Gift amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Signature (required): \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I am unable to contribute at this time, but I want to be a prayer partner for the New Destiny Treatment Center. Please continue sending the *Destiny* newsletter.

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which becomes heavier because they are away from their loved ones.

How many times have you felt the awful ache of overwhelming homesickness? When your work took you away from home over the holidays, have you sat in a motel room lamenting that you were not home enjoying the spirit and laughter surrounding this special occasion?

But you knew you would be home in a few days. Our clients at NDTC must be away from home for nine months. It's necessary and it changes their lives. But it's hard.

Men caught in addiction never intended to wake up some morning and declare that they were going to be an alcoholic or drug addict. Sin took hold of their lives and changed them. To satisfy their own desires, they forgot about everyone else – including their families.

Not one of us can pat himself on the back and say, "Thank God I've never been like that." We are all sinners. Who knows where we could have ended up if it had not been for the blood of Jesus Christ? I tell our clients, "All saints have a past, and all sinners have a future." With Christ, we take a new step in life that changes our direction, goals, and lifestyles.

We make sure that our clients have Thanksgiving dinner with their families. There are wonderful people who dedicate themselves to preparing and serving the meal. I don't want to find one man in the corner alone, or shut up in his room. It's a joy to see them and their families gathered around the table and sharing warmth and love. Tears flow, laughter rings in the air, and hugs and kisses are exchanged.

Something happens that most of them thought was impossible: to feel love again,

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and to give it in return.

It's not home, but we try to make it as much like home as possible. Fathers with their children, husbands with their wives and sons with their parents around a turkey-laden table creates a sense of home. The men get an opportunity to see their wish come true. The cross of Jesus Christ makes this possible. He is to be praised for what He does in changing lives and fulfilling dreams.

Mailing list changes: Requests for change of address or removal from mailing list should be sent to Melinda Holsopple at (330) 825-5202 (ext. 120) or [gholsopple@aol.com](mailto:gholsopple@aol.com). Please remember it often takes at least one month for changes to take effect.

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