

# On Time Ministry

## August 2017

### *Cedar Mountain*

#### Full House!

Cedar Mountain is FULL! We have 6 wonderful ladies all working hard toward their recovery! Our newest resident is settling in and is already so loved by everyone in the house. On one of her first nights with us she even baked a cake for everyone!

“N” is still working hard at her two jobs while also making time to continue rebuilding her family relationships. We are so proud of her work ethic and willingness to learn how to juggle hectic work schedules and family time!

“Sh” and “K” are still dedicating a lot of time to their volunteer work and are doing well; while “S” is working hard during her tutoring sessions! “Sh” finally received the necessary documents to move forward with getting her driver’s license! She recently took the test and passed! She is

thrilled! This will give her more independence and responsibility in the house, and will move her closer to finding a job!

Last month, we celebrated the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of our house mother, Debbie Jones, with OTM. This month, we’re celebrating her birthday! On August 16<sup>th</sup>, the ladies of Cedar Mountain surprised her with a small birthday party. It was so touching to see not only how much it meant to Debbie, but also how much the girls at the house love her. It takes a truly special person to build such strong relationships filled with respect and trust; we are so blessed to have Debbie with us!

### *The Julia Kay Project*

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The first half of this month was dedicated to outreach in the Southwest! We stayed incredibly busy during our trip down to the El Paso/Juarez area. While on the road, we met a mother searching for her daughter that was in a bad situation. We took some time to try to locate her, but unfortunately were unable to make contact.

Then, during our stay in Texas, we met several individuals needing help getting into rehab; two mothers who were also able to return to their children from a rehab facility.

Most of our time was focused on the search for Ruby, a young lady we knew that was missing this Spring. Not long before our trip, we learned that it was confirmed that she was alive, but was trapped in a dire situation with a Romeo Pimp. We spent hours on the streets hoping to find her, but unfortunately weren’t able to on this trip. We ask for fervent prayers that Ruby will be able to get out of her situation soon and will return to Hogar de Gracia or another safe place to heal!

## Hogar de Gracia

### Reconnecting in August!

Early in August, Steve made a trip down to El Paso/Juarez. Much of his time was spent on outreach; looking for Ruby and helping many men and women who were in need of transport to rehab facilities.

He also enjoyed getting to spend time with Idelette and the girls of Hogar! They surprised him by inviting “S” to come and visit with her beautiful new baby.

Idelette and Steve also took time to discuss the current needs of Hogar; including a small construction project to add a roof over the back porch to protect against flooding. We also need to work on getting an additional van and paying more on the interest of the home. It was a wonderful and productive trip! ...



*Thank you to Sharry Lovan for organizing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Motorcycle Ride! The event took place on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> and was an extraordinary success! 36 bikes participated, raising over \$1,700 for OTM to use to help in the restoration of survivors of human trafficking! We ate some wonderful food and enjoyed some great music that evening as well. Our sincere gratitude goes out to all of those who helped make this event possible again this year!*

## Cornerstone

### Exciting Steps

“V” is continuing to do very well in Cornerstone! She is still working hard on her landscaping business and is thriving with her newfound independence.

She is also working towards an interest in continuing her involvement with OTM. She is consistently taking on more responsibility and is slowly stepping into a “mentor” role with some of the newer girls.

We want to stress that this has been a decision made solely by “V”. We are, of course, thrilled with her passion and love for OTM and the ladies of Cedar Mountain, but have never made a continuous relationship with the ministry (or sharing while visiting churches) a qualification for any of the ladies during their time with us.



## Incident on the Interstate

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We had a frightening experience during our trip back from El Paso! Our ministry car (we’ve named it Copper) was involved in a single vehicle accident on the interstate in southern Texas. During multiple spins, the vehicle traveled into the median and ended up sliding backwards into a concrete fixture. Despite Copper being totaled, the driver and passenger of the car both walked away with nothing more than some sore muscles. We are so thankful that the accident wasn’t worse, and that no other vehicles were involved! We know God was watching over us!

This accident has left us in a difficult position with our ministry vehicles. As many of you may be aware, we were saving towards the purchase of a new van for Cedar Mountain, as our current vehicle is extremely high mileage and unreliable. We also became aware, during our visit to Hogar de Gracia, that they are also in need of a new vehicle as theirs is very old and becoming broken down. The loss of our car, Copper, is the loss of the most reliable vehicle we had for outreach and long-distance travels.

We are so thankful for the seed donation that Blue Buck Church in Willow Springs blessed us with to go towards the cost of a new vehicle. We’re getting closer to being able to purchase one of the vehicles we need! We ask you to join with us in prayer and faithful thankfulness that God will provide the means to fill the rest of our transportation needs!