

HE IS RISEN!

We just celebrated Easter and we pray your resurrection Sunday was a joyful celebration. As you look at the cross we ask that you would consider TLC and what our mission is. In the old testament we read of David and Goliath and in some ways hope you can see that TLC is a David and the world is a Goliath. Does anyone have a chance against Goliath? Many, including maybe you and I, TLC residents, and other believers, as well as most in the story of didn't believe they had a chance. When you compare the picture of Goliath with his shield, breastplate, and sword with David's no armor or serious weapon it's hard to see that David had any chance. We believers are the David in the story and the world is the Goliath. As we think back to the cross and Jesus time on earth, what chance did he have? They mocked him, spit on him, cursed him, beat him, one man up against the entire nation and the world. Everyone thought He, Jesus, didn't have a chance. **Ends up, Jesus is the only chance.** As you consider what is next after this Easter season remember that Goliath lost because one young shepherd had the faith to obey God. Remember you and I are the David's. Join us in faith in defeating Goliath. Pastor Ricky

Summer - Mowing and getting the flowerbeds and yards ready has begun. The rain has started us off a bit slow. We have had many work projects from new supporters and are grateful for that. If you have yardwork, tree work, or other manual labor please

Contact Mark Byfield at 580 227-6059. Refer us to a friend.

TLC Interview with resident Jeremy Schweer

Gazette: What does TLC mean to you?

JS: What TLC means to me is that it gave me a new life, saved my life, and gave me a relationship with Jesus Christ and that's the most important thing. I am finally sober after 27 years and I have a family and a relationship with Christ that is never going anywhere. He has always been there, I just didn't know until I came to TLC.

Gazette: So Jeremy, what does a day look like for a student at TLC?

JS: We have class from 8:30-10:30 am with local volunteer pastors, mentors, and staff. We eat lunch and go to work projects at noon, cutting trees, mowing lawns, or whatever the needs of the community are and are happy for the projects and thankful for those who support us with those. TLC, in the aspect of being an addict and trying to be a man, we learn to be men, we get work ethic, we get a schedule down to where normal people have, if it wasn't for TLC most of us wouldn't know how to be men.

Gazette: From a student standpoint, how important do you feel work projects and donations are at TLC?

JS: Besides for our relationship with Christ, it is the most important thing because without them we and TLC wouldn't be here, TLC couldn't run without them.

Gazette: As a student what do you say personally to those people?

JS: I say thank you for saving my life.



Funding is still tight *Many newer supporters* have stepped up in incredible ways but funding is always topic of concern for non-profit ministries. There are always unexpected expenses but always an opportunity for God to show us His faithfulness. Many times the courts postpone regular fees required by residents in the TLC program but we often join our residents in helping them when necessary with these costs if we sense an honest desire for change. It is always a challenge to “sense with the Holy Spirit” when you say enough is enough but we try to “err” on the side of grace when helping our residents.

Please continue or consider joining us with ministry.

Donations can be made by taking advantage of donation envelopes and mailing to PO Box 88, Fairview, OK 73737, or the “Donate Now” button on our website at **fairviewtlc.net**.

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