



Girls Set Apart

Proverbs 3:15

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ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY!

What a milestone! It's been one year since Girls Set Apart (GSA) was born, and our team cannot be more proud of the great work accomplished over the past 12 months. We give all thanks and glory to the Almighty God.

At this time last year, Leah Chikumbindi and other bold women joined together on a journey with nothing but faith. GSA had no money and no office, but with faith and courage, they trusted God and His purpose for GSA. Among others, Leah Chikumbindi, Polly Haley, Sandy Nalley, Dale Bey, Jamie Freeman, Lisa Smith, Edith Mvududu and Ginny Teguns, pressed forward and laid the foundation for this beautiful ministry. The first business meeting took place at Union Coffee in Dallas on April 30, 2014.

The first GSA event was "The Princess In Me Royal Retreat" at Springhill Retreat Center in Richardson, Texas. At this Princess in Me, GSA focused on teaching young girls 9 -11 years of age the following: (1) Who is Christ? TRUTH, (2) Who are these girls in Christ? IDENTITY, and (3) What do these answers mean to the girls? VALUE



2014 Royal Retreat

Twenty-three young girls attended this event. As leaders for the retreat, GSA was blessed with nine teen mentors and six adult volunteers. The keynote speakers for the event were Sarah Luginbill, a youth director at Lovers Lane UMC in Dallas, and Wadzani Thembani, the current Miss Zimbabwe USA and member of Harvest International Church in Dallas. Both

messages included the following truth for the girls, "God created you in a unique fashion because He has great things planned for you. Never stop believing that you are amazing, beautiful, strong and loved."

Also, last summer we launched our first in-home Bible Study for high school students, and it was a great success.



2014 Summer Bible Study

The study focused on how to follow of Christ as a teenager today. We discussed the girls' struggles such as what it takes to be different and still be "normal". We covered basics like, "Who is Jesus? How Jesus came to live among man? Why is Jesus' presence important?" **Luke 2:8-12** We discussed the reasons why having a personal relationship with Him is important, and the impact such a relationship has on them as teen girls today.

Last fall, GSA hosted our first teen girls retreat at the Southfork Hotel in Plano Texas. Our theme was Unbelievably Free. **Proverbs 3:15**. The curriculum focused on defining Patience, Purity and Purpose in Christ for the girls, and we discussed why all these cannot exist if God is not the center of our lives. We were blessed with adult leader/mentors and different guest to present on different topics.

Alison Lumbatis founder/owner of "Get Your Pretty On" www.getyourprettyon.com, discussed Modesty. Mari Thomas, Owner of "Beyond Appearance" www.beyondappearance.com gave a presentation on Hygiene and Living Well. Dale Bey taught the girls about Boundaries.



2014 Teen Retreat

Phamela Mangoma taught on Patience & Purity. Main guest were Raegan Gilliland, Young Adult Pastor at Lovers Lane United Methodist Church, Tafadzwa Charuma, a psychology student and former football player at ETBU. He brought a Christian and brotherly word of advice to these young girls. Lastly Mrs. Elaine Dancer, a young lady in her 70's, delivered a very meaningful message about making wise choices and how choices made in youth impact futures. See her website at www.elainedancer.com. By the end of this event, 3 girls had given their lives to Christ. Praise God.

In January 2015, we held our first leadership retreat in Lake Cypress Scroggins, Texas. This was a an intentional time to hear from God and learn about discerning the Holy Spirit and responding to God's call in our lives as leaders in the body of Christ. The retreat theme was Rejuvenate & Engage, and our fearless leader was Mrs. Becky Eldredge, founder of Creating Space to Connect faith and Everyday Lives, www.beckyeldredge.com.



Leadership Retreat 2015

This leadership retreat truly was a wonderful time to sit at the feet of Jesus and allow the Holy Spirit to work in and through us and GSA. GSA gives special thanks to Mrs. Lisa Smith for hosting this meaningful event for GSA leaders.

God is calling us to continue to do more for His glory and GSA in 2015. We are thrilled to go as we follow His lead. We are in the process of transitioning GSA from a LLC to 501(c)(3) nonprofit. We trust that God will bless this GSA for necessary funding for His work through GSA in 2015. He has taken us

thus far, and He will continue to carry us forward. Among other prayers for GSA, we ask you to pray for God to provide a central location for GSA - a space for GSA to ministers to girls and conduct administrative duties.

All whom have joined with GSA this past year in serving our Lord have witnessed His hand at work in the lives of the young girls at the retreats and the teens during Bible study. We trust that God will use GSA to reach continue to reach other girls in our local communities and beyond. GSA is blessed with volunteers and leaders from different churches, different cities, and different ethnic backgrounds. Although GSA's leadership and volunteers are diverse on many levels, we are united in Jesus Christ. Our prayer is that every girl that comes to GSA will feel like family, feel safe, and most importantly feel loved.

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