

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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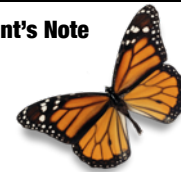


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One Year Later

February 18, 2012 was our big Mighty to Save Ministries kick-off event. It's hard to believe that it was one year ago. There has been much that has happened this past year, both within MtSM and within my own heart and our own family.

There have been many, shall we say, adventures:

I have learned all about the different types of illegal drugs, their uses and effects.

I have learned how to detox people off of these drugs.

I have learned that although most people want to be free of the stronghold of drugs, life's hurts and disappointments, and lies of the enemy hold them in that prison. There is real fear in dealing with life, with reality and there is even fear in being healthy and sober. We have to let ourselves feel again. Ouch! That is dangerous and painful.

I have learned an entire new vocabulary as well. This, however, is probably not something I should be bragging about.

I've learned more about jail, prison and court proceedings than I could have ever imagined.

The most important thing I have learned though through all of this is that God is really BIG. He does things that continually surprise me and leave me in awe. I love it when He shows up.

One time we were working with an inmate at Island County Jail. This young man had just given up some pain and lies from his past. He prayed and asked God if he had something to give him in return for these things. As he prayed he received in his mind's eye a picture of his son, a son he did not have custody of but loves very much and wants so much to be a part of his life. This picture pleased this young man and he was very happy and content.

Upon returning to his cell he received mail. His sister had written him a letter. When he opened up this letter, inside was a picture of his son, confirmation that he had indeed heard and received from Jesus.

That is just one of many of our stories from our time spent at the jail. It truly is an honor to sit down and get to know these young people.

I think one of the most important things I have learned is to keep my eyes on Jesus.

There have been times throughout this year when I have been left speechless, with my mouth hanging wide open in disbelief. "Really? Really? Is this really happening?"

Moments like that have come along many, many times in the past year. It is during these times, when it feels like the world is falling down around me that I can stand firmly planted on my ROCK. No more going up and down emotionally, but standing strong and with my eyes on HIM. Remembering who HE says I am. Remembering that HE has put me here for "such a time as this". Remembering that this is HIS call on my life and that HE has anointed me to do this ministry. Remembering that this ministry is not mine, but HIS. And finally, remembering that I have no control over anyone or anything other myself, my emotions, my choices and my response to situations. There are days when this is hard, but I lean into HIM and "take my thoughts captive and into obedience." 2 Corinthians 10:5.

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I am not anyone’s savior. Jesus is their Savior. It is my job to introduce them. It is my job to love as He does, for them to be able to see HIM in me. It is HIS kindness that leads them to repentance.

Will there be times when I mess up? Oh yeah. I can guarantee it. I am only human after all. Is God big enough to clean up my messes? Oh yeah!

Every trial, every fall down, every mistake, they are all opportunities to grow in who I am in HIM, to sit back and to watch HIM work. Every victory, every miracle, every gift is an example and a reminder of just how much HE loves us. HIS heart and HIS plans for us are good.

One day as I was reading my Bible I came across this verse, it is the second half of John 17:11.

“Holy Father, keep through your name those you have given me so that they may be one as we are one.” This is my daily prayer for those whom the Father has put in my path.

These young people belong to HIM and HE is particularly fond of them.

~ Christina

Open for Business!

We are happy to announce that we have recently signed a lease for office space in Oak Harbor. We are officially in as of March 1st. In the meantime we will be sprucing it up with a fresh coat of paint.

My vision for this space is to use it for one-on-one meetings, ministry sessions with Noble Maritime, Genesis Case Management meetings, and even small groups.

Many times, the people I meet with are hungry,

and I would love to be able to offer them something to eat such as a sandwich and a hot bowl of soup.

Please stay tuned for your invitation to our Open House when we get things up and running.

We are in need of a few office items. If you are able to help us out by supplying any of these items, we would be most grateful.



Needs:

- Desk with chair
- Bookshelves
- Locking file cabinet
- Printer/Copier



Support Group for Moms

A support group of Moms of Addicts was started in October 2012. One mother who attends explained the group as follows:

Our Monday night support group consists of mothers whose adult children have a history of Drug Addiction. Some of these children are in jail, some in drug treatment, while others’ whereabouts, at times, have been unknown. A couple of ladies, whose children are in recovery, are able to share the wisdom they have gained through years of dealing with the uncertainty of drug addiction. Most importantly, they have shared the hope of recovery as evidenced by their children.

In the group, we talk about enduring the heartache and pain and how our stories are somehow significant in the midst of God’s story. It is His story; and we believe He will use each of our stories to His Glory. Sometimes we need to just stand by and do nothing, as difficult as that is. We remind each other that God loves our children even more than we do.

Our support group reflects on God’s saving grace, mercy and His redeeming love. Through devotion, discipline, discernment and the counsel of others, with prayer, we move forward. It isn’t easy to share the hard realities of our situations, but we gain strength from one another knowing we are not alone in this spiritual warfare. We offer one another scripture and encouraging readings; and we lift each of our children up in prayer, knowing and trusting that prayer is powerful. Ending our group night with prayer leaves each of us with more peace than when we started. We have come to believe that the battle belongs to the Lord! “Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God’s” 2 Chronicles 20:15 “The Lord will fight for you; you need

Wish List:

- Small love seat
- 2 comfy chairs
- Coffee table
- Tall kitchen table with 4 chairs
- Mini fridge
- Cabinet
- Microwave
- Electric Fireplace
- Flat Screen TV
- Water cooler

“Your past experiences don’t define who you are. You are who God says you are. In Christ, you are a new creation.”

2012 Financial Report

We would like to give a big THANK YOU to everyone that contributed financially to MtSM in 2012.

Here is a break down of what came in and what went out.

Total Contributions -	\$29,359.89
Total Expenses -	\$21, 544.72
Balance -	\$7,819.87

Approximate Expenditures:

- Travel (mileage) - \$7000.
- Prayer Counseling - \$5950.
- Books & Resources for Participants - \$1000.
- Individual Assistance (Participants Misc) - \$1700.
- Office Equipment (Computers) - \$2050.
- Training (Christina) - \$850.
- Office Supplies - \$1600.
- Fundraising - \$550.
- Food & Meals (Participants) - \$825.00

Participant's Note

My name is Frankie Lovell, WOW!!! Does it feel great to be in the loving Lords presence. Two days ago I was an inmate at Skagit County Jail being held on an out-of-state extradition warrant to California.

I had been on the run from parole down there for the last 5 years. Constantly looking over my shoulder, running from the law on everything from my feet to cars and bikes. With Jesus by my side, step by step, I stopped running and faced my parole problem head on. California never came to pick me up causing the judge to order an immediate release. Today, I sit writing this letter of thanks and praise to our Lord.

Christina and I literally just prayed wholeheartedly with the most faith I have ever felt in my life. I picked up the phone and called the parole office in California to give them my C.D.C. (California Department of Corrections) number. The clerk finds me in the computer.....she says, "Well, it says here that you were discharged earlier this month." hence my

release from incarceration. For the first time in 5 years I am free.



WOW! I cant thank the Lord enough for showing me his love. Thank You so much. May Gods grace be with us all!
~ Frankie Lovell

Thank You!

Words are unable to express the extent of our gratitude. Your consistent prayers, words of encouragement and ongoing financial support make it possible for us to be in relationship and offer hope to others.

Join the Team

Prayer: Your prayers are powerful and effective! If you would like to join our team of Mighty to Save Ministries Prayer Warriors, please send an email to: prayer@mightytosaveministries.org

Financial Support: It's been said that the way you end something is an indication of how you start the next thing. Our desire is to end 2012 financially strong and start 2013 even stronger. Please consider MtSM in your year end and monthly giving. You can give a one time donation of schedule monthly giving using Paypal. Go to mightytosaveministries.org for details.

Prayer Request

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



Samantha count down...14 Months

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