



*During our 25th anniversary year this column will at times be written by those young women whose lives have been impacted by New Life Girls' Home over the years. This month's column is by Lisa Peeling.*

Where do you start and how do you sum up a life????? Even to put what God has done in my life into a story, words seem empty. To try to express to you the inner change seems hopeless. So here is my attempt. I will be forever grateful to The Lord and to the people who have impacted my life in my season at New Life Girls' Home; and also to my mom who I know warred on her knees daily for my soul. Oh the power of a praying mom!

The staff may have changed over the years, but one thing I know is that my God and my Father never changes nor does He waver. God gave me New Life Girls' Home as a place of refuge. Little did I know how much I did and would need a refuge. I came to the home angry, depressed, addicted and always left wanting. The way I left was changed. I left knowing who I am and Whose I am. Instead of left wanting more of what the world could do for me, I left with an unquenchable hunger and thirst for The Lord. I had a desire to serve Him in any capacity that I could and in any way that He so chose to use me. Before the Girls' Home I lived with no purpose. But God redeemed my life from the pit and is continually renewing me and filling my life with purpose and meaning. He has given me a renewed sense of hope. To share all the details of my life we would need a longer newsletter as I'm sure other girls like me would concur. I graduated New Life in December of 1997 and my life has been a constant climb to know Him better each day. Those thirteen months gave me a safe place to be loved and to heal. Foundations were laid so when the strong winds blew again I knew Who was holding me. "Whom shall I fear - I will not be moved." Not of my own strength but through Christ Who lives in me, my Hope.

This September marks my thirteenth year married to the love of my life, John! We have four beautiful children, who through their childlikeness are such incredible examples of the kingdom of God. I know we are the parents but they teach us so much every day! Matthew 18:1-5. John and I both serve in music ministry together in different capacities and are honoured to serve The Lord. I am confident in this- His love never fails. He remains good and faithful in every circumstance, good and bad. My life since the Girls' Home has been by no means a smooth ride and that would be another story in itself. But it was my foundation in Christ that has carried me through my seasons of pain and blessings. New Life has and will always hold a tender place in my heart. May this ministry go on for years to come being a part of our Father's business in changing lives - lives like mine.

**NEW LIFE GIRLS HOME  
CELEBRATING 25 YEARS  
1988-2013**

**September 28** – Gala Dinner @  
Quinte Christian High School  
6-10pm Cost: \$50.00pp (\$35.00 Tax Rec)  
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**September 29** – Open House &  
Worship and Sharing time.  
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*\*July and August in the summer, are often soft months in giving. Will you ask the Lord to lead you in sending a donation to New Life Girls Home this month? When you donate, you will play a vital role in supporting this ministry. When you support New Life Girls' Home, you help bridge the gap between hopelessness and heaven. Please let us know you're standing with us by sending your gift today.\**

**Please Pray**

For our current students:

*Kirissa, Darya, Angela, Angelica and Tricia. Kirissa and Darya will be graduating in August. Also please pray for the new students who will be entering the Home in the coming weeks.*