

Mighty to Save ministries

Offering hope and new beginnings to young adults who want to be free from addictions by providing mentoring, discipling and transition assistance.

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Ups and Downs

Up and down, up and down... that seems to be my emotional state these last few weeks. I am still in training and I believe that God is wanting to teach me to be constant even when things around me are not. I am reminded that regardless of the circumstances, God is still God. He has influence in the places that I don't and only HE can reach those deep, dark hurting places in our hearts that no one else can.

As most of you know Derek has been our "poster boy" for Mighty to Save Ministries. He was the young man we met in the hospital the night of our daughter's accident. He was the one who said, "please help me". He was the one who spent a year in the Dream Center Discipleship Program. He was the one who just completed that program and was looking forward to what was next. His plan was to join the Job Corps, but due to court fines from his past he was too far into debt to join. Job Corps won't allow one in with more than \$500.00 of debt. As he wrote to the different courts, every debt was being forgiven or

reduced. There was just one left - Island County Superior Court.

A court date was set up and Derek came back to Oak Harbor from Spokane to address the judge, but he didn't even get the opportunity. It had been decided that the court did not have jurisdiction and wouldn't even address the issue.

Derek was of course very disappointed, but when I dropped him off at his dad's house that afternoon I had no idea what was ahead. Derek did not come back that night and today as I write this, he still has not returned. Derek has gone back to living his former life-style.

As anguished as I was for Derek, I realized that I was having some emotional issues with the situation too. In my mind Derek represented MtSM and his fall was our fall. Had we done something wrong? Had we failed him? My pride was hurt. All of these thoughts of the flesh plagued me, then I decided to take these thoughts to God and His opinion was of course different than mine.

He reminded me that this ministry is not about Derek and it is not about me. It is about HIM. He will use us, but the glory goes to HIM and HIM alone. I was

not the one who saved Derek all those months ago. Jesus did. And Jesus will save him again. He will complete what He started in Derek, of this I am certain. Jesus will use this experience in Derek's life and in mine. He will use it for His good.

God's love for Derek is far greater than my love for Derek. He will not leave him or abandon him. He will pursue and go out after him just as Jesus taught..

4 "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it?

5 And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing."

Luke 15:4&5 (NKJV)

I know I will be rejoicing when Derek is returned to the fold. And until then I will keep my eyes on Jesus and only view my circumstances through HIM.

~ Christina

"Your past experiences don't define who you are. You are who God says you are. In Christ, you are a new creation."

Transition Homes

Everyday it becomes more and more apparent that MtSM is in need of a Transition Home in our area. As I write this, there are four MtSM participants who are in need of a safe place to live while they make plans for their futures. With limited options most return to former environments because they have no place else to go.

Our vision for a Transition Home is that it is initially no cost to participants. Most transitional homes are \$400 to \$500 a month, and since most participants have no job and no income, transitional housing remains out of reach for most people.

God knows we have this need and we are trusting Him completely to fulfill every need to make it happen. Your prayers for this situation are very much appreciated.

Participant's Note

Mighty to Save Ministries, in partnership with Noble Maritime Ministries, has been offering weekly healing sessions to inmates at the Island County Jail. In April we were able to serve six inmates for multiple sessions. What an honor to see God's hand at work as lies are revealed and replaced with His truth.

Inmates come into the room a little scared at first but leave with a great big smile on their face and joy in their heart as they experience freedom and perfect peace in Christ. It is so much fun!

The note below is from one of the young men we have been working with. He is now learning to identify his negative emotions and how to go to God with them for healing all on their own.

It is our desire to see each of them armed with these tools so when they're released they are able to stand firmly planted in Jesus and secure of their identity in HIM.

"I am an inmate at the Island County Jail and I have been blessed. I've been developing a personal relationship with God and our Lord Jesus Christ. It has been truly amazing to witness the miracles and gifts I have received though the powers of God and our Savior Jesus and through the power of prayer. To sum it up I have been lost for a long time, maybe my whole life although God has been with me and Jesus has been in my heart. I did not recognize or consider this to be the reason I am not in prison, paralyzed or worse because I could be. By the grace of God I am not dead. All this time I have just contributed these blessings to dumb luck. I know this can not be true now. I believe God has kept me here in good health for a reason. I'm not entirely sure why, but I pray to find out and I am sure I will. I would like to thank the people working for or with Mighty to Save and Noble Maritime Ministries, you saved my life. I would like to write more again sometime to share some of the experiences I have had in my life before I found God and after. Again thank you and I know God thanks you as well!"

*God Bless,
Nick Blodgett*

Now Offering

Gaining Gainful Employment

When: Ongoing @ 11am

Where: 1610 Commercial Ave., Anacortes

Contact: Christina to register @ 360.675.7918

Details: This is a free 6 week workshop! Participants will learn interviewing techniques, resume writing skills and personal budgeting.

Young Adult Men's Group

Mike Wittig has joined the MtSM volunteer crew.

Mike will be meeting with a group of young men in Anacortes to help encourage and guide them through some of life's challenges.

To find out more about the group please call Mike @ 602.301.7296.

Ladies Small Group

When: Wednesday, 7pm

Where: The Bowling's Home

Contact: Christina @ 360.675.7918

Details: We're a group of women who have all been affected in one way or another by addiction and we range in age from 18 to 53! God is doing great things in our little group! What a joy to watch HIM work in our lives.

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