



## 2017—A Look Back

Every time the calendar changes from December 31 to January 1, we tend to look forward and make lists of all the things we would like to do or do better this year than the last.

Though there are always things that we can do better, we would like to take time to reflect on the things that we were able to accomplish in 2017. Here are a few items...by the numbers:

*1 new counselor added*

*4224 hours of counseling provided*

*492 counseling clients helped*

*1 new class for Women added*

*75 people attended classes*

*449 people attended our Evening of Stories event.*

*111 new donors this year*

*1 new roof installed*

*23 new GEM club members*

*\$87,762 given in non-insurance counseling discounts*

*133 new area church and business connections made*

*414 new individual contacts made*

*\$45,257 given in insurance counseling discounts*

*1 annual fundraising goal met for Evening of Stories*

None of these things would have been possible without God's blessing and the support of our faithful donors. We are constantly amazed at what can be accomplished by both and we are looking forward to the 'numbers' of 2018!

## Hope of Heaven

We often desire for everything to be perfect in our lives in order to feel better about our current situations - ourselves, our families, our friends, our churches, our finances, our neighborhoods, our governments. When we think of a new year, we think about resolutions and ways we can improve these situations. While these can be very good things, the reality is that nothing will be perfect until we reach heaven. This is where we live - in the tension between a broken world on earth and the hope of heaven with our Lord. As we continue to live in this tension, our prayer is that we are able to endure, grow and watch God transform our lives into something amazing. Genesis is a beautiful place that helps us enter this mess and try to make sense of it all with the help of the Holy Spirit to guide and heal. We eagerly anticipate that we will see his hand at work while also living with the hope that heaven will be worth it all and everything will be made right.



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