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Dear Shalom Prayer Partners,

Happy New Year to All! We have much to celebrate and send praises to our God. Your prayers have helped us to meet the demand of clients calling in for counselling during the Christmas season so that no one was left waiting for support. In the two weeks that Shalom was closed so that our staff could enjoy time with family and friends, the calls to Shalom from potential clients were both small in numbers and easily handled.

### **Blessings**

Those who seek out Shalom's services continue to share their journey to wholeness with us and we are so thankful to hear their words. One couple who had attended sessions without much progress had an amazing session before Christmas that brought them to a new level of understanding each other.

When asked on Shalom's feedback form, "What was most helpful to you" a client responded: *Having someone to talk to, hearing the words coming out of my mouth; having someone ask questions that need to be asked – Thank you!*

Shalom has finished off the year with a balanced budget after receiving three donations on the same day in December! It was an overwhelming day of thankfulness, prayer, smiles and tears as we remember that Shalom's purpose is to glorify the kingdom of God and His work.

### **Concerns and Prayer Support**

For some clients, January and February can be a more difficult time of year than December along with the pressures of Christmas, finances and relationships. Please continue to pray for the those who call for help in the months to come.

Shalom is receiving up to five requests a day for individual, couple and family counselling. We have been successful in our application to receive funding from Red Deer and District Family and Community Support Services over the next three years which we are so thankful for. Please pray for Shalom's continued financial well being and that what is needed will be provided.

Please continue to pray for the staff at Shalom and our volunteer Board of Directors. Shalom is at the beginning stages of designing a capital campaign to raise funds for a new building that will allow more space for clients to be served. Please pray for God's guidance as we begin this new stage of growth.

In His service,

Lisa Smith  
Executive Director

*And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19*

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