

Eastham Home for Women

December

2011

**PRAYER
REQUESTS**

- All Residents and their Families
- Our Staff, Volunteers and their Families
- All of our Graduates and their Families
- Blessings for all of our Supporters
- Safety and Blessings to all of our Missionary friends around the world

**SPECIAL
CHRISTMAS
REQUESTS**

- 15 Passenger Van
- Financial Blessings
- Cars, Boats & Trucks for Next Years Auction
- Transitional Housing for women with children, aka "The House Hold of Faith"

Why Jesus is Better Than Santa Clause

*Santa lives at the North Pole ...
JESUS is everywhere.*

*Santa rides in a sleigh ...
JESUS rides on the wind and walks
on the water.*

*Santa comes but once a year ...
JESUS is an ever present help.*

*Santa fills your
stockings with
goodies ...
JESUS supplies all
your needs.*

*Santa comes down
your chimney
uninvited ...
JESUS stands at your
door and knocks,
and then enters your heart when
invited.*

*You have to wait in line to see
Santa ...
JESUS is as close as the mention of
His name.*

*Santa lets you sit on his lap ...
JESUS lets you rest in His arms.*

*Santa doesn't know your name, all
he can say is
"Hi little boy or girl, what's your
name?" ...
JESUS knew our name before we
were born.*

*Not only does He know our name,
He knows our address, too.
He knows our history and future
He even knows how many hairs
are on our heads.*

*Santa has a belly like a bowl full of
jelly ...
JESUS has a heart full of
love.*

*All Santa can offer is
HO HO HO ...
JESUS offers health, help
and hope.*

*Santa says "You better
not cry" ...
JESUS says "Cast all
your cares on me for I
care for you."*

*Santa's little helpers make toys ...
JESUS makes new life, mends
wounded hearts,
repairs broken homes and builds
mansions.*

*Santa may make you chuckle but ...
JESUS gives you joy that is your
strength.*

*While Santa puts gifts under your
tree ...
JESUS became our gift and died on
a tree.... The cross.*



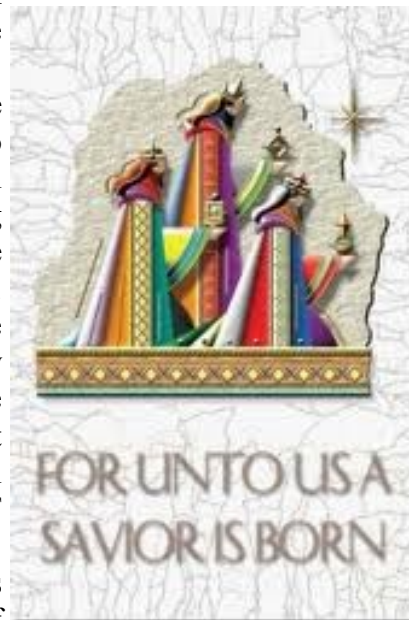
*Put Christ
Back In
Christmas...
Jesus Is Still
The Reason
For The
Season!*

Take Time To “Breathe”

Sometimes amid the hustle and bustle of the holidays, it's all we can do to catch our breath. Every year seems to get more frantic. Christmas decorations were going up before Halloween this year. Some stores couldn't even wait for Thanksgiving to be over. Their Black Friday sales were starting on Thursday! Its times like these that I'm grateful to still be here at Faith Farm and not running around with all the holiday shoppers. While the rest of the world is going crazy getting ready for the holidays, I can reflect on what many seem to forget: CHRISTMAS!

I must admit in times gone by I was one of them. I worried about everything: time and money for shopping, whose house we would eat at, was drinking allowed and would I have to go outside to smoke. Sad but true, these things were my priorities. Many of you reading this can probably relate to these

especially the consequences. I'll spare you all the details but suffice it to say that my family reached their limit of tolerance. Not only did they decide to exclude me from holidays, I was excluded from everything: birthdays, weddings, graduations, etc. Sound



familiar to anyone else? I had no one to blame but myself. I came to Faith Farm in August of 2009. For the first time in years I had not only a sober holiday season but one surrounded by people who loved me. Here were women who were

going through the same struggles that I was in restoring our families. The Lord tells us in Ezekiel 34:16 "I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick." I earnestly prayed for God to restore my family to me. I had to accept that this would take time. I had to learn to trust that God was in control of this situation. God has heard my prayers and for the first time since 1999 I will be spending Christmas with my family.

During this holiday season, I urge you to take the time to reflect on God's mercy. Forgive yourself as God has forgiven you. Colossians 3:13 states "Bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do." Remember, your blessings will come in God's time. Catch your breath. Breathe in His goodness.