



Merciful Ministries inc.

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

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Dear Merciful Ministry Partners:

It is a privilege to be able to connect with you this lovely Christmas season. I'm excited to share with you how God is using Merciful Ministries, Inc. (MMI) in the lives of women here in Rock Hill, SC, and the greater Charlotte area through Biblical counseling and classes this year. I have permission to share carefully a few of these "**gifts of glory**" that I get to see every day of counseling which I don't usually disclose for their protection.

One counselee writes: "Without Lizabeth's work through MMI, I don't believe I would still be alive today. Having a history of depression and after a painful divorce and losing custody of my children, I felt like my life was over. I had no purpose or value. Planning suicide, the unforgivable sin, by



Merry Christmas

starving myself, my family had me hospitalized. Afterwards, when unable to work due to a disabling disease, and seeing psychiatrists, psychologists, secular counselors, support groups, inpatient treatments and, after many antidepressants nothing touched my problems, I resorted to isolating myself again except when with my children.

Lizabeth has been counseling me for over a year now for depression, anxiety, and panic attacks as well. I was raised as a Christian, but I had lost my way in life. She has been helping me understand how my anger at God, myself and others has deeply affected me, how I had made my mother and my children the idols in my life, the things I lived for instead of my personal relationship with Christ. (continued on p.2)

PERSONAL APPEAL:

A wonderful **present** you could give to someone who is broken and hurting is to allow the "Light" of Jesus Christ to shine onto their "pain filled, slumped, disheveled," (Paul Tripp) fear, shame & guilt ridden lives, by way of **some counseling sessions** at Merciful Ministries, Inc. You would be giving the Holy Spirit room to start His renovation project that He's just dying to accomplish.

Won't you **please prayerfully consider how** you may **become a part** of this on-going work **through prayer** and/or **financial help**? We can't continue unless people come alongside MMI over the long haul.

Just as yard work can be tedious and time consuming, in order to get your yard into shape, so is counseling.



Peoples' problems are not fixed over night often need to take baby steps to face them. MMI's desire, joy and gifting, is to invest time for change to take place. For your information, as you pray for and financially support MMI, you are "**vicariously**" counseling these women through me!

The **growth** that is happening in these women is **so inspiring** that I have no regret asking for your help. This is a good investment into the Kingdom of the Living God. The Lord has kept MMI helping women now for over 3 1/2 years, even though I do not charge for services rendered. **History now can show; woman who received healing with MMI are stronger believers.**

God bless your consideration,

Lizabeth

Highlights:

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FINANCIAL NEED:

MMI's financial shortfall is \$2000.00/month.

- Funds are tight everywhere. And normally this level of care is unattainable. Can you spare a gift of the price of a cup of coffee every morning or every week; \$10.00-\$40.00/month? If 100 people shared at this level, the dire situation MMI is in this month would be solved with \$12,000 - \$48,000.00 a year! How many ministries live on so little?!
- I **challenge** 100 people to be ambassadors with me, to ask God if \$10.00 - \$40.00 a month would be a gift He would have you give regularly, to vicariously counsel through me?
- **Year-end gifts are greatly valued**, but regular giving is most beneficial for our continuing needs.

Please remember all gifts and donations are tax deductible and need to be dated by December 31, 2014.

Rare moments of testimonial disclosure:

A Counselee continues (from front) : Learning how to pray, how to receive forgiveness from God for myself and to forgive others, as well as learning to make God the person I live for and find my identity in, has changed my life. I am still a work in progress and meet with Lizabeth weekly. Although I still have my dark days, I have a renewed faith, knowing God is with me always and I now see my purpose clearer and the important job of letting my children and others see God's work in me."

Another Lady speaks: "Merciful Ministries was an unexpected blessing! A friend referred me to Lizabeth and her counseling ministry. Having never attended counseling previously, I did not know what to expect, but felt compelled to try it. I am incredibly grateful for the biblical-based guidance and care. Merciful Ministries is challenging me to deepen my devotion to and relationship with Jesus, while also equipping me to handle challenges and obstacles in healthier, more God-honoring ways."

Young hurting woman: referred to me by word of mouth, has been holding the secret of being regularly abused since childhood due to fear for her very life. Now, older and working, she has come forward, asked for help, is facing her fears and the deep struggles that come when one unearths such struggles and yet is finding healing each week. As she honestly faces what sins have been done to her, and her responses to being sinned against, sinful and survival actions are being replaced with the comfort, the reality of the Holy Spirit's work, the gospel, and new healthy decision making, as I write!

This woman says: "I am finding that as I meet regularly with Lizabeth, the cycling, the natural highs and low that come with mental health issues, have begun to improve, by refocusing my mind on God's word and God's will for my life. Lizabeth helps me combine the theory I already know with her knowledge of God's word and his grace to a new level of applying truth to my life, helping me face my past and to deal with my life in reality in new and God honoring ways. Lizabeth models what real honest relationships are supposed to look like."

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Personal update since the spring:

Jan-Now: counseled 15-18 women per week

Jan-June: My church, WPC, asked me to teach
1st Sexual Sanity for Women, by Ellen Dykas
10 women came for 24 weeks, 1 eve/wk

Jan - June: leading/facilitating a weekly/eve ladies
Bible study/support group

April - July: Assisted in couples counseling with
Peacemakers 2-3 times/wk

June - Aug: Regular counseling schedule
WPC requested teach **SSfW** again in the Fall
Prep, prayer & studying began for this
New web site started

Sept: **2nd Sexual Sanity for Women** class started.
To continue into the spring.

Oct: Christian Counseling /Education Foundation
(CCEF) **Conference on "LOSS"**
San Diego, California

Oct: visited my mother's family home in California,
Mount Hermon Christian Conference Center
Her grandparents were founders.
Joined by Mother and Sister from Dallas, Tx.

Now: new counselees coming every week almost!
New web site up, but not finished.
Visit: mercifulministriesinc.com



Please pray...

1. That God would bring regular prayer partners to pray for MMI and these women for wisdom, guidance, hope and healing. No matter how much financial support God raises, without the power of the Holy Spirit, no heart changes are possible.
2. For financial support from God's people to catch the vision of MMI to partner with us.
3. For my preparation time for counselees and classes, for the Lord to increase and I decrease, to hear and heed his teaching and guidance to allow plenty of room for the Holy Spirit's work on each individual heart, even my own!
4. For the word to be spread even more, that there is help for women, here in the Rock Hill area, as well as the greater Charlotte area.

Praise the Lord with us...

1. For so many who are seeing the value of this counseling, because every counselee who has come and is waiting to be seen has been referred by word of mouth!
2. That prayers for Randy, an MMI supporter, have been heard! His lung disease has slowed, but still needs healing.
3. For ROC, **Renew Our Community**, as they continue to meet needs in the Rock Hill area, as well as provide MMI with office space,
(<http://www.renewoc.org>).