

HONORARIUM



*Carolyn P McCurry 1935-2009
Absent in the body but present with the Lord*

Love Your Neighbor Ministries extends their love, prayers and Christ's comfort to Mimi Neighbors and her sister Katie Booth in the death of their beautiful mother, Carolyn McCurry. Carolyn was a resident in a recovery house for women in Albuquerque New Mexico when she came to faith in Jesus Christ 17 years ago. Gifts in her honor can be sent to Love Your Neighbor Ministries PO Box 24071 Chattanooga, TN 37422. Proceeds will be used to establish a residence for women redeemed from the bondage of addiction and/or incarceration.

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Our Mission: To encourage and assist women imprisoned by life choices of rebellious sin to be reconciled to God through Christ growing in God's Word by His Spirit into His living epistles.

“Suffer the little children to come unto Me” by Mimi Neighbors



Bear & Anne at CAYA

It was a GREAT night! Our dear sister and HONORARY ex-offender Anne was visiting from Seattle when volunteer Angie called and asked to bring her sister to CAYA aftercare group. "Sure" was my response. When Tammy got out of the car it was obvious she was special. Her speech was slow and she quickly told me most people called her "Bear". So Bear we called her. After Praise and worship we started into our lesson on 1 John 3:1-10 focusing on "what a child of God looks like". We were talking about how the world rejects us because they do not know Jesus when Bear spoke up to encourage

Stephanie. Earlier in the year Jesus had redeemed her from the darkness of sin and since that day she has been rejected daily by her co-workers for walking in the Light.

Bear said "I can help you!" All eyes turned to her and our hearts stood still as we listened to Jesus speak from the heart of a child. You see Bear was born with a cord wrapped around her heart, blind at birth, feet deformed and mentally challenged. The doctors told her parents she would live in a vegetative state for the rest of her life. She met Jesus when she was 13 years old and became a child of God and prayer. She sat with us sight restored and feet straight making more simple sense out of God's word than anything I could have planned. She used to call herself Ugly and would introduce herself to people that way. One day God spoke to her heart calling her "beautiful" and she believed it with every fiber of her being. She started shouting "I'm beautiful" at the top of her lungs and her sister heard her all the way down the

street. The doctors thought she had been drugged but concluded that she had not. She had simply heard the voice of the Lord. This one the world called ugly, this one the world called retarded, this one the world ridiculed and threw away as useless WAS BEAUTIFUL TO GOD. Now Bear has read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation 33 times and teaches the children in her Church (needless to say she is NOT retarded).

Sometimes we think we know what Jesus should look like and we spend hours upon hours, years upon years trying to figure Him out. All it takes is childlike faith for the GLORY OF GOD to burst into our fragmented reality and remove the blinders from our eyes. Needless to say my lesson plan stopped and God's took over. Remember it's not what the world says about you that matters but WHO GOD SAYS YOU ARE! "Behold what manner of love the Father has given unto us that we should be called children of God."

Encouragement from an anonymous inmate

She slipped this into my hand the day we covered who we are and what we have in Christ from Ephesians 1. It was addressed to the Love Your Neighbor Volunteers. To say she is "bright" would be a HUGE understatement, brilliant is more appropriate. We are so quick to judge why someone ends up in prison. When I hear this attitude from Believers I usually remind them "Inmates are not STUPID, just too 'smart' for their own good." Aren't we all! We cannot trust ourselves. I

God tells us to "trust Him" NOT "our own understanding" in Prov 3:5-6. We are all desperate for God's goodness through Jesus.

Please pray for the woman who wrote this. She was released several weeks ago and remains on our hearts: "So many who try to get it don't, may they now. You show us how to realize the hope and dream of redemption for the asking only. Then you show us all the meaning of the goal of service for the Lord, for us, for you by working

with us the prisoners in here, the criminality out there: whores, deceivers, liars instigating evil, the jealous, the wicked, persecutors, thieves, murderers, the mentally ill, the debaters, the false prophets and the embittered. Whatever we are you still come to us to deliver the opportunity of hope. Some of us hear you and so many of us love you. Thanks. "

"There are tears of the saints for the lost and enslaved crying for them come back home"—Leeland

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I just want to tell every- one how amazing HE IS! by Stephanie Vice



God's girls at the mall, Stephanie, Mimi & Keele

It is so hard for God's people to see past the sin and love the "person" in Jesus! My pastor friend David said it best "Wouldn't it be great if God's people were more known for what we stand for than what we stand against!". Man looks at the outside and God sees the heart. He wanted Stephanie's heart and **GLORY TO GOD HE GOT IT!!!** Here is her story:

As a child growing up I remember having this deep desire to go to an Awana program at Temple Baptist. One day when mom gave in and let me go I was so excited! When I got there I met my teachers Kathy and Cheryle. While in Awana Kathy and Cheryle both taught me games, bible verses, stories, songs, and also taught me about this man named God and how HE loved me so.

I eventually started going to parties

and actually hanging out with "the cool people" and I found myself getting drunk every weekend and slowly fading away from church to which it didn't bother me at all. I spent the next several years feeding my flesh with alcohol, pot, smoking, cussing, and engaging in homosexual relationships.

On August 18, 2008 I repeated the Sinner's Prayer after Kathy and asked God to come in my life. For about a week I was pumped and excited about this decision and thought I was just going to stop all my "sinning" no more drinking, cussing, smoking, and girls! This quickly faded and I found myself latched back onto that merry go round of the worldly life of disaster. I had found a new girl I was interested in and started drinking all the time again. During this time Kathy took me to a bible study called "CAYA" and introduced me to Mimi. She just accepted me for being "Stephanie" not for any labels that I had given myself or that the world had given me. We would meet and talk about God and I would share things with her and she would just say I am praying for you. By this time I was already back in my sin and thought ok go ahead and pray but I am having fun doing what I am doing!

Throughout the next several months I would find myself hitting bottom several times and I can recall calling Mimi for advice and I would say man is there really a God out there? I would promise to do well then when life started looking up I fell back into the pit of sin again. Just a viscous cycle of nothing good! When I finally hit ROCK

bottom I called Ole Faithful (Mimi) again. Poor woman! I know she got tired of me calling but she was always so supportive in Christ and would always show me Jesus loved me no matter what!

One night I was talking to Mimi and she told me "Let's walk through the book of 1 John together". I agreed told her I'd read Chapter one and then we could discuss it. So sitting in my aunt's tiny two bedroom trailer I decided what do I have to lose? So I opened my bible and began to read 1 John Chapter 1. As I read through that chapter I experienced something I had never experienced before. The Lord showed Himself to me so clearly and it was literally like a light bulb came on and the Holy Spirit filled me. I immediately called Mimi so excited I could not believe what I had happened to me. **I EXPERIENCED GOD!**

Ever since what I like to call my "1 John moment" I have been a changed woman. Seriously I have NO desire to drink, smoke, or to be in relations with a woman. God is really working in my life and I am so thankful for the true friends HE has given me on this journey! I just want to tell everyone how amazing HE is and if only they seek Him they too will experience a "1 John moment" that they will NEVER forget! "He who began a good work in me will complete it until the day of Christ Jesus" Phil 1:6 Blessed assurance Jesus IS MINE. Oh what a foretaste of **GLORY DIVINE!**

Prayer Requests

Please pray for:

CCA Women's Classes:

Johnetta & Cheryle *Women's Bible Studies* Mon 8:30am

Mandy & Mimi *Inductive Studies* Fri 8:30am

CAYA-*Please Don't Say You Need Me* Wed. nights

CAYA Outreach Aug 29th - Hearts pierced by God's love

Linda & Mimi- writing ministry policies & procedures

Mimi's writing-*Please Don't Say You Need Me* study guide

Mimi's Wed class-*Sweeter Than Chocolate* Sept 9th

Anna and her son Tyler

Stephanie- Sharing her testimony on Aug 12th

CAYA Ladies:

Judy	Lacey	Kathy	Jenny
Keele	Stephanie	Leigh	Frannie
Melody	Pat	Charity	
Connie Marie	Angie	Mimi	
Connie	Haley	Flo	
Pat	Jenny	Janet	

Praises & Ministry Needs

Praise **THE LORD** for:

THE COMPLETION OF THE LYN WEBSITE

<http://www.lynnministries.org>

His direction and joy during our LYN Board meeting

His wisdom during our LYN Advisory Counsel meeting

The wise counsel of Angie Wynn for many CAYA ladies

Increasing our classes & bringing women hungry for HIM

The unity and discipleship between the woman at CAYA

The many things He taught Pat as she trained in FL

19 women we touched by CAYA Outreach in June and July

Dropping Keele's Federal charges!

His continued provision for the work of this ministry

THE GOOD WORKS HE IS PRODUCING IN OUR LIVES!

Immediate Needs:

Participants for the Adopt an Inmate program. Our materials grant was Not funded for 2010. Our God will supply ALL of our needs!

The **RIGHT** house to call His home for women. Unless the Lord builds a house it will not stand.