

GTN Newsletter

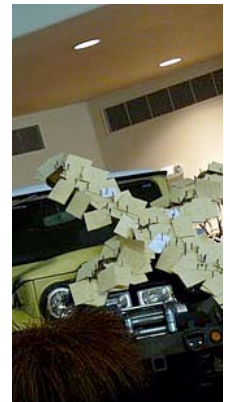
A Community Based Model of Care

MTS Training April 23-24, 2010



“Praise be to God.. the Father of Compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows. If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort... And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.”

-Paul in II Cor. 1:3-7



One hundred and eighty Christian and civic leaders came together representing over sixty-five organizations and churches in order to be trained in a biblically based theology of abuse and healing. Stories of redemption were told throughout the weekend - which just deepened our faith in God’s promises to “be with us” in the midst of our pain. Our MTS model teaches a caregiver how to utilize his or her own story of brokenness and healing in the caregiving process. We are currently writing the curriculum for Streetlight here in Phoenix, and unfolding a Mentor Model of Caregiving.

We wish you could have been there!
Our MTS training was a celebration of Christ and His goodness and power to heal!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR WRITING & THE CREATION OF COMMUNITY-BASED MODELS

Daniel’s prayer is our prayer in 2:20-22...

“Blessed be the name of God forever & ever. For wisdom & might are His.
And He changes the times & the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings;
He gives wisdom to the wise, and knowledge to those who have understanding.

He reveals deep and secret things - He knows what is in the darkness - and light dwells with Him.”

Pray with us that God will grant us a community-based model of care for the sustainable healing of His daughters - the exploited and prostituted juveniles of our country and around the world.



This is Elizabeth, our oldest daughter and this picture was taken in Kampala, Uganda during the Caring for the Vulnerable Child Conference in 2009. I love this picture because it embodies the beauty and rich theology of our MTS model - that Christ smiles when we **show up** within community relationships and talk of His strength, His righteousness, His love, His power, and His goodness to heal us and reconcile us back to Himself. We can do this best when we are honest about our weaknesses & stories in order to showcase Him!

*“Those who are wise shall shine
like the brightness of the firmament,
And those who turn many to righteousness
Like the stars forever and ever.”*

Daniel 12:3

Your partnership with us is freeing us up to focus on the research (both biblical & social science) and resources most needed by the church leaders here and abroad for 21st century ministry to the broken. We are humbled and in awe at the privilege and responsibility we carry to serve God’s appointed leaders well. Thank you for your faithfulness to pray for us as we seek to minister to so many.

With Grateful Hearts,

Steve and Celestia

CALENDAR

August 1-19, 2010

Steve & Abby’s trip to Rwanda, Kenya, Burundi, & Uganda to assess, encourage & support the Christian leaders who are caring for adults and children who have been abused and exploited.

August 26, 2010

Portland, Oregon Pastor’s Conference on a collaboration of churches for a community-based model of care for the exploited children of the NW

August 27-30, 2010

GTN Staff Retreat

November 15-24, 2010

Celestia’s trip to Kampala, Uganda - assessment on curriculum, resources, and needs of the caregivers for ministry to the vulnerable child.

Fall, 2010

Baja, Mexico - Steve & Celestia to teach/train church & civic leaders on effective ministry to the abused.

*“Men must fear and tremble before the
God of Daniel!
For He is the living God!
His dominion shall endure to the end.
He delivers & rescues,
and He works signs & wonders.
In heaven & earth,
Who has delivered Daniel from the
power of the lions!”
King Darius - Daniel 6:26-27*

We believe that healing is the most effective evangelistic tool of the 21st century. Praise God for the unprecedented opportunities to bring the “Good News” of the gospel into the darkest of places!