



Martha's Story

“In 2017 I had gotten myself on a path to destruction. Even though I grew up in church, I went astray. Before I knew it, I had given my life over to drugs and lost everything that mattered to me. In August 2018, I rededicated my life to Christ and found a church home. In my new walk with God I became displaced from where I was living. I heard about the Panama City Rescue Mission's Bethel Village from a church member. I arrived on May 23, 2019. The very next day I was hit by a car riding my bicycle and was on crutches for 6 months. At first, I didn't know what was going to happen - - so I prayed. They could have told me to leave, but they didn't. Instead, because of their caring hearts, they found a way for me to stay. I knew God had answered my prayers. Therefore, instead of me being left injured on the streets, God provided for my needs through Bethel Village. Since being here my relationship with God has strengthened, my hope in humanity restored, and I was able to get back to work. In my 6 month stay I have witnessed the staff utilize their resources to help several women secure employment, permanent housing, and led several women dedicate their lives to Christ. If anyone finds themselves in need of a place to go, I tell you now, go to the Panama City Rescue Mission. This is a truly blessed place where God is using the compassion of His people to help those in need ”

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