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THE PIVOT MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

Thank You for Helping Me Pivot!

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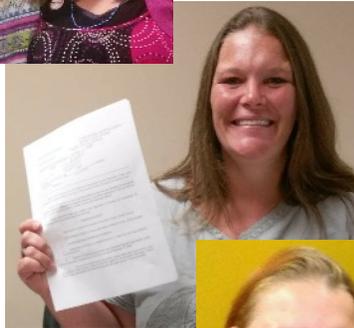
Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. – Joshua 1:9

I didn't think anyone could look beyond my past. Following rehab and jail, I moved back home with my mom, was jobless, had no license, and had lost custody of my daughter. In jail, I had turned to God, not that I didn't believe in Him, but didn't think He could love me after all I had done. To say the least, I was unsure of a lot, except that God loved me and wanted me to have faith, not fear.

My pastor's wife told me about an opportunity that would provide tools for change. I immediately committed. This opportunity was Pivot Ministry. It has been memorable, rewarding, supportive, and continual. I was a part of the first class to graduate! God had a plan!

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” – Jeremiah 29:11

Classes through Pivot helped shape the woman I am today, teaching me about God and being a more successful person. Because of my past, I related to our Bible study, entitled *A Woman Who Hurts, A God Who Heals*. Many of the classes, teachers, and volunteers made my experience unforgettable. I still find



Clockwise from top left: *On Pivot Graduation Day, Ann celebrated with her Pastor's wife, Janet; Beth, Ann's Pivot Mentor, has supported her throughout, including at Graduation; Ann is proud of daughter Lilyan as they celebrate Lilyan's award-winning day at school; Ann and fellow graduate Kathryn are happy to share Pivot experiences; Ann exudes joy and fulfillment as she has achieved many goals since joining Pivot.*

myself mentally going through notes about being a Totally Responsible Person!

While in Pivot, so much happened! I started working for a Christian-owned business close to home, regained full custody of my daughter - both answers to specific prayers. These good things were balanced with trying times.

Because I had not completed rehab, I violated probation and was possibly going to prison! I would love to say I didn't worry at all. I overcame the violation with the support of others: my Pivot mentor - who understood my background, and my guardrails - those who help me stay on the right road.

I can't help but to beam with pride telling people I was involved with Pivot. I had been involved in many things that shed a bad light on my name, but when we graduated, WXII's Margaret Johnson spoke and Spectrum News was there! This time I was in the news for two days for something positive!

Following graduation I got my license and a car. In May 2019, I moved into my house. I now have a new job - with insurance! Being a Christian has definitely not been easy. There have been many personal tribulations. Without my support system and Pivot, I easily could have fallen.

As a graduate, I volunteered at two Pivot First Step Orientations and graduations; served lunch donated by my employer; and formally promoted the life-changing benefits of Pivot at two community events.

The on-going support I gained through this experience is immeasurable. My life is changed. I'm on a new path. Thank you for helping me Pivot!

Pivot Ministry Adds Administrative Coordinator

Angie Huffman joined Pivot Ministry on September 15 as Administrative Coordinator.

In this new part-time position, Angie will provide administrative and programmatic support to enhance operations, strengthen relationships, and further our mission in a variety of ways. She will work closely with participants, graduates, mentors, instructors, general



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volunteers, donors, and community partners, as well as Pivot's board and its committees. Those who read this newsletter will likely have interactions with Angie along the way.

Angie brings a wide range of skills and experience to the table, developed through multiple years' experience with local nonprofits. Her strengths include grant

writing, fundraising, database management, administrative duties, and the coordination of projects with volunteers and boards. Her warm interpersonal and communication skills will be obvious to you.

On a personal note, Angie is married and enjoys spending time at the beach, reading, and playing with her grandchildren.

Welcome aboard, Angie!

Looking Forward!

Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. – Philippians 3:13-15

Yes, 2021 awaits! While 2020 is a year that most of us want to put behind us and forget, we can claim the hope and future-focused motivation expressed by the Apostle Paul in his letter to the Philippians. We can individually and collectively set our sights on the fabulous year that God has ahead for us! There are exciting steps ahead to:

- Execute two class semesters
- Establish an alumnae association to sustain and connect graduates on their new paths

- Expand community awareness and involvement
- Envision and begin implementation of the 3-year plan
- Ensure long-term sustainability of Pivot

There is an exciting future in 2021 and beyond as we fulfill our mission. With God's provision, we will **START** 2021 on solid ground to:

Sustain graduates,
Transform lives,
Achieve goals,
Reopen classes, and
Together bring glory to God!

Won't you join us?

- Pray for Pivot every chance you get.
- Find a way to spread the word of God's work through Pivot.
- Explore or expand your volunteer role.

- Make a donation.
- Refer a mentor, volunteer, or potential participant.
- Connect us with someone in the community.
- Hire a graduate.

As God prompts you, step into your role with boldness! Contact us to discuss further and identify your ideal role.

The IRS officially granted Pivot the nonprofit status of 501(c)(3), a public charity, so that contributions directly to Pivot may be tax deductible for those who are eligible. Two ways to donate: Make checks payable to *Pivot Ministry* and send to: 501 Miller Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27103 or click here to donate (www.pivotnow.org/donate/)

Thanks for sustaining the ministry! You make a difference in the lives of all involved.

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