

# 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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## Remembering

Today as I sit in my office I am thinking back to three years ago. I am remembering the night that would forever change the lives of so many, the night of the accident. The accident happened on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010, the Friday before Labor Day. That would be today.

Even though I think I will always remember hearing the sirens that night, at the time, I had no idea that my daughter was involved. I was at a prayer/praise group not far from where the accident occurred. The sirens started and continued for such a long time. I thought of my children, but then said "God, I know you have my children in the palm of your hand. I will not worry." Little did I know just how true and accurate that statement would be. I prayed for the people involved in the accident as I always do when I hear sirens.

As I was leaving my friend's house, I could hear my phone ringing as I opened the car door. I had left my phone in the car that night, something I haven't done since. It was Samantha's friend telling me Sam had been in an accident, and to call Whidbey General Hospital.

I went back into the house, and told everyone what was going on. At this point, I didn't know much, just that the accident had happened. I had no idea the extent of just how bad it was. We prayed as a group; and I headed out with my friend, Kathy, driving me. My husband, Van, was at her house, with her husband. We were to meet up at our home.

Once we arrived home, we grabbed a few things, and headed off to Harborview Hospital in Seattle. It was after midnight at this point. We had each called some close friends, asking them to be praying.

The drive to Seattle was long. My phone kept ringing. The news started coming in. Jake and Fran had died and there had been another car involved. We didn't want to believe any of it. How could this be happening? Together we prayed both out loud and silently.

On the way there I felt the Lord speak to my spirit that night. It was almost as if HE was in the car with us. HE said to me, "This is going to be big, but you will get through it". And HE said, "People will be watching you." I felt this meant that Samantha's friends knew we were "Christian"; and how we behaved and treated people would be a direct

reflection of HIS love. This turned out to be only part of the story. I had many "Christian" friends come to me later and say, "I've been watching you."

One very significant moment came hours later. Samantha was finally moved into a room, her leg and hip in traction, her neck in a brace, and she passed in and out of a state of consciousness. Van had gone home; and I was spending the night with her. Every three hours, a team of 4 to 6 nurses would come in and rotate Samantha to prevent her from getting sores. The rooms were very small, so I was asked to step outside. As I sat in the hall and watched them work through the open door, I said, "God, I don't want to do this." The reality of what had happened, what was still happening and what may happen in the future were just too hard to deal with: the death of three people, the legal issues, prison. None of these things were supposed to be part of the plan. When you hold your baby in your arms for the first time and think of their future, this is not even on the radar. NO! It's supposed to be school, college, work, marriage, children, family, LIFE.

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God met me in that moment though; and I knew I only had two options. I could get up and walk out of that hospital. I could walk away from Samantha and all the chaos and the consequences that lay ahead; or, I could stay and walk through this with her. Knowing option #1 was never really an option, I stood up, wiped my eyes, walked right back into that room, and stood by her bedside. I knew it would be hard. I knew it would be painful. But, I also knew that my love for my daughter would never allow me to walk away from her. Just as God will never leave us or abandon us, I would never leave nor abandon Samantha.

So here we are three years later. We have gone through jail, trial, prison, and many other very difficult moments; but God has been so faithful. Throughout it all, HE has been with us, walking through each moment, bringing comfort when we need it, strength when we thought we couldn't go on any longer, and love, lots of love for us, and for others.

Out of the wreckage HE has brought healing, not only for Samantha, but for others as well. HE promised that the healing Samantha received was not just for Samantha, but for everyone else that desired it.

The hardest part of all of this has been the loss of life. Not a day goes by that I do not think about Jake, Fran and Brian. Not a day goes by that I don't pray for their families and for their hearts to be at peace, that the LORD would bring comfort to them, and fill the void in their lives with HIS love.

God does not promise it will be easy, but HE does promise to be with us through it all. **“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you. And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned.”** Isaiah 43:2

In my Bible, I have written in the margin, “10-14-2010”. The scripture next to it says, **“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be**

*compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”* Romans 8:18

It is my prayer that the sufferings we have gone through are now bringing HIM glory, one saved and sober life at a time. HE truly can use all things for HIS good. (Romans 8:28) - Amen.

~ Christina



Christina, Samantha and Van during a recent visit to Mission Creek.

## Transition Homes

**Jeff (not his real name), Johnny, Stephan--**

These are three people who are being released from jail, prison, and/or rehab. People with no safe place to return to in Island County. The addresses they gave were either denied or deemed unsafe because of drugs or alcohol being consumed in those homes. This is a very real problem. Two out of the three of these people are required to live in Island County. They need someplace to go.

This problem is one that confronts us all the time at MtSM, a problem that requires a solution, a solution that will provide these young people with a safe place to stay, a program to help them stay on track, and the opportunity to pursue personal growth and a positive future.

Although our heart's desire is to have our very own Transformation Home, the logistics and finances seem daunting. That said, we see that God has begun to move toward filling the need.

Here is what's happening so far:

- Ann Meyers, PhD, a Nonprofit / Organizational Management

Consultant, has graciously volunteered to write grants for us to help us secure the finances we need to open our first home.

- Rebecca Ryan, a local Real Estate agent has volunteered to help us look for a starter home.
- A husband and wife team are praying about becoming our house “Mom & Dad”. We think they would be perfect for this position, having been delivered from addiction themselves.

We are grateful for these people, but we need you too. If you would like to be part of this vision, we want you on our team.

Right now, we are in need of funding and are especially looking for a volunteer to work part time alongside Ann. Please call Christina @ 360-929-2959 to apply for this position.

Your prayers for this venture and for this ministry are always greatly appreciated!

## What's Happening

Recently MtSM was again able to help a family send an inmate to a loved one's Memorial Service. This family was only a few dollars short and we are so happy that we were able to help fill that gap. The following is a note from the inmate.

*Dear Christina,*

*I just wanted to say thank you so very much for helping me get to my Grandma's memorial. I went yesterday and it was a wonderful memorial. I was able to be with my family and family-friends and I now have closure - it's an irreplaceable day that I was able to pay my respects and I'm very grateful.*

*Thank you and God bless you.*

*Sincerely,  
Adel Ewing*

## Participant's Note

Paula, Tammy, and I went to Spokane and got to spend some time with our Sarah while we were there. For those of you who don't know, Sarah came into our lives at MtSM in January of 2012. She has been a huge blessing to us. She has a huge heart, and desire to be clean and healthy. She and God are working through this together. It is a joy to see her grow in HIM.



Paula, Christina, Sarah and Tammy

life. I honestly can say for the first time in my life I love myself, forgive myself, and walk in the authority of being a child of the Most High God. I am soooo super thankful to Christina for walking with me during my faith journey, and for never giving up on me.

I am in my eighth month at the Spokane Dream Center. I am excited to see what God's plans are for me.

I super love and miss everybody.

Sarah

*But you are not like that, for you*

*are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.*

1 Peter 2:9

Sarah wrote the following to everyone at MtSM:

Mighty to Save Peeps,

Thanks to everybody for prayers and concerns. I just wanted to let everybody know how much God is working in my

## Thank You!

As summer comes to a close I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tammy Pal for her service to MtSM.

Tammy is very gifted in the ministry of SOZO and we are always so blessed to have her share her gift with us. Tammy completely volunteers her time and her resources to minister to others. She loves to see people Saved, Healed and Delivered and we are so delighted to watch God use her to minister to the hearts of the hurting.

Tammy and her husband Tom head back to Arizona for the winter soon and we wish them the very best.

We love you both and you will be missed. We're already looking forward to your return next spring!

## 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](mailto:prayer@mightytosaveministries.org)

**Volunteer Opportunity: Part Time Fundraiser** - You would be working directly with our new Grant Writer. Contact Christina @ 360-929-2959.

**Financial Support:** Please consider MtSM in your monthly giving. You can give a one time donation or schedule monthly giving using Paypal. Go to [mightytosaveministries.org](http://mightytosaveministries.org) for details.

### Prayer Request

Please keep **Transformational 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.

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Mail checks to the below address or go to [mightytosaveministries.org](http://mightytosaveministries.org) and donate online via PayPal.

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