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“But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ”
~1 Corinthians 15:57~

As I reflect on the happenings of The Women’s Refuge over the past few months, I am reminded of the victory that is in Jesus Christ alone. Such power! Power that is beyond our comprehension, yet He offers it to us if we would just believe.

I am excited to share how God is continuing to reveal His power and saving hand in The Women’s Refuge ministry.



I would like to start by introducing our current residents, Tisha (left) and Bobbi (right). The end of August will mark Tisha’s 5 months with us, and Bobbi’s 7 months with us. They have completed phases 1 and 2 of their program, and the growth that is evident in these ladies is nothing short of the hand of God. The ladies were moved to share their testimonies during our weekly Celebrate Recovery groups at Shiloh church.



Below is a shortened testimony from Tisha:

I grew up in a stable home. My rebellious stage began in my late twenties. I found myself in places and doing things I knew was wrong, which eventually brought me to my end. I got arrested and ended up with drug charges. I prayed every night while I was in jail, and by God’s grace I did not go to prison. Through many prayers, my mother found The Women’s Refuge of St. Johns County. I was rebellious at the beginning of my stay (being wise in my own eyes) until I surrendered all to my Savior, Jesus Christ. Today I know my identity as a child of God, and there is no turning back for me! I pray to always put my trust in HIM, and “let go and let God”. He has always been there, even when I didn’t see Him, even in my troubled times. He has always been there.

“Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil”

~Eph 6:11

“Delight yourself in the Lord and He shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord. Trust in Him, and He shall bring it to pass”

~Psalm 37:4-5

So much restoration has taken place in their lives! They are working through tough issues such as fear(s), codependency, unforgiveness, boundaries and anger to mention a few. Walls have come down, they have scripture in their hearts and they are beginning to walk out what they are learning. The core of the program is for each lady to come to KNOW who they are as a child of God (Identity) and to learn to abide in Him. It is sobering to see the transformation take place before my eyes. These ladies are coming to know who they were created to be and are preparing to share the treasure they have found in Jesus.

Our community plays a huge part in the growth of our ladies. Groups from various churches in the community come out to the Refuge to assist with projects, or to share in a time of fellowship, testimony and Bible study. Getting involved in the community is foundational for the women. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you feel moved to participate in the ministry. I'm sure there is a place for you!



The ladies are now entering the phase where they are beginning to look for employment. Tisha has landed a job, praise God! Bobbi is still searching as she has decided to make St. Augustine her home and needs a job that will support her. Please pray as we seek employment for Bobbi.

We also ask if you will join us in prayer for a transition home. We have approximately five ladies in line to enter the program however we do not have enough beds. A transition home will allow us to move the ladies entering their final phase and will free up the beds in the program where we will be able to reach more lives for the Gospel.

Last but not least, The Women's Refuge is having its very first golf tournament! The work of the Refuge is funded by donations from individuals, churches and fundraising activities. Our organization is relying on support from our sponsors to help make this golf tournament a great success. You will find the ways you can participate in the brochure included.

We ask if you will commit to praying for this ministry God has entrusted to us. Thank you for all your support, and to God be the glory!

Abiding in HIM,

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