

# 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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## There's Always Hope

In this edition I would like to highlight our Sarah. If you are one of our prayer partners, you are familiar with Sarah. We've been praying for her since January.

Here we are 7 months later and I'm in awe of all God has done in Sarah's life.

When she first came to our house that Friday night in January, she was so sad and so scared. She was in total bondage to drugs.

To my amazement, Sarah kept in touch with me and over the next few weeks. She would text regularly as we made the arrangements to get her to the Spokane Dream Center.

Finally, on February 7th, she allowed me to pick her up. She was right where

she said she was going to be and she was ready to go. Again, I was amazed. For someone in that life-style, following through with plans rarely happens.

Sarah stayed three months at the Dream Center and then came home. She didn't return to her former life-style. Sarah chose life. She told me, "I know where that other road leads to and it's not good. I'm going down this other road now and I want to see all that God has planned for me."

Have there been struggles? Yes. Have there been falls? Yes. But, Sarah has gotten up, wiped off her hands and knees, and got back on track. She is determined. She knows what she

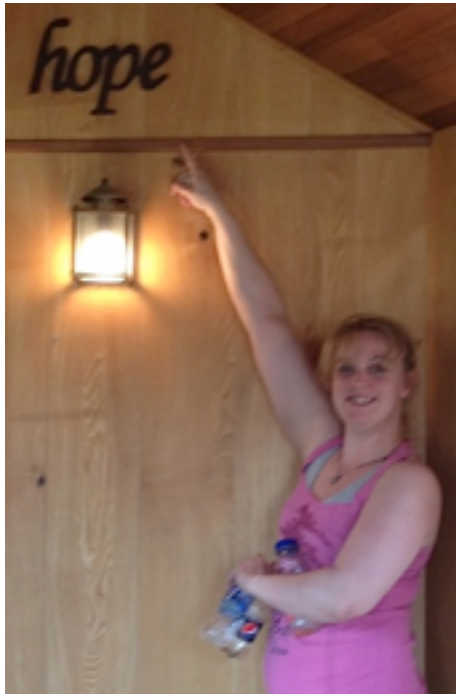
to forgive herself for past sins. She is discovering who she is in Christ and just how much He loves her. She is restoring and prospering in her relationship with her parents. She is working. She is volunteering. She is living life.

Sarah has a fiance'. Sesar has also had his share of struggles, and is currently incarcerated for another year. That has not stopped these two from loving God and loving each other. They are learning together how to live life sober.

Both Sarah and Sesar have made some pretty important decisions for their futures. They have committed to putting Jesus first and are working through Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts by Les and Leslie Parrott. They plan to be married when Sesar is released. Please remember to keep these two in your prayers.

~ Christina

\*See more about Sarah and Sesar in the Participant's Note.



Sarah

wants and what she doesn't want. Sarah has had inner healing. She has been able

## Road Trip

On Saturday, June 30th, Jane DeRemer and I took a trip to Ephrata, WA. Why Ephrata you ask? Carolina Landa, an inmate at Mission Creek Correctional Facility, has a five year old son, Zachariah, who lives there with her mother, Elida, and her brother, Alex.

Elida is an immigrant from Mexico, so there are some communication barriers. Due to an illness when he was young, Zachariah has some learning difficulties. Carolina has seen her mother and son one time in the last 18 months. She asked me if I could go and see her mom and Zachariah and the new home they recently moved to.

The fact is, I don't speak or understand Spanish, so I knew I had to bring along someone who could. I asked someone who could be an interpreter to go with me and we set a date. Meanwhile, Jane had messaged me about another issue, and casually mentioned she was reading her bible in Spanish. "Oh yeah, Jane can speak Spanish." I decided to file that information away for another day.

Not too long later, I found out my interpreter friend was unable to go because of her work schedule. I immediately called Jane, and to my delight she said, "Yes." (I learned later that she wanted to say no, but felt God nudging her to go.) It was during this conversation that I also remembered that Jane would have another connection with Elida outside of their both speaking Spanish. Jane's son had spent time in prison due to addiction issues. It was quickly becoming clear that Jane was indeed the person that was suppose to be coming with me on this adventure in the first place.

Our mission for this trip was to bring lots of love to this family and to see if there were any needs that we could meet. As it turned out, Elida needed help with some forms from Social Security, Jury Duty and a Retirement Plan from her employer. All the forms were in English and she was having trouble understanding them.

Does anyone want to guess what Jane used to do for a living? She worked for the Employment Security Department. She used to help immigrants in Skagit Valley with these same sorts of issues!! Can you imagine? Only God could have put that together.

On our trip home, Jane and I could not stop smiling. We were so blessed to have been apart of God's plan and to be used by him in this way. I've said it before and I'll say it again, God is so good!

The following links will take you to two stories about a program at Mission Creek with which Carolina is involved.

<http://www.king5.com/news/Butterflies-Behind-Bars-131654303.html>

<http://www.kitsapsun.com/news/2012/may/09/hope-takes-wing-in-butterfly-program-at-prison/>

## An Addition to the Family

We are happy to share with everyone that our family has increased by one lovely daughter and there is now another Mr. and Mrs. Vanon Bowling!

On July 28th, with the help of Neil Harmsworth and his trusty boat, we managed to transport 23 guests to the remote Hope Island in Deception Pass State Park. Van was proud to be able to officiate the ceremony with family and friends in attendance.

We look forward to what the God has in store for Amie and Vanon!



# Save the Date!

We are planning something for Friday, September 14th.

**RELATIONSHIP + TRUTH = HOPE**

**What? An Evening of Fun**  
**Where? The Depot in Anacortes**  
**When? Friday, September 14th**  
**Doors open at 6:30**

If you would like to help with hospitality, please email [info@mightytosaveministies.org](mailto:info@mightytosaveministies.org) or call Shar Dyer @ 360-588-1426

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

## Participant's Note

**We are thankful to have two notes to share in this issue.**

### Meet Sarah Rodriquez

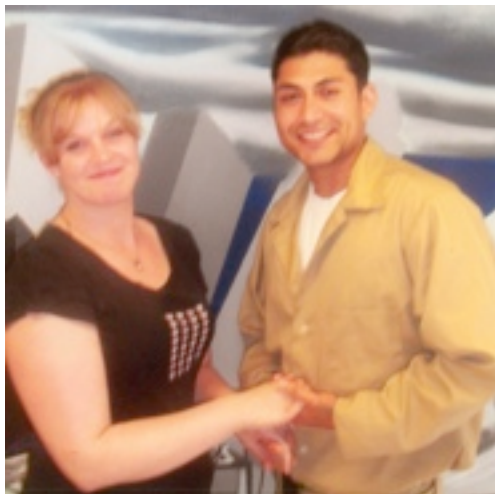
Hello. My name is Sarah Rodriquez. I want to thank MtSM and everybody standing behind them.

I became a meth user at 14 years old. The last three years of my addiction, I was an IV user. My biggest problem was I was always searching for somebody to love me and rescue me in the flesh.

Upon being rescued in February by Christina, my eyes were open to the beautiful love of the Lord. I have for the first time in my life, learned to love myself through Jesus, which has opened every door... to love everything Jesus.

Though nothing compares to the love of the Lord, I am very thankful for MtSM for loving me back to life. It's also wonderful the support that has been given to my fiancé, Sesar, in these sometimes difficult times. We are planning to marry this year and can now

look forward to a beautiful life instead of a life marked by regret.



Sarah and Sesar

Thank you to everybody for all your prayers, love and support and a special thanks to Mamma and Papa Bowling. Thanks for putting HOPE back into my life. ~ Sarah

### Meet Sesar Fernandez

My name is Sesar Fernandez and I am currently serving time at Monroe Correctional Complex. This is my

testimony of how God has heard my cries in prayer for my future spouse who has had a big problem with drugs and was lost and going crazy.

Now she is doing good, writing me, and visiting me. Life has returned to her body, she looks like an angel; and I am thanking to God for her well being and her charms. I have faith in the Lord that in the end everything will work out just fine. We just need to have some patience. God has been so good to me and I am grateful for his love. ~ Sesar

### Prayer Request

Please keep **Transitional Housing** in your prayers. Finding a safe place for someone to go once released from jail, prison or other program is very important. It's our heart's desire to own, operate and offer MtSM Transitional Housing to potential candidates.

## Now Offering

### Gaining Gainful Employment

Although our Gaining Gainful Employment class has ended, JJ Vander Schuur has agreed to continue to see MtSM Clients for continued assistance in these areas as the need arises. If you know of anyone who need help preparing a resume and improving their interviewing skills, contact Christina to schedule an appointment @ 360.929.2959.

Thank you JJ for your support and commitment to MtSM.

### Young Adult Men's Small Group

Mike Wittig is still interested in putting together a small group for guys. If you or someone you know is interested, please give Mike a call at 602.301.7296. Mike's heart to speak into the lives of hurting young adults coming from his personal experiences. He has a definite desire to see them live a life of freedom.

### Ladies Small Group

With summer upon us, our Ladies Small Group is not meeting every week. If you are interested in joining us, please call Christina @ 360.929.2959 to confirm our meeting time and location.

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