



# Healing Hearts

MINISTRIES

HEALING HEARTS...ONE AT A TIME

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## Reviewing the Past—Walking in Faith Toward the Future

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When God called me to serve him 23 years ago, I had no idea what my future would hold or where the Lord would take me on this journey. Desiring with all my heart to see other women healed and set free from the pain of their abortions, I sought the Lord for the answers.

As I stepped out in faith to minister to other women, I saw the Lord do amazing things as I used His Word to minister to broken hearts. It didn't take long for me to see that God's desire was not only to heal women from the pain and torment of their abortions, but He wanted to deliver them and set them free from all the bondages of sin that held them captive.

As I look back over the years I'm so thankful to the Lord for what He has allowed me to experience as I've served Him. I've seen numerous women come to faith in Christ. Many of those women came to us with arms folded, determined that there was no hope for their lives because they had already tried everything.

They were much like the woman in Luke 8:43 who had a hemorrhage for twelve years and could not be healed by anyone. She had exhausted all of her finances and energy with the hope that she would be healed, but it wasn't until she touched Jesus that she received true healing.

### WOUNDED HEARTS HEALED

I remember one particular woman who came for ministry who had tried for ten years to have children. The doctors told her that it would be a miracle for her to conceive. She was so broken to think that she might have aborted the only baby she would ever conceive, that she came to us seeking healing for her wounded heart. As she completed the support group (before our study was written) and laid all of her burdens at the foot of the cross, she received a telephone call telling her that her application for adopting a child had been accepted. She would soon receive the blessing of a baby, a baby that her arms had so desperately longed to hold!

Today she and her husband are very proud parents of one adopted child and four biological children. The Word says that if we seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, He will give us the desires of our hearts.

### WATCHING GOD TRANSFORM LIVES

Another woman came to us who had been very ill for years. She never related her physical illness to her spiritual brokenness and neither did we. We simply ministered to her using God's Word. We watched her over the weeks as she transformed before our eyes. Near the end of our study, as we were looking at the issue of forgiveness, she asked for prayer, explaining that she was scheduled for a colostomy due

to severe colon problems which she was experiencing.

Our hearts went out to this precious woman, so we gathered around her, laid hands on her and asked the Lord to heal her body. That evening she went home, and for two days she was violently ill, as if her body was purging itself. When she went to the doctor for her pre-op exam, he was puzzled and decided to do some tests. To his amazement, she was healed and never had to have the surgery! It was nothing that we did...it was the power of prayer and the result of the spiritual healing that had taken place in her life.

Another woman who came to us was trying to kick a drug habit. She had already lost everything, including her children, and she was desperate. Although she did not know the Lord, she was willing to do the Bible study. As she learned about Jesus and His redeeming love, she received Him as Lord and Savior. Within a year after her salvation and healing, she was able to get her children back and she met and married a wonderful Christian man. Not long after that, she was killed by a drunk driver. We rejoice today that God used us to minister the Gospel to her and she is now with Jesus.

### BREAKING THROUGH NATIONAL BOUNDARIES

I remember when God opened the door for us to have our first web page.

I barely knew how to turn on my computer to open and answer my emails, but God had a plan. Shortly after launching our web page, women began emailing and sharing their stories, and I answered them, sharing the love and forgiveness of Jesus.

We started out by mailing our Bible study to women upon request, helping them through the study via personal emails. After that, we emailed them PDF files so they could print and do the study as one of our counselors walked through it with them. Today, all of our studies are on our Web- site and are completed online, one lesson at a time, with the assistance of an assigned email counselor. We are ministering to women and men all over the world, many of whom are now Leaders, offering to others the same hope which they received.

### 2006 E-Ministry Update

January to October, 2006 we have had 273 enrollments. Women and men were ministered to in the U. S., Australia, Canada, England, Ethiopia, Germany, Kenya, Mexico, Singapore, Ukraine and the United Kingdom. Seventeen were recommended for training.

### DOORS OPEN IN THE FORMER U.S.S.R.

It makes me smile when I think of the burden that the Lord placed on my heart for Russian speaking women, the miraculous things the Lord did to get our post-abortion study translated into Russian and how He opened doors with the Baptist Union in the former USSR. Now our ministry in Ukraine is growing like a brush fire. It was through our first mission trip to Ukraine that God spoke so clearly to my heart and confirmed to me that we were completely in His will.

When we left New York City on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2002 for Kiev, Ukraine, it had been thirty years to that very day that I had had my own abortion in New York. God sent me from the very place where my life became broken, and used it to send me to a distant land to bring



**Ukraine Director  
Valentina  
Rezknechenko**

*Making peace with God!*



**Ukraine Women's Conference, March 2006**

hope and healing to other women who were broken. What a testimony of God's redeeming love!

### PRISONERS FIND FREEDOM IN CHRIST

I remember when we were invited to share the ministry with women in the Dwight Maximum Security Prison in Illinois. I personally have never felt more stretched in ministry than I was that day. That evening eleven women came to know Jesus as their Lord. Our Leaders in Illinois have been holding groups on a regular basis at Dwight and still have not exhausted their waiting list. We have seen the Lord perform glorious works in the lives of these

women over the past few years, including bringing many to salvation.

### NEW STUDY GUIDES FOR OTHER ISSUES

Most people do not understand that women who are post-abortive have many issues in their lives that need the redeeming power of the Lord. Abortion is only one issue in a sea of many. As our post-abortive clients were being set free, women began contacting us who had not had abortions, asking if we could minister to them.

Because I had seen God use the post-abortion study to heal much more than the hurts of abortion in the lives of women, and I knew how many areas the Word of God had healed in

my own life, I took a step in faith and wrote *The Hem of His Garment*. With this new study, we could now reach any woman who needed the hope and healing Jesus had to offer.

Since the completion of *The Hem of His Garment*, we have seen the Lord work miracles in the lives of so many women. This year we have trained many *Hem* Leaders, and this extended part of our ministry is growing rapidly.

#### OPPORTUNITIES ARE URGENTLY KNOCKING AT OUR DOOR

It would be impossible for me to share with you all that God has done over the years. Our journey is not over...it has only just begun. As I previously mentioned, our ministry in Ukraine is growing like a grass fire. We are writing yet another Bible study that will minister to young women in an orphanage in Peru who have been abused. Recently, we were contacted and asked to come to Israel because they have a need for our Russian study and want to translate our materials into Hebrew. A woman who ministers in the Philippines would like to use "The Hem of His Garment" in her ministry to prostitutes. God wants to heal His people and there is such a great need! He is preparing Healing Hearts to meet that need.

For the past three years the leadership of the ministry, along with the Board of Directors, has been praying for God's direction for our future and we believe that God wants to take Healing Hearts to the next level. It is time for Healing Hearts to become more visible and to expand our boundaries so that we can reach more people for Jesus Christ, binding up the hearts of those who have been wounded by sin.

#### EXPANDING THE HEALING HEARTS DREAM!

As we have prayed and asked the Lord for direction, we have seen that in the process of God maturing our ministry, we can not continue to stay

in our current location. Through much research, prayer and consideration of several different options, we feel strongly that God is calling us to establish our National Headquarters in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Having our National Headquarters in Colorado Springs will accomplish the following:

- ♥ It will give us expanded visibility nationwide.
- ♥ It will provide us a more central location that will help us better serve our leadership.
- ♥ It will give us an opportunity to network with other Christian ministries who also have their national and international headquarters there.
- ♥ It will give us access to Christian publishing houses located in the area.
- ♥ The cost of commercial property is more reasonable and the cost of doing business will be less than in the Pacific Northwest.
- ♥ The cost of living in general is lower.

Because of the large ministry base that we have in Washington State, Teresa Rinker, who has been with Healing Hearts for 18 years, has agreed to take the position of State Coordinator to help maintain and continue to grow the ministry. We are committed to see that the work in Washington State grow and flourish, and we currently



Teresa Rinker

have 44 very gifted leaders ready to take on that task. The office staff will not relocate with the ministry, however, several leaders and their husbands are prayerfully considering relocating at their own expense to see this mission accomplished. God has given us many confirmations over the past three years and we are confident that we are heading in the right direction.

We have looked at several properties that are approximately 10,000 square feet which would meet our needs and the costs range from \$600,000 – \$800,000. It is our desire to raise the necessary funds to purchase a building so that the ministry can remain debt free. We have approximately fifteen months to raise the needed funds and move the ministry from its current location in Bonney Lake, Washington. Once the ministry has been moved, my husband and I plan to sell our home and move to Colorado Springs to continue the wonderful work that God has called us to.

#### PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER HELPING HEALING HEARTS

A capital campaign to raise these funds will begin in January 2007. We will be asking individuals to host small intimate gatherings where we can share the details of the relocation and more about the ministry. If you are interested in hosting one of these gatherings or would like more information on how you can help, please contact me at [SueL@healinghearts.org](mailto:SueL@healinghearts.org). I would very much like to share with you how you can become involved in this project. If you would like to contribute to the building fund, please earmark your donations, "Colorado Springs Building Fund."

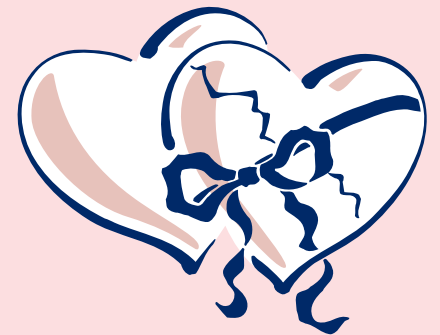
Please keep us in your prayers as we walk in faith with the vision that God has given us. We are walking in faith, trusting and believing that, with God, all things are possible.

May the Lord richly bless and keep you always. ♥



*“The Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners.”*

Isaiah 61:1



### *Dear Friends,*

On behalf of the Healing Hearts Board of Directors, office staff and leaders, my husband and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your prayers and financial support this past year. Without faithful prayer partners and financial contributors it would be impossible for us to reach out to a world in need and ‘bind up the brokenhearted’. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Capital Planning Corporation of Bellevue, Washington and Little Pigs Distributing of Bothell, Washington for their corporate sponsorship of our annual Golf Benefit.

Please keep us in your prayers and remember us in your financial giving this next year as we take this step in faith to establish our ministry headquarters in Colorado Springs, Colorado. As the Lord extends our reach, it is our hope that you would partner in ministry with us.

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always!

In His Service,

*Sue & Gary Liljenberg*



### **2006 Trainees**

Bernie Bezdek, Everett, WA  
Cindy Cruse, Idabel, OK  
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