



# GRACE HAVEN

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By this shall all  
men know that ye  
are my disciples, if  
ye have love one  
to another.

John 13:35

A testimony from a couple who  
found a new closeness in their  
relationship.

## Husband

I was raised in a Christian home and at an early age gave my heart to Jesus. Going to church every Sunday was a regular part of growing up.

As I grew into adolescence and through high school, I gravitated towards being alone. Much of my teenage years I was left to do my own thing. I wasn't really into bad stuff, but I was developing into a loner.

I found the girl God had created for me, and we were married. Life flew by and suddenly our children were in the teenage years. It was then that I realized I wanted our children to have the best start in life as I possibly could help them with, spiritually and emotionally. I saw areas I had fallen short in as

a parent.

Our marriage was good but seemed to be lacking intimacy. After much prayer and seeking God (through counseling), I was shocked to discover our hearts, as husband and wife, weren't even connecting. We were enjoying life but not connecting with each other.

Through confession and prayer, God worked a miracle and connected our hearts! We continue to work at staying connected, by spending time together and communicating. We are enjoying the new feelings deep down in our hearts for each other. God did not design me to go through life alone and I praise Him for never giving up on me.

## Wife

I grew up in a Christian home. I wasn't very old until I knew I needed a Savior. I heard quite a bit about Jesus at school in Bible class, but for the most part, I lived in fear. Fear that I could never be good enough, or able to do anything right for anyone. My dad was an alcoholic and I know that is where some of my fear came from. I just could not measure up to what I thought I should be.

I accepted Jesus as my Savior and was baptized, but some things just weren't clear. I had no idea what to do about it except blame myself, thinking, I'm not good enough, or just not doing something right.

We got married and had a good marriage for the most part, but I blamed my husband for not being what I needed.

We heard about Grace Haven and decided that maybe we could get help, so we went. We discovered

that we weren't emotionally connecting at all. We both had so many deep hurts from our past that had to be taken care of. After working through those,

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and continuing to work through them we are connecting. God is so good!

I am discovering new feelings for my husband and I love it. I know this whole cleaning out process is something I need to continue to work on as long as I live.

I praise God for His Word and Holy Spirit in teaching me His will for my life. I also praise Him for the tools we have been handed, knowing how to deal with things we face from day to day.

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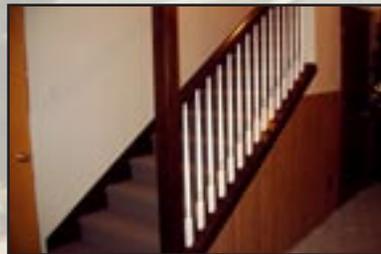
The outside of the building at Grace Haven has been softened with some bushes and trees. Several areas within the building have also undergone changes within the past year. We now are using the open stairway as well as a new conference room upstairs.



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RECEPTIONIST DESK  
MARCH 2007



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NEW OPEN STAIRWAY  
(WAS A NARROW CLOSED  
STAIRWAY)



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