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Love, it's a beautiful thing. Unfortunately, so many look for external affirmations. If the flowers don't get delivered, the Facebook announcement doesn't get posted or the candy isn't purchased, they're crushed. I know, I was once that girl. Although painful, I'm thankful for the lessons I learned before allowing the Lord to become the 'Lover of my soul'. They helped me to now understand what these sweet little LadyBUGs are searching for when they come to our doors. The Lord gives each one of us gifts in order to enable us to disciple others, one being the gift of wisdom. The intention of our experiences is to prepare us for the great commission. Sharing the Good News is what brings healing. Without Him, we're just a program, but with Him we are supernaturally able to offer hope, help and healing and see lives transformed before our very eyes. Who are you loving today? Love covers.

## **Great Expectation!**

In the several years of coming to know Him, I have found the Word to be true. Sometimes refining, at other times refreshing, often exciting and even with warning...but ALWAYS true! In the last month or two, He is showing off BIG with the encouraging but challenging word in Isaiah 54 where He talks about S-T-R-E-T-C-H-I-N-G. Boy, are we stretching!

Our tent pegs have definitely been expanded. With the recent move, we have the ability to serve so many more women, and that's exactly what we're doing.

As we begin a brand new year, in a brand new house, with a brand new expectation, we have brand new goals. Now that we've again seen and tasted His goodness in the way of the GREAT rebuild of the new house and the extra miracle of it being paid in full, we are now asking and believing for the next miracle! Ready for it? We have need to expand our services with the children. I've pinpointed a building for a daycare center and now will begin praying for God to open doors and bring about another miracle! With all we've seen Him do already, do we dare doubt? I can already see it. Can't you?! How wonderful would it be for our moms to be able to walk their children to our very own daycare center to be cared for by people on our team. People they've identified as trustworthy and capable who provide a safe and nurturing environment for the littles while mom is getting the healing she needs. Thank you for believing God with us. For cheering us on. For partnering with us and celebrating every victory as our dreams become realities. He's a big God and nothing is too difficult for Him!

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## Time To Celebrate



Can you believe it's February? Seems like we were just opening Christmas gifts. February is known and celebrated as the 'Love' month. My heart beats with excitement in anticipation of our graduation ceremony when we will celebrate the accomplishments of the women we serve. A day

when they not only feel accomplished, but also feel so loved. It's important for people to feel seen, celebrated, believed in and loved. I hope you'll join us in the celebration as each woman will be crowned. They'll get a brief glimpse of what the Lord promises us—a crown. Rewards for our conduct. Sweet fruit from our good choices. Although there have been several women who have come through our doors in the last year, seven women stayed the entire course, successfully graduating our residential education, therapy and self-reliance phases. These women now continue sobriety and self reliance. Many stay connected by giving back as mentors and facilitators or by participating in monthly alumni gatherings. As we often say, 'LadyBUG for Life', it's a pleasure to not just go through the treatment episode with them, but to continue walking life's journey with them.







These women finished strong, they ran the race well and gained much within the time they were with us. Some completed in the short six months while others stayed a little longer, they all persevered and stayed to their commitment. In addition to their sobriety, they gained employment, their driver's license, reunification with their children, created a savings account and identified clean and sober housing to transition to. Some who will move on to their own apartment at our 'Bridge' complex. So what now? NOW they are in a position to positively affect the lives around them. NOW they are able to contribute to their community. We've helped them to understand who they are and WHOSE they are, helping to fill up their love cup with acceptance, protection, affirmation, guidance and discipline. NOW, they are ready to pour out! I hope that you will consider joining us for this year's celebration and help us show them lots of LOVE.







