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1. A GROUP TOOK MERCY TO THE BEACH 2. AN OFFERING FROM MY CATS 3. IBEM WORSHIP TEAM ON EASTER SUNDAY 4. A QUICK TRIP TO THE MOUNTAINS

I'm in the Workshop now as I write this letter. Looking around I see strong and capable women. Women that once faced unspeakable darkness. Every story is different, but every twisted and broken path led to a loving Father that rewrites stories, breaks chains, and turns ashes to beauty.

The past few months have entailed a painful termination of a woman that is so loved by our staff. She has been in and out of our program multiple times, but unable to get out of survival mode. Her addiction rules her life, yet rehab is not a step she's willing to take at this point. To not further enable her, we had to cut ties. If you or someone you know has suffered from addiction, you know it calls the shots. The person remains captive and imprisoned until the breaking point. For some, heartbreakingly, the breaking point is loss of life. For others, it's loss of quality of life, loss of family and friends, loss of a job, loss of a home, etc.

Again, each story is different, but the reality of submission and surrender to an all-knowing and all-powerful Creator remains the only true key to transformation. For all of us.

While her story is saddening, we see other lives being made new.

In the past few months we've seen the baptism of one of our women's daughters, as well as our youngest resident of Paloma (Mercy's safe house). We've seen women who came here hardened by a cruel world, softened little by little. Women who were raised to fight and grapple for and with everything they have, learning to biblically resolve conflict. This may sound simple, but honestly, it's hard for a lot of us who have grown up in church and with the knowledge of confliction resolution, to actually do it.

In May I received certification as a Professional Life Coach, which is a huge praise! I'm not a great student, but thankfully God gave me enough brain power to get through the class and pass. He's equipping me to be more effective here, and to better walk through life with each woman.











5.TRANSLATING A TESTIMONY AT YOUTH GROUP
6. A MERCY WOMAN SHOWING HER SERVANT'S
HEART BY HAND-WASHING MY SHOES
7. A GROUP TAUGHT EMBROIDERY
8. MOTHER'S DAY OUTING

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