



Letter from the director

November 2022

Dear friends and supporters of Stand at the Crossroads Ministries,

As I was reflecting on this last year and all those who have given their prayers, time, energy and resources to keep our ministry running smoothly, I was amazed. There are hundreds of people who assist us in a variety of ways; from praying for us, working in our store, doing maintenance and building projects, giving to our store and ministry with donations or financial support, working in our garden planting flowers or vegetables or weeding our beds, mowing, and cleaning up our property, working with our ladies as mentors, bookkeeping and accounting, office workers, etc. etc. etc. The list goes on of all the needs of running a successful ministry. If you're getting this newsletter, you have given in some way to us over the years.

As we have grown, many have come along side to take over the growing needs of our ministry. This ministry would not be able to keep helping women without you. You are God's hands and encouragement to keep us going, even when things get difficult working with the precious women and children God sends our way.

Unfortunately, the need is growing. We get more calls for help from women with children than we ever have before. It is so hard to tell them we have no room right now, and we don't have anywhere to refer them.

Which brings the Board to begin considering if we want to build more units. We will be getting a plan together soon to submit to the City Planning to see if we can do this on the existing property we own. Since we have paid off all our debts, thanks to you, the extra funds we have coming in for the holiday season will go to saving for this. We hope to build another duplex like the one we built in 2018. So, we ask you to once again be praying for us as we consider this next step.

Our ladies here are still struggling with finding housing and childcare they can afford. Having extra units will give our ladies a little more time with us to prepare for moving out on their own and also give us the opportunity to help more women.

These are hard times for many, especially women having to support themselves and their children alone. We are praying and working with them to see them through these tough time in their lives and on the way to being self-sufficient. We are working to show them a better way of living according to God's plan for their lives and the blessing that comes with it.

Thank you for joining us in this endeavor.

God bless you all!

Debbie Lamb

Summer 2022 Activities



Calvary Chapel Work Day & Fun Day



Residents enjoying swimming Together

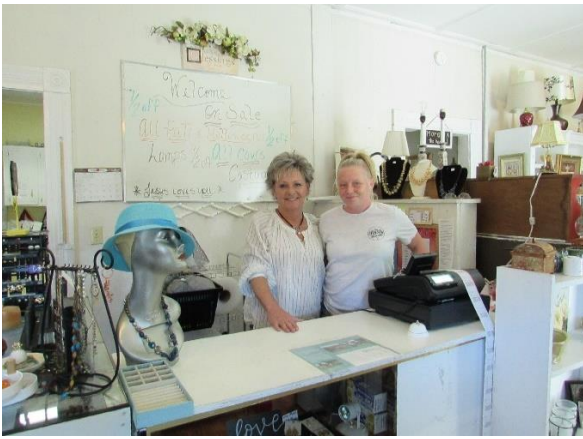


Building good friendships

Fall Activities



Wednesday night Bible study with Debbie & Joy leading



Store Volunteer Kim & Resident Jodie



Some of Thursday crew discussing work plans



The Mustard Seed Garden Team working on our garden



How Your Contributions Have Helped Stand at the Crossroads for 2022

Your contributions this year have helped us help many women. We have had 9 women at My Father's House, 9 women & 19 children in our apartments, and 9 women & 10 children at Grace House this year. The ladies have gotten jobs at the hospital, USCA, Chick Fil-A, KJs, Millbrook Baptist Church Custodial, Waffle House, EMT, and Fish House, Everett Roofing Co., Dollar Tree, and Hospice Care. We helped two residents pay off debts or fines. One got help getting her teeth fixed. Two ladies had help repairing their cars. We have transported ladies to work, Celebrate Recovery, GED classes, grocery stores, and appointments. A few ladies have gotten custody of their children while here. Two ladies gave birth to beautiful babies this year (and one is about to!) Some have gotten children into day care, Head Start and schools. We've given furnishings to a few ladies who found apartments or trailers to move into.

Around the property, we have had help with yard upkeep and planting our vegetable garden & flowers. We've maintained or put on new roofs and new HVAC systems. We made an addition to our crowded office space and we've recently finished our upstairs apartment.

We just finished studying the book off John together at our Wednesday night Bible Study and it has been a great help to our ladies who have never read the Bible before or knew how to apply it to their lives. This purpose is the heart of our ministry.

You all, through your donations and work, have made these things possible. THANK YOU!!

It's with great sadness that we remember our dear friend and Board member, Anna Younts, who passed away this September. She was a vital part in helping women at Celebrate Recovery & she also brought wisdom and guidance through our SATCM Board.

Spotlight on Dori Turner



Dori came to us in March of this year after a few years of struggling, due to Covid. Her hair salon business was forced to shut down during the pandemic, leaving her with no income for several months. Then Dori was hospitalized with a serious case of Covid for over two months in 2021. As a result, she has had to play “catch-up”; paying back over-due rent for her apartment, as well as back rent for the hair salon space used for her business. In addition, Dori lost a lot of clients during her absence from work, so that she has had to build back up her clientele. Dori came to us to try to pay off her debts and get her business back on a good footing.

Dori had actually been a part of Stand at the Crossroads previously, in 2013. She was a single mom, raising two children and struggling to make ends meet. She was a wonderful resident who stayed here until she was able to get stabilized and move to a place of her own. We have kept in close contact with her in the 19 years since she left.

Dori loves the Lord. Her two grown children and grandchildren are a big part of her life. Sadly, Dori’s mother died of cancer in September, leaving her father, who suffered with Alzheimer’s disease, needing help. After many trips to their home in Edgefield, Dori made the hard decision to move in with her father to care for him. She still joins our Wednesday night Bible Study and Sunday morning church with us as much as possible. And she has blessed several residents with free hair-cuts.

Dori said, “I want to always be a part of this ministry. It’s nice to know we have a group of people who value the same things.”

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