



Healing Hearts MINISTRIES

HEALING HEARTS...ONE AT A TIME

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Healing Hearts – Impacting Families for Jesus Christ

In the short time that I have been a Healing Hearts leader, God has allowed me the privilege of seeing His Spirit move in the hearts of many hurting women. It is amazing to walk alongside them as they pour out their shame and suffering and watch Jesus respond so lovingly by healing their broken and contrite hearts. Two such women are Carrie and Jami. Their individual stories are incredible in themselves, but are even more amazing because God also transformed their families!

Carrie came to *The Hem of His Garment* Bible study hurting from a childhood marked by abuse. Her early experiences, in part, led to unhealthy relationships in her teenage years that left her even more broken. When we began the study together, she carried a heavy burden of sin – that of others and her own. Her shame and guilt were evident.

God was good to Carrie as she confessed, repented, and turned to the Word to find answers to relieve her pain and suffering. It was a blessing to watch



her surrender to Jesus as He mended her broken heart. It was during this time that Carrie committed her life to Christ. I cannot fully communicate my joy as she stood in front of her church, soaking wet after her baptism with a big smile on her face. God has given me another Sister in Christ for this life and eternity!

The healing Carrie experienced through *The Hem* study gave her the courage and strength to confess the abortions she experienced as a young woman. She completed *Binding Up the Brokenhearted*, and now walks in freedom from the pain of abortion as well!

God was not finished with this family though! Carrie's family began to attend church with her. It was not long before God pierced the darkness in her husband's heart and he proclaimed his faith in Christ. Her oldest and youngest daughters made commitments to live their lives for Christ as well. Each of them shared their faith publicly through baptism. Carrie's entire family is now active in church life and participating in ministry. Finally, in early October 2007, Carrie completed Healing Hearts leadership training, answering God's call on her life to share His hope and healing with other hurting women. He is good!

Jami came to *The Hem of His Garment* study after hearing my testimony at church. Her childhood was also marked by abuse. Jami's difficult childhood led to an early adult life of



addiction, unhealthy relationships, and physical abuse. At her lowest point, she lost custody of her three children to Child Protective Services. As we began *The Hem of His Garment* study together, Jami's distrust of people and fear were evident.

Jami eagerly completed the study each week, asking many questions about what she was reading and learning. As she began to trust the Lord she confessed, repented, and forgave those who hurt her. Each week, as God proved Himself faithful, Jami began to trust people and her fear subsided. It was during this time that she committed her life to Christ. It was beautiful to watch her glowing face as she shared her testimony and was baptized not long afterward – the Holy Spirit shined through her!

God had bigger plans in store for this family as well! Not long after Jami was baptized, her oldest son proclaimed his faith in Christ. I watched, amazed, as he shared his self-written testimony of hope and commitment at his baptism. It was clear that, in many ways, he was already walking in freedom from the pain he had experienced in his short life. Finally, Jami's middle son also proclaimed his faith and was baptized. The

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E-Ministry

E-ministry continues to grow, allowing the ministry to reach hurting individuals world-wide! As a result, leaders are being raised up across the U.S., as well as in Australia and Canada.

E-clients served 10/05–9/06: 329

E-clients served 10/06–9/07: 383

E-clients served represent a growth rate of 14% over last year!

Binding Up the Brokenhearted Woman's Life Changed

This Bible study changed my life! I thought I knew God loved me; I thought I'd already healed sufficiently from my past horrific choice of abortion. However, I never fully realized until I did this study how bound I still was by guilt, condemnation, and rejection. And how that bondage and fear kept me from fully seeing, understanding and accepting the total limitless love of God. Now that I know the truth, I am freer and more confident than I have ever been which has released and enabled me to love others more as well, without fear of rejection – especially my husband and children which has greatly improved my family. Thank you, thank you, thank you! Words cannot express how grateful I am to this ministry and everyone in it or how much I highly recommend it to ANYONE who has ever been through an abortion. Even those (like me) who thought they were well past the pain of it.

—Submitted by N.H.

Wounded Warrior

Pastor Receives Healing

Over twenty years ago, my girlfriend at the time and I thought an abortion was the answer to an unexpected and unwanted pregnancy. Shortly afterwards, we broke up.

Ten years later I became a Christian and realized what a terrible sin abortion was. I knew Christ had forgiven me of all my sins, even abortion (I named one of my daughters Grace as I saw then how unworthy I was to have children, yet He has blessed me with four beautiful daughters since that time) and it wasn't long after that, that I entered full time ministry as a pastor.

In spite of knowing I was forgiven there were times of doubt, feelings of shame, regret, anger and sadness. At times, I would cry when nobody was around thinking about the abortion but would try to quickly dismiss it by telling myself I had no right to cry over my child who I had aborted, or that I was just having a pity party.

One day, after having watched a TV show on abortion, I came across the Healing Hearts website and saw *Wounded Warrior*. Since I am a pastor, I thought it might be a helpful resource to look into. Little did I know that God would use this study to heal me. The Lord told me, "I have forgiven you, but let me show you what I forgave you of." It was in this study that I really saw myself for who I was and what I had done.

God used Healing Hearts to heal me. The Lord shared with me, that while I had sacrificed my unborn baby on the altar of fear and selfish convenience, He had sacrificed His Son Jesus on the altar of the cross for me. He shared with me, through the Healing Hearts Study that, "Forgiveness gets me into Heaven (and so much more), healing, however, gets me through life."

As a pastor who has gone through this study, I have no reservations whatsoever in recommending this site to men or women who have been hurt due to the effects of abortion. May God strengthen us for the fight we are in and may this awful, detestable practice of destroying our unborn be brought to a quickened end.

—Submitted by P.T.

The Hem of His Garment

Abuse Victim Healed

I came to this study to equip me to serve single moms whose lives are bruised and broken. I came thinking I was healed from my childhood sexual abuse but I knew there were still some areas of frustrating bondage. I had grown to accept the lie that my abuse would always leave a scar that would not completely heal. Through this study, I experienced some of the strongest holds of the enemy loosed. I am living, breathing proof that when God begins a healing work in your life, He will complete it. It can only be done through the Word and I praise God for my counselor and the author of this study. May God bless the socks off ya through your continued ministry to the brokenhearted!

—Submitted by L.A.

Our History

Healing Hearts founded

Binding Up the Brokenhearted
Bible study for women written

Binding Up the Brokenhearted Bible study published

"After the Choice" video filmed

First web page

E-ministry begins

1988

1990

1995

1997

LEADERS TRAINED 4
CLIENTS SERVED
STATES 1

15

1

35
340
2

51
536
3

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change in him is amazing – this once angry, violent little boy is thriving and happy. Today, Jami and her children are active in church and she is serving in ministry!

In Isaiah 61:1-4, God promises to bind up the broken hearted, set captives free, and release prisoners from

darkness. He has been faithful to do just that in the lives of these two beautiful women, and in the lives of their families. It humbles and blesses me to be a witness to the miracle of their new-found freedom in Christ.

In His service,
Sue Kelly

Reaching Incarcerated Women

After a change in leadership at Dwight Women's Correctional Facility in Illinois earlier this year, Healing Hearts leaders were temporarily banned from ministering to the women incarcerated there.

Group leaders at the prison called for prayer to open the heart of the new Chaplain and God answered! He opened the doors again and our leaders were allowed to return and continue group ministry. Below are two testimonies from inmates at the prison who have been touched by the Lord through our ministry. God is good!

K.K. said, "At first I was a little hesitant about being open and seeing what the group was about. Thank you Jesus, this group was so awesome I didn't want to leave.

The openness and love from each lady just forces you to open up and love too. I would recommend this Bible study to everyone because it truly helps. You will be healed, delivered, and free from the past bondages if you want to. Whatever you put in is what you'll receive."

D.P. said, "This group has helped me to realize that the only one who expects me to be strong all the time is me and that all my strength and joy comes from the Lord. Also just because I fail, doesn't mean that God will stop loving me."

Group Ministry

Group ministry continues to grow for both *Binding Up the Brokenhearted* and *The Hem of His Garment* Bible studies. The overall increase is 24% over prior year!

	10/05 -9/06	10/06 -9/07
<i>Binding Up The Brokenhearted</i>	165	220
<i>The Hem of His Garment</i>	195	255
Total group clients served	360	475

Healing Hearts...World Wide

Missions have increased 250% in one year! Crises Pregnancy Center workers, AIDS counselors, orphanage workers, abstinence counselors, family planning counselors, and church lay-leaders have been trained in the countries listed on the right.

2006
Ukraine
Australia

2007
Israel
Zambia
Uganda
Holland
Canada

New Leaders – 2007

The ministry added 28 new leaders from around the world!

Statistics

Outside U.S.	6 or 21%
Within WA	9 or 32%
Outside of WA	19 or 68%

Around the World

Brenda Frezell, Canada
Veronica Nakyewe, Uganda
Harriet Walude, Uganda
Emely Chiwaya, Zambia
Tina Mumba, Zambia
Barbara Mwansa, Zambia

United States

Beth Knicely, Fort Wayne, AL
Marlene Blanco, Lakeland, FL
Cathy Plouff, Marietta, GA
Tanya Thomas, Canton, GA
Bonnie Torgerson, Salmon, ID
Nicole Rust, Sagle, ID
Carrie Clark, Goshen, IN
Debra Johnson, Trenton, MI
Ruth Girlie Pascua, Madison Heights, MI
Rita Emery, Holland, MI
Mary Van Peursem, Kasson, MN
Cathy Estes, Grapevine, TX
Mary Beth Macksey, Olga, WA
Carrie Jolicoeur, Auburn, WA
Diane Armour, Gig Harbor, WA
Stephanie Gallman, Kent, WA
Tracee Iseman, Woodinville, WA
Patti Lozano, Seattle, WA
Ellie Martin, Stanwood, WA
Lisa Mills, Everett, WA
Vashti Makupson, Spanaway, WA
Mary Peterson, Green Bay, WI



Uganda mission

Office established in Bonney Lake

Binding Up the Brokenhearted translated into Spanish

Wounded Warrior Bible study for men published

The Hem of His Garment Bible study for women published

Binding Up the Brokenhearted published in Russian
First outreach and training in Russia and Ukraine

Bible studies on world wide web

First leader trained in Australia

Two translations in progress

Israel, Uganda, Zambia, and Holland missions and training begin

Celebrate 20 years of ministry!

1999

2000

2001

2002

2005

2007

2008

91	136	168	187	239	298
1,242	2,092	2,656	3,811	5,983	6,784
4	7	9	12	18	24



“*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,

Jesus came to bind up the brokenhearted, and set the captives free. All of us in Healing Hearts are excited to follow in the footsteps of our Lord as we reach out and touch lives that have been shattered by sin.

Scripture tells us that the Word of God is so powerful that it has the ability to separate bone and marrow. We have seen God's Word change lives when all that the world has to offer fails. Individuals come to us after trying many different types of counseling and drug therapy, only to find themselves weary and desperate. They are much like the woman in Scripture, who was ill for twelve years and spent all that she had on physicians trying desperately to be healed. No one could help her, until one day she touched the hem of Jesus' garment and she was miraculously healed. Healing Hearts Ministries helps individuals find the One that can heal their wounds and set them free.

Through our three Bible studies, we have reached thousands here in the United States and in many foreign countries. Our ministry can be found in women's correctional facilities, churches, and crisis pregnancy centers. Whether completed in person or on-line,

many wounded individuals have found hope and healing while using our Bible Study materials. The positive impact of their experience often extends to other areas of their lives, including healthier marriages and restored families.

We have a vision to write and publish more study materials, expand e-ministry, establish our ministry in additional foreign countries, and minister on college campuses, military bases, and to those involved in the sex trade industry.

Your investment today will bear eternal dividends and directly impact thousands of individuals and their families.

In His Service,

Sue & Gary Liljenberg



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