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We are thrilled with the participation we had with our Shine the Light Virtual Run/Walk Challenge! In total, we had 72 participants and raised over \$5,700. Most importantly, we were able to raise awareness on social media for the heartbreak of suicide and the fact that we have 21 counselors across five offices who want to walk the journey to healing and wholeness with those in need.



Thank you to our sponsors (Bell Bank, Maple Family Dental, and Little Black Ledger) and participants! We can't wait to Shine the Light with you in 2021!

SHINE THE LIGHT

The Best Good News

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Our world is groaning under the weight of suffering, crying out for justice, restitution and peace. It's written on the faces of those we see throughout our day - fear, worry, sleeplessness, stress, uncertainty {Romans 8:18-30}. We are surrounded by the effects of sin and the toll it takes on our hearts, minds, bodies, and souls.

As a follower of Jesus Christ, I'm not immune to these stressors. Daily, I battle anxiety and the exhaustion that comes with the unknown. Like you, I feel the weight of the sin that causes the destruction in our lives.

But, like Joseph, I have the knowledge that God is using all this to further His purposes and plans, even if I don't understand {Genesis 50:20}. His plans are not our plans and His ways are not our ways. In His omniscience, He sees the entire scope of eternity and has had His divine plans laid out before He established the world.

I have the peace that surpasses understanding {Philippians 4:7}. Despite uncertainty, illness, rejection, heartache, relational issues, parenting woes, financial struggles, there is an undercurrent of peace that truly surpasses understanding. God has it covered. We simply need to invite Him in through prayer and then have the soul-rest that comes with knowing He already has it worked out.

I have the hope that God is using other believers in my life and the life of our family to encourage and spur us on towards glory, and I pray I'm the same to them {2 Corinthians 4:7}. The jars of clay mentioned in this verse? It's you and I, friends. We are merely weak and frail vessels for His enormous and worthwhile plans. Allow the Holy Spirit to fill you with His unlimited and sovereign power.

I have the assurance of all believers that I can draw near to the throne of grace and find all that I need at my Father's feet {Hebrews 4:16}. In times of plenty or times of want, in the joy and the heartbreak, in all things, we can talk directly to our Father in Heaven and allow Him to pour out His mercy and grace upon us and our life.

Above all, I know that NOTHING that happens to me here can void the love that God my Father has for me, and that my place in heaven is secure, paid for in full by Jesus Christ Himself {Romans 8:31-39 and Colossians 1}. The absolute uncertainty, pain, and wreckage that we experience here on the earth pales in comparison to the glory that awaits us in eternity {2 Corinthians 3:18}. One day, we will see clearly, and on that day, we will be in our heavenly home.

The present circumstances I find myself in are creating in me a longing for the day Jesus Himself returns to earth to make all things new. He will avenge all the wrongs that break our hearts, He will wipe every tear from our eyes, and He will be the only Light we need {Revelation 21}.

That, my friends, is the best good news.

Nicole joined the Valley staff as part of the Development Team in March 2020. She loves reading, writing, being outside with her husband and kids, and baking.



Answered Prayers FROM DAN'S DESK

If you or a family member had a marital, emotional, or mental-health related problem, where would you turn for help? If you're like most Christians in our community, you would call Valley Christian Counseling Center. Why? Because you know that you would receive top-notch, reliable Christian care. You also know you will be treated by a dedicated, compassionate professional in a warm, caring Christian environment.

When you financially support Valley, you are helping our counselors impact the lives of thousands, whether our clients are facing marital, individual, family, or childhood struggles, or someone seeking to develop spiritual disciplines.

Valley is a community counseling center. We exist to serve God AND to serve you and your loved ones by providing grace, hope and healing. Your gift will make an impact on urgently needed services to our community. Janet* felt the impact in her life, and she wanted you, our supporters, to know the differences you made.

"Thank you very much for helping me afford Christian counseling. You have been used by God to answer my prayers for healing of my mental illness. I am confident that God is healing me from the inside out and has helped me to find joy in life and a peace that can only come from Him. Praise Him for what He is doing through VCCC!"

I believe Valley is the expression of God's heart to our community. In my 29 years, I have witnessed God using people like you to do His amazing work in caring for hurting people by your kind-hearted giving.

God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them.

HEBREWS 6:10



Please consider sending your gift today. Your donation is helping to shape our community into a stronger one, even during these extraordinary times.

Our counselors, staff, and board join me in thanking you for your generous partnership and support. Thank you so much for your continued giving!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Borsheim". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

DAN BORSHEIM, CEO

YOUR PARTNERSHIP MEANS SO MUCH TO US AND TO THE CLIENTS WE SERVE.
WITH OFFICES IN FIVE COMMUNITIES, OUR REACH IS GREATER THAN EVER. THANK YOU!





November 24 -
December 14, 2020

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