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Dear Shalom Prayer Partners,

Greetings to each of you, as Shalom begins a new season! I would like to introduce myself. My name is Lisa Smith and I was hired by the Board of Directors to assume the role of Executive Director. Even though I have only been here just a few months it is evident to me that the passion and dedication of staff, volunteers and supporters to serve those in need is plentiful. There is a daily presence of God as we are called to do His work.

Blessings

It has been a blessing to hear the stories and read comments from clients of the growth and change that they are seeing in themselves and their families. Many of these individuals are searching for inner peace and happiness to heal the hurt that they have experienced. It is a privilege for the counselling team to walk alongside these individuals and support them in their journey to peace. Client comments have included:

- ♥ *"I am aiming for more self confidence, self assuredness, inner peace and happiness."*
- ♥ *"I want to find tangible ways to move forward with my relationship with God."*
- ♥ *"I am seeking healing and recovery; peace and stability."*
- ♥ *"I've been working on trusting more in God and His will for my life"*

Concerns and Prayer Support

The upcoming Christmas season can be a very stressful time for families and a time of immense grief and hurting. Please continue to pray for the children, youth and adults who call for help.

With more individuals and families than ever to serve, there is a need for more financial resources to cover the cost of caring. Please pray for Shalom's financial well being and that what is needed will be provided.

Change often brings with it grief and loss even when the change is positive. My arrival to the team at Shalom has brought with it changes for the staff and Bob. Please pray for Bob while he is off on medical leave, that this will be a time of reflection and preparation for his Counsellor role upon return. Please also pray for the staff as we build our new team and work together as part of the body of Christ.

Please pray for our volunteer Board of Directors as they continue to make thoughtful decisions and guide the vision of Shalom with God's guidance. They are like the roots of a tree that are providing nourishment and support to all those who enter into Shalom.

Shalom,

Lisa Smith
Executive Director

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

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