



# Merciful Ministries inc.

Serving women of all ages with Biblical counseling , discipleship, and comfort.

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## A Gift!

**Greetings:** Last time I told you I'm getting "Back on Track." This letter is about how your GIFTS have actually rebooted Merciful Ministries Inc.(MMI) We are back on a better direction financially. There still remains a deficit (see below) but praise the Lord, your gifts blessed MMI significantly! Please know my **Utter GRATEFULNESS!** And though my back problems are slowly healing and take their toll on me, the Lord is so still at work every hour. Here are some testimonies as to what God is doing....

**D says:** "MMI has been a tremendous blessing in my life. God utilizes time with Lizabeth to introduce me to myself; the icky, messy parts of me that I would rather not deal with, and to God himself; His grace, forgiveness and love. Through my experiences with MMI, I've learned how to better love God, others and myself. It's not always an easy experience and God certainly uses Lizabeth to challenge the deepest parts of me but this is just one of His many ways of drawing us back to Him. This ministry is a gift from Abba to His daughters!"



**A Grandma writes:** "I can't thank MMI enough for what they do. A few months ago I realized my granddaughter needed a Christian counselor to help her see her own self-worth and how valuable she is to God. She's been to multiple therapists, yet missing the most important and really only thing that will bring her healing. That is to understand her relationship with Christ and how to grab onto the hem of his garment to receive emotional and spiritual healing.

I could direct her to Christ but she needed someone who knew how to address all the trauma she had been through in such a young life. I can't give adequate words to the transformation I am witnessing as little by little she discovers the light of God's grace and love in the deep dark pit life threw her into. Slowly she is being led out of that pit and into the Hope that only Jesus Christ can give. MMI is truly a lifeline to hurting women of all ages. Thank you to all who help to provide this valuable ministry. **And please don't stop praying for us."**

## Another counselee says:

"It was no coincidence that I was led to Merciful Ministries. After our very first meeting, I knew God had brought me to the MMI office. As a teen, among other events, traumatic dating violence and stalking had lasting impact on my life, living in fear, and battling severe anxiety. By God's grace I was freed from the man, But over years of recovery, dealing with those emotions, I found no help in the church, so ill equipped to disciple people at this level of hurt. Last year, in one of the greatest battles of my adult life, I thought I could die of grief!

Though God sustained me on through His Word, my hope is being stirred and restored since meeting with Lizabeth. It's as though God said, "Enough!" picked me up, placed me in a safe place, within those 4 little walls. Here I talk through and receive Biblical, logical hope. Looking forward to every Friday meeting, I am overwhelmed that MMI exists. I am confident God has appointed this time for me, and I feel His very personal love and provision to overcome these obstacles to serve Him and others!"

**Financial Update:** Thank you for your prayers, support and gifts!! Because of your wonderful outpouring in the Fall, the deficit for the year is **\$23,600.00**, that's **\$1967.00/month** needed, which is the first time in a while to be under \$30,000,00! I am truly grateful for your involvement in this ministry. Remember when you give, you literally are counseling through me vicariously. Please know **God is faithfully sustaining MMI** this year through your faithfulness. God bless you!

**Financial Request:** I recognize that funds are tight everywhere, but unfortunately this level of counseling is mostly unattainable for hurting woman. **Won't you prayerfully consider how God would have you help with a gift** to come along side these women in need?



Year-end gifts are greatly valued however regular giving is best for ongoing needs.

**Please remember all gifts and donations are tax deductible & need to be dated by December 31, 2016.**

*Christmas Regards,  
Lizabeth Swayne*

