

Merry Christmas

NEW LIFE
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Because of you...

Twenty-eight years later, lives are *STILL* being changed.

Two years ago...

"Hi, my name is Meagan and I am 20 years old. I was raised in a Christian home, the youngest of three children. I have always known about God, but I haven't always followed Him. As a child, I was abused for many years, keeping these secrets from my family. Everything I thought I knew about God became questionable, I wondered why He would allow me to go through this alone.

When the abuse ended, I had hit a state of depression and I became very self-destructive. My grades dropped in school and I became a very shy and reserved person. I never told anyone about the abuse and I kept my destructive behavior hidden as best I could. I still attended church with my family, but God was a very distant figure in my life. My faith seemed to be running out. I reached a point where I wondered if He had ever even existed. I began to spiral further downwards. I believed that I was to blame for what happened, and eventually I began to act on my suicidal thoughts.

I spent many months in and out of the hospital and my habits became a daily obsession that I struggled to live without. Here my parents were introduced to my self-destructive behaviour, but I still refused to tell anyone about the abuse. It wasn't until June of 2014 that I heard about New Life.

I agreed to go for my parents and began to open up about my childhood. I entered the program on September 23rd, 2014. It was there I met the first people I felt comfortable sharing my past with, and I grew to love them dearly. God was with me through it all."

One Year Later...

"Looking back on my time at New Life, I can see just how much my life has been restored. From the dark place I came from, to the light that I've found, nothing about me is as it was. I found God in a way I previously never had. And now I live with a sense of peace as I continue to pursue the plan He has for me.

The newest chapter in my life has led me to Quadra Island, British Columbia, to aid in leading an equine ministry as the Wrangler at a Christian camp. For me, this job has been a blessing and a dream - I know I would not be living it out had I not taken the time to change my life, if others had not taken the time to aid in that change as well.

I am healthy and happy, and I'm well supported by friends and family. I didn't always see God's hand upon me, but looking back, I know He was there. I am thankful for my time at NLGH and now I look forward to what the future holds. - Meagan



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