

## Convicted By Christ

## Newsletter

Greetings, Convicted By Christ is highly favored and blessed by your generous donations. We thank you for your support which is helping numerous men find hope and encouragement to be better men in their families and community.

First, we want to encourage you to visit our Convicted By Christ website at <u>convictedbychrist.org</u>. We have

done some updates and personalized the website with beautiful photos highlighting our ministry.

In the media



section, you will find KSJE-FM in Farmington, NM recognizing Convicted By Christ's community work.

Lastly, we have reignited our social media campaign on Facebook to reach more people in our community and stay in touch with others who have an interest or are a part of Convicted By Christ.



These past months we have been able to highlight our support group with Cottonwood Clinical Services, a susbtance abuse counseling agency in Farmington, NM. A few group members had the honor of sharing their testimonies with clients from Cottonwood. As Convicted By Christ grows, men from CBC are showing the local

community how vital these men are and the influence they carry with other men who are troubled with addictions, mental health concerns, and incarceration.



For this issue, we are pleased to highlight Preston, a 2022 San Juan College graduate. Preston has got his Associate in **Applied** Science Welding. Preston has stayed connected through the years of his recovery process. We first met him when he was a part of Christ Brethren In Overcomers program.

Since he completed the program there, he has stayed connected and was able to take college courses. Preston is a U.S. Marine Veteran who is challenged by PTSD, so being in an outdoor plaza during his graduation with about a 1,000 people was extremely nerve-racking. Preston credits Alcoholic Anonymous (AA) for starting his path to recovery. He also recognizes the important roles the Brethren In Christ Overcomer's program and Convicted By Christ have played in inspiring him to take big leaps of faith. Preston expressed he intends on going back to college to get another degree in Building Trades Technology. God has placed a mission on Preston's heart and he expresses a desire to give back to his community.

## SPARKS CHILDREN MINISTRY

SPARKS Children Ministry is a small group of children from the parents who attend Convicted By Christ and Isaiah Ladies support groups. Often times children go unnoticed in the recovery process.



Therefore, Rochelle, wife of Brian Myers, began sowing into the children through fun craft activities that are Biblical related. In the picture above, Rochelle, is showing SPARKS children how to plant seeds for Mother's day gifts. Amongst these activities, children are also treated to healthy snacks and sometimes pizza. Rochelle encourages healthy behavior patterns with the children at SPARKS.

## BYRON'S HOUSE OF HOPE

Since moving into our new building there have been numeorous challenges that have allowed us to experience God's grace and mercy. We are also praising God for the generous support from our donors. Having a building of our own has greatly increase our spending in the areas of making repairs, acquring essential items, and making updates to the building.



Late December we were excited to have new flooring and cabinets installed in the kitchen area. However, as problems happen, we had a back up from the kitchen sink which soaked the new floor and bottom of the cabinets.

As plumbing experts mobilized, we watched all the hardwork put in by our volunteers get torn back up. The end result was having to replace the old cast iron sewer line and having to get the floor redone again!





Trinity, was hired on as Byron's House of Hope Assistant Director back in October of 2021. Trinity holds a Bachelor of Social Work degree and is

pursuing his Master in Social Work degree with New Mexico Highlands University. He is currently an entry level substance abuse counselor awaiting his independent licensure. Trinity is helping restructure programming at BHH bringing his education and experience to make our program better. So far, he teaches Biblical and Secular lifeskills and basic relapse prevention classes to the men of the program for the first two months.



Since the year began, Byron's House of Hope has been moving at God's speed. We are blessed and excited to hire a new employee. Nate is from our local area in the Four Corners and has been attending Convicted By Christ since he was introduced by Brethren In Christ (BIC) Overcomers program. Nate is still involved and has heart to serve in Hope Redemption Ranch, a future vision from the BIC Overcomer's program. However, we saw an opportunity to pour in to Nate's life to help prepare him for his future calling.

Nate is currently pursuing his Associate's degree in Human Services with an emphasis on Substance Abuse. In the state of New Mexico, this degree allows one to apply for an entry level licensure, as a Licensed Substance Abuse Associate (LSAA) to the substance abuse counseling field. We are excited to see Nate's motivation to make changes and honored to help him gain some experience as a Byron's House of Hope team member.

Please visit our website: www.convictedbychrist.org for more content and updates

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