

2019 GRATITUDE REPORT

LAKIN'S STORY

Although Lakin has been in RM over a year, it wasn't until a few months ago when she actually started getting real with who she was. Lakin recalls being an evil, mean, wicked, deceitful, and manipulative person, playing the program for the first 9 months. With God's conviction and RM staff encouraging her to "get real and show up," she finally did. Lakin went through a season in the fall where she was continuously on restriction, called out, and challenged to go deeper. Holding in feelings of guilt and shame about the person she was, Lakin finally released those and began the process of becoming transparent. God is teaching Lakin that it is easier to surrender than fight. Lakin said the past year has been the hardest and very difficult, but well worth it. Lakin's word for this year is "rebuild." The past 15 months of the program has built a foundation for her to build on this year and for many years to come. She is now able to spend more time with her two youngest kids. She is building a positive, healthy relationship with her older daughter, and her older son continues to say, "I am so proud of my Mom." Lakin said, "God might have put me in a family that was twisted, crazy and destructive, but he has now gifted me with a family that loves me, believes in me, and that will always be there for me."



YOUR IMPACT AT A GLANCE

3,000+ Volunteer Hours

19,656 Meals Served

\$125,000+ In-Kind Donations

41 Students Impacted

32 New or Rededicated
Professions of Faith

7 Baptisms

1 GED Recipient

4 Completion, Restoration,
and Graduates

48 Contracts Completed

CURRENT ENROLLMENT

12 Men

4 Women

2 Re-Entry

TOP 3 OF 2019

RE-BRANDED to Reconciliation Ministries to clarify the mission.

PURCHASED a quadruplex to use for men and women in the Re-Entry Track.

FINISHED construction at the women's home and had a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open "The Nixon Home."



RM Partners,

As I look back on 2019, I can't help but think of the word "thankful."

I am thankful for your investment of time, talents, and resources to RM. I am thankful for the ways you have prayed for RM. I am thankful for the countless individuals you told about RM. I am thankful that you have entrusted myself and our staff with the opportunity to carry out the mission of RM. I am thankful that you have given RM men and women the opportunity to experience hope in Jesus Christ.

I value your faithfulness, commitment, and generosity to RM. You have and will continue to make it possible for men and women to break free from the chains of addiction to experience new and abundant life through Christ. The RM staff and students are truly grateful for you!

Thank you for going on this journey with us. We cannot wait to see what we can do together in 2020.

With gratitude,



Ashley Miller
Executive Director



CHRISTOPHER'S STORY

"Gutter sucking bum." This is how Christopher described himself before coming to RM. He started using drugs at age 13 in an effort to try to feel normal, but this only escalated the problem. Christopher said life was horrible and hopeless, and he only worked to buy drugs. Christopher finally came to a place where he realized he needed help and entered RM on January 7th, 2018. Since being in the program, Christopher has learned more about himself and his identity in Christ, studied and memorized scripture, learned to become open and vulnerable, learned to pray out loud, and learned social skills. Christopher is now the kitchen manager. Before coming to RM he knew nothing about the kitchen, however, Christopher now loves being in the kitchen. His responsibilities include making a menu, cooking over 60 meals a day, maintaining DHEC safety standards, keeping the budget of the kitchen, grocery shopping, and training others. Christopher says, "The kitchen is a blessing because I get to see the joy on others' faces as they eat. I get to see people eating physically and spiritually." Christopher is also mending his relationship with his family. Christopher was able to spend Thanksgiving and Christmas with his family (which he couldn't remember the last time he did). During Thanksgiving, he saw his Grandma crying and said, "This time it was not because of something crazy I did, but tears of joy." Christopher also recently got his driver's permit. He now has hope and a future because of God's transformative work in his life.

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