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Listen Love Pray

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Listen Love Pray's first recovery-focused **paint day** generated beautiful art, friendships, laughter, and encouragement. As a team, Edi and Judy organized a fun, faith-filled event for women and their children. Ken Nelson and Kristin Chlebeda-Nelson provided childcare while, as always, **NBNC** graciously provided the venue.

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God Makes All Things Beautiful



A Message from the Executive Director

In endless variety, Holy Spirit works through our team to bring people into the healing love of Jesus. Last year, 53 volunteers served 3,510 hours in numerous LLP ministries. With willing hands and hearts, these beautiful souls responded to our community in 3,350 personal encounters.

While the need for love, peace, hope, and healing, seems to be endless, we trust God to supply every need. With the smallest degree of faith, there is a sense of the limitless nature of God. His great love, tender mercy, and amazing grace are evident in each breath and in the dawning of every new day.

The apostle Paul was compelled to proclaim this good news, praying that people could *experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully*. He knew that with this love, humanity would *be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God* (Ephesians 3:19).

I hope you see Jesus at work in this edition. The pictures are a testament of God's glory; a glimpse into the reality of His love that is present here on earth. God's love in serving, God's love in praying, God's love in writing, God's love in art, God's love in children and those who care

for them, God's love in laughter, God's love in sharing, God's love in the hearts of LLP volunteers who learn deeper ways to help others find freedom.

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. This is how love is made complete among us

— 1 John 4: 16-17

Lucinda Nelson, Executive Director, LLP

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Carleah Summers brought some of her crew from *Andrea's House*, and God's grace moved within each attendee to create masterpieces! Some were hesitant to paint at first, but with patience, kindness, nonjudgement, and encouragement they overcame their doubt! The painters meditated on a selected scripture and painted with the flow of Holy Spirit. The beauty they created brought oohs, aahs and joy. Interested in joining LLP's recovery team? Contact judylistenlovepray@gmail.com.



Fun-filled
Paint Day
with
Friends
from
Andrea's
House!



Come all who are burdened

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. —Matthew 11: 28-30

As the Christian calendar enters Lent, God's children prepare for Christ's work on the cross. We can lean into what He did for all of us. Jesus is here to help. Do you hear yourself say, "I'm good. I can handle it. I don't need help. I'm not carrying around anything heavy. I got this. I don't need prayer. I don't need Jesus"?

LLP prayer ministers after February's Deep Healing training

Maybe, like the woman in the painting (on page 3), we humbly make our way to Jesus this season, where finally, gratefully, years of burdens are gone.

Working and praying to bring the Healing Love of Jesus to His people, eighteen of LLP's volunteer prayer ministers came to learn and practice **Deep Healing**, a powerful new ministry of LLP that combines healing prayer and deliverance. In these prayer sessions, participants seek Christ's freedom from recurring or persistent issues. If you have been suffering like the woman in Mark 5, we encourage you to schedule a session, contact:

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*An exhausted, suffering woman touches the hem of Jesus' garment.
(Photo courtesy of M. Armacost)*

Jesus Heals Today

I photographed this painting in a chapel in Israel. This image has just stayed with me. It shows the encounter with Jesus of the woman who had a bleeding disorder for twelve years. This story is captured in **Matthew 9:20-22**, **Luke 8:42-48**, and in my favorite version, **Mark 5:24-34**.

The version in Mark is my favorite because it provides much more context about what the woman experienced in the twelve years she had suffered this disorder ... under the care of many doctors, spending all her money, but she just got worse. How many times at Listen Love Pray Foundation have we encountered people who have experienced suffering for years, seeking the healing power of Jesus?

As Mark's gospel shares, this suffering woman is in a crowd of people following Jesus, and she simply believes ... she has faith ... that by touching His garment ... not even Him ... but just by touching His garment she will be healed. Imagine being in a crush of people, just trying to get close enough to Jesus to just be able to touch His garment. This painting shows that moment, when Jesus' healing power is supernaturally transferred to the woman, and she is immediately healed. How powerful is that?! The faith this woman had! She struggled for 12 years ... 12 years ... to be healed, and after exhausting all her resources, turned to Jesus for that healing.

At Listen Love Pray Foundation we are extraordinarily blessed to encounter the healing love of Jesus in so many ways. These encounters happen during private healing prayer appointments, our prayer services, our classes, working with the recovery community, and simply when we ourselves spend time soaking. Jesus confirmed for this woman what we know and experience ... that Jesus heals today!

Maureen Armacost, President LLP

Mark 5:24-34

*A large crowd followed and pressed around him. And a woman was there who had been **subject to bleeding for twelve years**. She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, **yet instead of getting better she grew worse**.*

When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, because she thought,

“If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.”

*Immediately her bleeding stopped, and she felt in her body that she was **freed from her suffering**.*

At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked,

“Who touched my clothes?”

“You see the people crowding against you,” his disciples answered,

“and yet you can ask, ‘Who touched me?’”

But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it.

Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth.

He said to her,

*“**Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.**”*

ListenLovePray Events

March

- Mar 1/8/15/22/29 Women's Bible Study (Isaiah)**
Wednesdays • 9:30 am at NBNC
- Mar 1 - 31 Life's Healing Choices Small Groups**
Various times and days
- Mar 1/15 Ladies Recovery – Andrea's House**
1st & 3rd Wednesdays • 5:30 pm (on Zoom)
- Mar 2/16 Celebrate Recovery at Beacon House**
1st & 3rd Thursdays • 7:15 pm at FRM
- Mar 4 Prayer Blitz – Beacon House**
Saturday • 9:00 am at FRM
- Mar 6/20 Ladies Recovery – Kelsey's House**
1st & 3rd Mondays • 5:30 pm
- Mar 6/20 Ladies Recovery Bible Study**
1st & 3rd Mondays • 7:00 pm (on Zoom)
- Mar 7/21 Healing Prayer Service
(in person and now on YouTube Live)**
1st & 3rd Tuesdays • 7:00 pm at NBNC
- Mar 8 Recovery Ministry – Beacon House**
2nd Wednesday • 10:30 am at FRM
- Mar 9 Recovery Team Continuing Education**
Thursday • 7:00 pm at NBNC
- Mar 14/28 Zoom Healing Prayer Service**
2nd & 4th Tuesdays • 7:00 pm (on Zoom)
- Mar 26 Men's Recovery – Beacon House**
4th & 5th Sundays • 6:00 pm at FRM

April

- Apr 4/18 Healing Prayer Service
(in person and now on YouTube Live)**
1st & 3rd Tuesday • 7:00 pm at NBNC

LLP Supports the Frederick Rescue Mission Staff

On February 3rd, LLP was asked to lead the staff retreat's afternoon session. Aiming to bring the healing love of Jesus to FRM's hard-working people, LLP offered group and individual activities. In groups, LLP helped the staff meditate on scripture, receive inspiration from Holy Spirit and consider how to work from the overflow of God's love. Then, 5 teams of two prayer ministers each, offered individual healing prayer helping them step into the light and healing love of Jesus. What a thrill to be able to serve FRM's dedicated staff members who work tirelessly for our community in countless ways. LLP continues to pray for you all.



LLP volunteers getting ready to bring Jesus' LOVE to FRM Staff

YouTube Ministry Update

Listen Love Pray has posted **277 videos, shorts, and live recordings!** Last month, viewers watched 3,170 minutes and 17 new people subscribed. Share a video with someone who needs to hear Jesus's healing love today!

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Lord, continue to bless the spirits, minds and hands of our loving donors. Keep LLP ever faithful to your call and your word. May each soul touched by LLP feel the healing love of Jesus. Amen.



LLP works in recovery centers, churches, and the community. Jesus still heals and delivers people today!