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*In this issue* One Man's Spiritual Journey.





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# Resident Spotlight

How "Haafee" became "Johnny" and is proclaiming Christ!



Haafee arrived here after 29 years in prison. During his long incarceration, at prayer time, his fellow Muslim inmates would remove their shoes. But unlike Haafee, they wore socks. That's how he was bestowed the name "Haafee" meaning "barefooted."

Haafee was filled with gratitude for his place here. While Providence Home is unabashedly Gospel-focused, men of all faiths and backgrounds willing to commit to real-life change are welcome here. Haafee recounts it was this "acceptance" by staff that proved instrumental in his decision to recently give his life to Christ and revert to his birthname, "Johnny."

Johnny says he appreciates the religion he dedicated himself to for more than two decades in prison. He believes it was his study of Islam and his powerful belief in God that left him open to Christ.

Intelligent and athletic, Johnny has big goals. A prolific chess player and martial arts practitioner, he has a "five-year plan" to open his own kickboxing gym where he yearns to serve Christ by sharing his harrowing story.

"God chooses the doors that He's going to open – not always the doors we want," Johnny concludes. "When I turned to faith in Christ, all I did was accept His choice by making it my choice."

A poem by

Your life is shaped by your choice What you get from God is the Grace... You must choose to believe in Jesus... For in our choice, we place in Jesus our trust.

# Clean Slates & High Hopes

"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness,"

- Lamentations 3:22-23



We began this new year the same way we ended the last one – with profound gratitude to God. Here at Providence Home, we never forget that it is God alone who is our great Redeemer.

While God makes all things new, we remain grateful for what stays steady. Friends like you that continue to support us year in and year out bless and encourage us constantly, abundantly, and exceedingly.

This year we anticipate the building of the William "Bill" Cogdill Memorial Chapel on our campus. It has been a longtime coming as we've worked to raise funds and secure the various permits.

We're also looking with great anticipation to our inaugural Providence Home Golf Classic slated for April 4. We pray you would consider "teeing up with us" and play for a great cause – the redemption of men and their families.

Details about our chapel build and our Golf Classic are all available on our website at PHCola.org.

Here's to a 2022 focused on HIM!





# We Got Gratitude!

### For Our Volunteers!



#### For Our Men!







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