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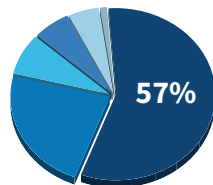
Mercy Multiplied is a nonprofit Christian organization that equips people to live free and stay free through Jesus Christ.

Our residential counseling program helps young women ages 13-32 break free from life controlling issues and situations, including **anxiety, depression, sexual abuse, eating disorders, self-harm, addictions, unplanned pregnancy, and sex trafficking**. The residential program is voluntary, biblically based, and completely **free of charge**. Our goal is to help residents permanently stop destructive cycles, discover purpose for their lives, and experience God's unconditional love, forgiveness, and life-transforming power.

Our Outreach services train and resource Christian leaders and helpers to effectively minister to those who are hurting and struggling. We offer a wide range of life-transforming workshops, discipleship resources, videos, podcasts, and other practical tools. Our goal is to share the life transforming principles used in our residential program to empower men and women of all ages to live in freedom.

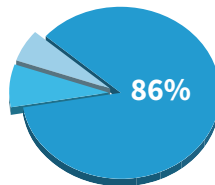
2018 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

2018 Year-End Total Receipts
(by Donor Source)



- Individuals—57%
- DAFs*/Foundations—24%
- Churches—7%
- Ministries—6%
- Businesses—5%
- Other—1%

2018 Functional Expenses**
(unaudited)



- Program—86%
- Management & General—8%
- Fundraising—6%

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A Message from the heart OF OUR FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT



2019: MULTIPLYING MERCY

Dear Mercy Friend,

As we step into 2019, I am more fired up than ever to see all that God is going to do as we help men and women of all ages, learn to live free and stay free. He is healing the broken hearted in our residential program and setting captives free through our Outreach services.

We've been testing expanding the age range of our residential program for some time now and decided to officially increase the age from 28 to 32 so we can help more women learn their value and experience the transformative power of Jesus Christ. If you are reading this and you need help, I am here to tell you that **YOU WERE MADE FOR MORE!** We are ready to serve you, so please call us or visit MercyMultiplied.com for more information or MercyIntake.com to apply. There is hope!

Jesus Christ has transformed thousands of lives through our residential program, and it has been so exciting to witness all the amazing things these young women have been doing around the world since graduating from Mercy. These young women are multiplying mercy and impacting the people around them. You will read a few of their stories in the coming pages.

It has been equally exciting to see our Outreach services spread around the world incorporating the same principles of freedom that we use in the residential program. We have already trained over 1,000 pastors and leaders through our MPower Workshops and our *Keys to Freedom* study. *Keys to Freedom* has now been translated into Dutch, German, and Danish and we are working on a Spanish translation.

We believe God has plans to take our *Keys to Freedom* study into more nations to break even more people free from bondage. This reminds me in Isaiah where God promises to provide water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. And like those dry lands, we believe people's hearts will be transformed and renewed by the power of Christ through this study.

We are expecting God to do even greater things at Mercy in 2019 and are excited for more opportunities to serve the local Church with our resources, more opportunities to serve more young women in our residential program, and more ways to help people like you live free. As we step into this season of expansion, please consider partnering with us and if you know a young woman between the ages of 13-32 who would benefit from our residential program, please encourage her to apply.

You can stay updated on all the Mercy happenings on our website and follow us on social media to see how God continues to transform lives and multiply mercy.

With great anticipation,

Nancy Alcorn

Founder and President of Mercy Multiplied

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MERCY GRADUATE GIVES BACK AND MULTIPLIES

In 2010, Jessica McClintock was a lost and broken 17 year-old-girl. Growing up, life was a constant roller coaster full of inner chaos and confusion. Abandonment and rejection caused her to distrust people as she developed a severe fear of authority. Around the age of 11, she was raped by a trusted adult. Self-hate, isolation and severe depression began to consume her life. For the next six years, she tried everything to numb the pain.

From an eating disorder, to self-harm, to multiple suicide attempts, nothing worked. "I went to every counselor, nutritionist, and psychiatrist in the area where I lived and beyond," says Jessica. "I was diagnosed with many depressive and mood disorders, but not even the best medication in the field could 'fix' me, and I felt worthless and unfixable. Not a moment went by without me obsessing over the addictions that consumed my life."

She'd heard about Mercy from a few different sources and decided to apply as a last resort. "I can remember thinking, 'if this place couldn't help me, then I was truly broken beyond repair and would take my life once and for all.'"

When Jessica came to Mercy's Nashville home, she was filled with doubt and mistrust. She was expecting to be disappointed, but she was also ready for change. When new residents enter the home, many of the current residents encourage them to give it two weeks, then give it another two weeks and to keep looking at short term progress rather than overwhelming themselves by looking at the big picture.

During her time at Mercy, Jessica became a new creation in Christ and dedicated her life to Him. She was also equipped with tools and teachings to help her walk in freedom and remind her who she is in Christ.

“Honestly, life was not easy after I left Mercy. I was given all the tools I needed to keep walking in freedom, but those do you no good if you don’t apply them and do what works.” Several years ago, she reached out to Mercy’s Transitional Care Department and asked the staff to pray for her. Mercy’s Transitional Care Department was created as a support service to former residents once they leave Mercy. The team prayed for her, encouraged her, and sent her additional resources to help her continue to walk in freedom. One of those was Nancy Alcorn’s book, *Ditch The Baggage*. Jessica said, “*Ditch the Baggage* has forever changed my life. Everything in that book was what I had been taught in the home and it reminded me that I have everything I need to walk in freedom with Christ.”

Jessica’s life has since been an example of God’s multiplication process that we often see in the lives of our graduates.



2006 Graduation: Jessica far right

Jessica received a degree in counseling and in 2018, she and a co-worker/friend, Krystal, founded *Mercy 12*, which stands for *Molding & Empowering Radical Christian Youth*. At the time, she and her co-worker were working as middle school day treatment counselors and were tired of seeing so many youth in their inner city school give in to failure,

despair, and disruption in their lives.

Mercy 12 is a leadership program designed to provide inner city youth the opportunity to grow inwardly and serve outwardly. *Mercy 12* empowers youth to make choices that bring life-long transformation to their personal lives and their communities. *Ditch the Baggage*



has been used as a teaching tool with the girls in the group. Jessica shared stories of the young ladies taking what they learned and applying it to their lives and in their community. One of the girls talked to a friend about the anger he felt towards his father and she told him he had to show forgiveness and they prayed together.

An important part of the *Mercy 12* program is showing love to others through serving. While the girls were on summer vacation, Jessica and Krystal loaded up a van and drove 10 hours to pour into the residents at the Nashville home. While in Nashville, Jessica, shared her testimony with the residents and encouraged them to hold tight to the things they are taught when they leave Mercy. She and her team also participated in team building exercises with the residents, taught

a class, participated in worship, heard and shared testimonies, and prepared a meal for the residents. The group even brought a special care package for every resident in the home. Having Jessica, Krystal, and the *Mercy 12* girls visit and pour into the lives of our residents was a true blessing.

As Jessica continues to plant seeds in the lives of those around her, the multiplication process continues to grow. And like Jessica, the Lord is using many of our graduates to change the lives around them. What the enemy meant for harm, God meant for good and now, because of the transformation in the lives of the brave women who walk through our doors, generations are being forever impacted. ●



LIVES CHANGED



Allison 2006 Graduate



Lavonna 2012 Graduate



KRISTIN 2003 Graduate



My eating disorder behaviors started out slowly as a diet and by the time I was in high school, they had become deadly. I knew what I was doing to myself was wrong, I just didn't know how to stop or admit to anyone what I was doing. During my senior year, I was admitted to the hospital in the eating disorder unit. My guilt and shame kept me in a silent bondage, and I slowly felt myself slipping away. At my lowest point, I prayed for God to help me and was prompted to go online and look up "mercy for eating disorders." In 2006, at 18 years old, I came to Mercy and shortly after, accepted Christ as my Savior. I spent years thinking 'I'll get better when I'm blank years old,' or 'after I'm married,' or 'after this holiday.' I always lived in the future, imagining what life would look like when I was free from this eating disorder. I realized my thinking was keeping me from fully living and enjoying life. I decided to take God's word as truth and began to apply it to my life. Mercy helped transform my life and today, my husband and I live in Canada, where he is in full time ministry. God has blessed us with a beautiful little girl and another miracle on the way. ●

Starting at a young age, I experienced sexual abuse and made an oath of silence that led to isolation. From the outside, my life looked ideal. On the inside, the deeper pain that was festering led to deeper issues. My first suicide attempt was at the age of 12, which was followed by an eating disorder and self-harm. When I reflect on my time at Mercy, I remember it being the safest place I had ever been. Experiencing genuine and unconditional love set the foundation for God to move in my life. I never would have imagined that I could go more than a few months without a suicide attempt or that being hospitalized would not be part of my life. Since graduating from Mercy, I completed my post-doc degree and became fully licensed as a clinical psychologist. Throughout 2018, I worked with the Air Force and am preparing to relocate to South Korea to be a pediatric psychologist with the US Army. Learning who I really am in Christ has brought a refreshing freedom that I hold on to each day. ●

My husband and I have been married almost 13 years. We have ten young children - 9 biological, 1 adopted. People ask all the time how we do life with this many children. Honestly, before Mercy, I could not do life well with just me. I had an eating disorder I could not overcome, and I struggled daily to find hope. In my time at Mercy, God set me free from the eating disorder and instilled hope so deep within me. I have gone through hard, challenging and painful circumstances since Mercy. Some of those were out of my control and some were self-induced. Through any challenging time, I have been so grateful to have roots to come back to—the roots established in me at Mercy. I know that God loves and adores me, that He is for me, and that there is always hope. I am passionate about helping instill hope, love, freedom, and identity in my children and in others I come into contact with everyday. I love living life passionately, and giving it all I've got—knowing that life is a gift I do not want to waste. Everyday is truly an adventure... an imperfectly perfect adventure! ●

Nancy Alcorn Releases New Book



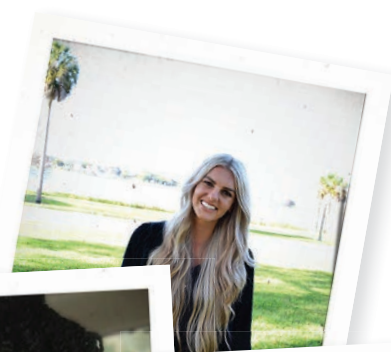
In celebration of Mercy Multiplied's 35th anniversary, Founder & President, Nancy Alcorn wrote a new book celebrating 35 years of transforming lives through the power of Christ. In her new book, *Treatment or Transformation: 13 REAL STORIES why you can't argue with a changed life*, Nancy shares thirteen powerful stories where God intervened and radically transformed lives.

The thirteen brave young women in the book represent the thousands of young women who have received the same transformation since Mercy Multiplied opened its first residential program in 1983.

Nancy included a special Author's Note explaining the inspiration behind the new book.

In early 2017, I began hearing about a new Netflix series called '13 Reasons Why,' and a friend of mine, who is familiar with the issues we deal with at Mercy, encouraged me to watch the first season. I was deeply impacted by this series, as I quickly realized how many young women who walk through the doors of our residential homes have similar struggles as the girl featured in the series. I was inspired to share thirteen stories of young women who experienced a very different outcome than the girl featured in '13 Reasons Why' because they chose to reach out for help.

If you have not heard of this series, it's about a teenager who commits suicide and leaves behind thirteen reasons why she chose to take her own life. There are so many people in this world who have lost hope. People who believe there is no reason for them to go on living and they are ready to give up. Life is hard, and people are faced with choices every day and unfortunately too many of them make the choice to end their lives.



Reason Thirteen



Reason Eleven

There is a better way. There is hope in Jesus Christ. The stories of these thirteen women exemplify the healing and transformative power of Christ. If people choose to let Jesus into their mess, rather than shut Him out, He will show them there's a better way. John 10:10 states: *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance.* Jesus died for us, so we can have abundant lives. His plan is a good one and because these women chose to let Him into their mess, rather than push Him away and allow the lies of the devil to consume their thoughts, they each have a new life.

These stories of triumph will inspire you to not give up and not allow the enemy to win. They will encourage you to stay the course and press in to Jesus when times get hard. They will remind you that true transformation only comes from the true healer, Jesus Christ. ●

Treatment or Transformation: 13 REAL STORIES why you can't argue with a changed life is available now at MercyMultiplied.com.



Reason Ten



Reason Seven



Making A House A Home

From the beginning, the standard at Mercy Multiplied has always been to make each residential home a place where residents would feel safe. A place that doesn't feel like an institution, but a real home. A place, where residents can breathe, relax, and release the burdens that they carry when they walk through the door. If you have ever visited a Mercy home, you feel a sense of peace almost instantly.

For some of our residents, home is a place of darkness, negative memories, and somewhere they do not want to return. For many, this is the first real home they have experienced and to others, it is a far cry from the institutions where they were once patients. At Mercy, we want residents to know they are valued by God and deserve the best.

Mercy Multiplied Founder & President Nancy Alcorn, has described the home's

operational principle like this: "I remember telling the Lord when He called me to start Mercy, 'If you're asking me to do this, then I'm asking you to make a way for us to be able to provide the best, because I don't want to tell these young women how valuable and precious and special they are and then bring them into a house that's rundown with broken windows and broken beds that people have thrown out in their garages.' We want our residents to know how much we value them no matter what they have been through."

As any home ages, it needs to be updated and you can imagine our homes that have anywhere between 20-40 young women, can experience quite a bit of wear and tear over time. This past year,

we were blessed by several donors who donated their services and/or made a financial contribution to help make necessary updates in several of our homes. We are so thankful to them and all our partners who are on this journey with us to share the love of Christ with those who are hurting and broken. Your support allows the homes to continue to operate at a standard of excellence.

"I don't want to tell these young women how valuable and precious and special they are and then bring them into a house that's rundown"



While residents were on Christmas break in 2017, the kitchen in the Nashville home received a complete makeover. The 22-year-old kitchen had served nearly 1 million meals and needed to be replaced. As you can see from the photo, the kitchen turned out beautifully. From new appliances to updated cabinets, and counter tops, the kitchen received a complete renovation from top to bottom. These upgrades have not only updated the kitchen aesthetically, but have also increased functionality and traffic flow. Residents rotate kitchen duties in the home and help prepare meals and a kitchen can get pretty crowded if it is too small to accommodate all of those on food prep duty. This beautiful kitchen will be a place

to serve residents for years to come and we are thankful for these upgrades and the generous donors who made it possible.

The St. Louis home received a huge blessing when Bed Boss, out of Chattanooga, TN donated all new mattresses. The St. Louis residents were excited to see all the mattresses being unloaded from the truck. One resident said, "I think a lot of girls here so desperately need to feel at

home and not feel like they are at a facility."

Thanks to the Ramsey Family Foundation, the St. Louis home also received new bedroom furniture and bedding. The day was filled with joy, laughter, and great appreciation when these items arrived and were added to the home.



Our needs were met in our corporate office, when Beltway Park Church in Abilene, TX, made a generous donation that allowed some much needed phone and software updates to be made. Their donation also helped with kitchen updates in the Monroe home. Beltway has been a faithful partner since 2005. We are thankful for not only their

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partnership, but also their friendship. The Monroe home also received a complete refresh of the exterior, as well as updates to their outdoor area with a new pergola and patio furniture.

The Lord continues to provide and in 2018 we completed over \$500,000 in capital improvements, all debt free. We are so grateful for all of the needs being met in our homes over the past year as we continue to maintain a standard of excellence, making our houses feel like homes. ●

A FEW OF OUR

2019 PROJECT NEEDS:

Monroe home:



\$12,000: New HVAC units

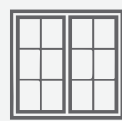


\$13,400: Office renovation

Nashville home:



\$69,000: New roof



\$100,000: New windows

Sacramento home:



\$24,000-\$30,000
Small SUV

St. Louis and Nashville homes:



\$36,000: 15 passenger van

The Results Are In!

Mercy Multiplied Surveys Former Residents About Their Experience In The Program

A couple of core values here at Mercy Multiplied are excellence and accountability. We endeavor to operate in both service to and reliance on the Lord, never shying away from the truth or transparency. It was in this spirit that Mercy Multiplied commissioned its first independent research study of former residents in 2008 to be conducted every five years. The purpose of the study was to determine how well the ministry's residential homes were fulfilling Mercy's mission. While the daily testimonies we witness are powerful examples of the transformations that take place at Mercy, we wanted to be able to share reliable data demonstrating the program's efficiency and success. 2018 marked a survey year and the results are in! A total of 627 former residents responded and 9 out of 10 said, "Yes! Mercy Multiplied helped restore my hope and transform my life." This amazing result has remained consistent over the last ten years. This year, a new question was added: How have you seen life transformations or restored hope in your family or friends as a result of your time at Mercy. The responses were staggering and so encouraging to read how life transformation does not stop at a Mercy home's doors. We are proud to report that Mercy's success remains undeniable. •

For more information about the results of the study visit MercyMultiplied.com/results.



9:10 responded,
**"Yes! Mercy Multiplied
helped restore my hope
and transform my life."**

"My mother sought counseling to deal with hurts from her childhood. Over time, the relationship between my parents, my siblings, and myself were all strengthened and deepened as a result of my decision to go to Mercy."

93% said they would
recommend the program.

Impacting Future Generations

When you give to Mercy, you are not only saving the lives of our residents, but you are also impacting future generations. There are so many broken people in this world who have lost hope. People are taking their own lives before they've really had a chance to live. Women are aborting babies, because our culture has normalized this behavior without ever considering the potential of the unborn children. It's hard to imagine how many people were destined to do great things for God, but instead believed the lies of the enemy.

These lives cut short could have made an impact and changed the world. How many never had a chance to fully experience God's love and live out His purpose for their lives?

When you donate to Mercy, you are partnering with God to bring people from death to life. You are giving people around the world the opportunity to hear the truth of Jesus Christ and then share that truth with those around them. Many residents come to our program as a last resort because nothing else worked, but we know that nothing but the healing power of Christ can completely make a broken person whole. Thanks to your generosity, Mercy is a place where hope is restored, and lives are transformed. Our graduates often speak of how grateful they are to our donors for giving them the opportunity to come to Mercy free of charge. We wanted to share some of their comments, so you can fully understand just how much your contributions mean to these young women and those who have been impacted by their transformed lives. ●

"We have never met and may never meet, but that's the beauty of this. I was able to experience God's love through you and you were part of my healing process. Now I can be a blessing to others and an example to others."

– Brittany

"Thank you for making a new start possible. Without Mercy, I would have no life. I would have been dead. Now I have a purpose. Thank you for making that possible."

– Kelly

"I don't have the words to express how thankful I am for Mercy. It literally saved my family and my life."

– Jessica

"You may not realize the impact your contributions make...Because of my healing, I actually have a chance to live the life God intended me to live. I will also be able to give my daughter the life she deserves. In my case, it wasn't only one life that was saved, it was two."

– Courtney

"Thank you. Because of your obedience to God, my parents still have a daughter."

– Christy



Dr. Brooke Keels, PhD, LPC-MHSP, LPC-S, Mercy's Executive Director of Counseling Services, is a licensed counselor with a Ph.D. in Marriage and Family Therapy and over 10 years of experience in counseling, addictions treatment, program design, and counselor supervision.

Maintaining Lifelong Freedom:

Live Free & Stay Free

This past year Nancy has worked diligently on her new book, *Treatment or Transformation: 13 Real Stories Why You Can't Argue With a Changed Life*.

This work shares thirteen stories of how Jesus radically changed women's lives at Mercy. We often discuss our residents' courage and bravery while walking through the Mercy program, but this article focuses on an equally important and significant piece of freedom—actually maintaining freedom. Many of our graduates will tell you that coming to Mercy and allowing the Lord to do a work in their lives seemed like the most difficult part, but they soon realized that once they left Mercy, they were faced with new, unexpected challenges. While God had transformed their hearts and how they viewed the world while at Mercy, the homes, schools, and environments they returned to were very much the same as before they left. We teach women to maintain the freedom that they experience within the walls of Mercy, but ultimately they have to use the tools that they were given when returning to their lives. Receiving healing and freedom is just the first step in living a transformed life.

“While Jesus is absolutely the one that sets us free, we have a role in our own freedom.”

While Jesus is absolutely the one that sets us free, we have a role in our own freedom. Just like the courageous women who voluntarily come to our homes, we must partner with the Holy Spirit to maintain a life that is free. If you struggle daily with depression, anxiety, guilt, or shame, you are not fully living in the victory Christ won for you on the cross. We, at Mercy, value practical steps. It is one thing to conceptually discuss “*staying free*,” but what we want to answer is *how do we stay free*? That's why maintaining lifelong freedom is covered as the 7th Key in our *Keys to Freedom* study, and we spend a significant amount of time on this in our residential program. It involves four very important steps that we call “The Stay-Ins”:

1. *Stay in the Word (John 8:31-32)*
2. *Stay in Prayer (Eph. 6:18; Phil. 4:6-7)*
3. *Stay in Fellowship with other believers (Heb. 10:24-25)*
4. *Stay in Accountability (Prov. 27:17)*

Through the years of working with women at Mercy, we have found that if an individual is strong in these four areas, they lay a foundation of lasting change. Many times, people are strong in one or two of these areas, but each is equally necessary to execute together in order to maintain a healthy walk in freedom. In a sense, these four areas are action plans for a life of freedom. Staying consistent lays a strong foundation that will not easily be shifted.

Another portion of maintaining our freedom is that we must know where we are going. This doesn't mean we have to clearly understand the destination, but it does mean that we must spend time not only identifying spe-

cific goals ahead, but also giving the Lord space to speak into the vision He has for you. Ephesians 3:20 reminds us that the Lord can do more than we can ask or imagine and that absolutely applies to our goals, visions, and freedom! Take the time to recognize the dream that God has placed in your heart and spend time with Him asking what the next steps are.

These practical tools help us avoid the “white knuckle freedom,” that comes from us trying in our own strength, because this type of “free-

dom” is short-lived and results in exhaustion and failure; rather, we need to maintain our freedom through an intimate, continuous relationship with God, relying on His strength daily.

Here are a few very simple questions you can ask yourself in order to remain accountable to your freedom. And don't be afraid of the answer. Whatever the answer may be, if it is the truth, you are heading in the right direction!

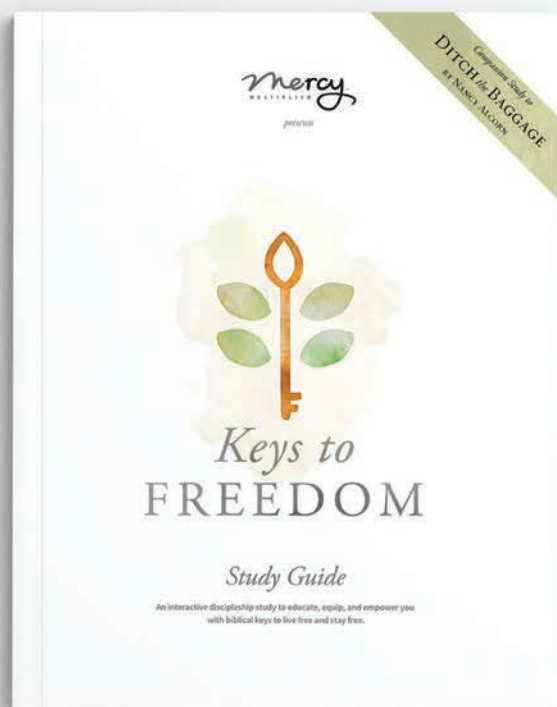
1. *How is your prayer life? Is this an area that you feel is growing or stagnant?*
2. *What has the Lord been teaching you in His Word?*
3. *In what ways are you connected with other believers?*
4. *Who in your life is helping to hold you accountable?*

We know that when we allow God to move, and we allow others to speak openly and honestly into our lives, there will be miraculous change.

The testimonies in Nancy's new book will encourage and strengthen your faith with how good and kind God is. You will be in awe of story after story of how God chased

“NOW TO HIM WHO IS ABLE TO DO IMMEASURABLY MORE THAN ALL WE ASK OR IMAGINE, ACCORDING TO HIS POWER THAT IS AT WORK WITHIN US” —EPHESIANS 3:20

these women down and lavished them with love and walked them to freedom. While you read these stories, I encourage you to evaluate the ways that you can press into areas of freedom for yourself. And if you find that there are places you haven't quite reached freedom yet, I strongly encourage you to check out our *Keys to Freedom* study. This study will walk you through step-by-step how to partner with the Holy Spirit to find a place of freedom and wholeness. ●




LOOKING FOR A NEW GROUP BIBLE STUDY?

GET YOUR

Keys to FREEDOM *Study Guide*

GET THE TOOLS TO LIVE FREE AND STAY FREE!

Freedom Advocacy Program Catches Momentum



Liz Cook, Freedom Advocate

IN March of 2018, Mercy Multiplied launched the Freedom Advocacy Program, which equips men and women who have a heart to see true healing and life transformation within their own communities, churches, schools, and more. Every Freedom Advocate receives access to a wide variety of free resources, trainings, and tools so that they can spread the message of freedom to their personal sphere of influence.

We were amazed at how quickly the new program caught momentum, with people all over the country applying to be Advocates. After completing the application process and attending the required MPower Workshop, these Advocates have been using the resources and training that they have received to impact innumerable people in their communities! As of the end of 2018, there are Freedom Advocates all the way from California to Maine and 13 different states in between!

Freedom Advocates are already doing incredible things in their churches and communities! For example, aside from leading a *Keys to Freedom* study at a sober-living facility where she works, Freedom Advocate Liz Cook also facilitates the study at her own church. Her senior pastor was a part of the first co-ed group she led and was so enthusiastic about the resource that he stated everyone should have to go through it! It has been such an incredible success at her church that they now offer *Keys to Freedom* twice a year as part of their regular small group curriculum.

This past summer, Freedom Advocate Amy Anderson teamed up with a group of women to serve 41 teen girls from all over their community for a “New Creation Weekend.” They taught principles from the *Keys to Freedom* study and even witnessed one of the girls accept Christ! The men of the church came to serenade the girls during lunch, and the youth pastor of Amy’s church gifted each of the girls a single flower to remind them that they are seen and valued!



Rachael Thomas, Mercy’s Freedom Advocacy Coordinator, shares, “To see what these Freedom Advocates have pioneered already is truly incredible! It’s a powerful reminder that Jesus didn’t just refer to discipleship as a nice ‘suggestion’ for the church; it’s part of His plan to renew and restore the world. When it’s all said and done, the Freedom Advocacy Program in its truest sense is just that: an invitation to follow Jesus and join Him in the redemptive work He is doing!”

Mercy is so excited to see how Freedom Advocates continue to engage their churches, communities, and schools with the message of hope and freedom. ●



EQUIPPING CHURCHES TO HELP THE HURTING

MERCY MULTIPLIED LEADERSHIP TRAINS AND RESOURCES LOCAL CHURCH



Becky Moore, Dr. Brooke Keels, Melanie Wise, Robin Holmes, and Donna Kelly

One of the primary initiatives we believe God is calling Mercy into is growing our partnership with the Church. As we have shared tools such as the MPower Workshop and *Keys to Freedom* study with leaders in local churches, we have seen firsthand how these resources can be used to powerfully impact the Body of Christ. We want men and women in the Church to not only learn how to walk in freedom themselves, but also how to effectively minister to those who are hurting and struggling around them. Calvary Church is one of the churches that has embraced all of the resources Mercy has to offer and is seeing powerful results.

In October of 2017, Becky Moore, Small Groups Ministries Director at Calvary Church in Cordova, TN, attended Mercy Multiplied's MPower Workshop. She was so impacted by her time at the workshop that when Mercy launched the Freedom Advocacy Program the following year, Becky was one of the first to apply!

As a Freedom Advocate, Becky started to find like-minded

people in her church and was soon working with these people to host MPower Night training events and *Keys to Freedom* studies in her community. Becky's passion to see people living in freedom was infectious, and her ministry was having a significant impact!

Meanwhile, Becky's church was preparing to release their latest film project through their creative ministry, Calvary Pictures. The movie, *Indivisible*, was released in October of 2018, and is based on a true story of an army chaplain. The movie exposed many hurts like trauma, grief, and broken marriages.

Calvary Church planned to connect the movie with their church through local marketing, and they wanted to be ready to respond to hurting people in their community. Becky remembered the invaluable training that she received at the MPower Workshop, so she encouraged the Lead Pastor at Calvary Church to consider bringing Mercy Multiplied in to train their staff and lay leaders.

In early September of 2018, Mercy's Executive Director of Outreach, Melanie Wise (pictured below), and Executive Director of Counseling Services, Brooke Keels, traveled to Cordova, TN, and led an MPower Workshop for around 150 men and women from Calvary Church. It was a powerful day of encouragement and practical training on how to effectively minister to the hurting and struggling in their community.

Lead Pastor of Calvary Church, Rev. Lynn Holmes (pictured right), shared after the workshop, "One of the best things you can do for your people is to bring in Mercy Multiplied to train them!" (continued)



The workshop sessions were practical, right on point, extremely helpful, and entertaining, but truthful. As a pastor inundated with needs from our community and our own church, I was reminded that only God can change hearts and transform lives! The entire day was filled with needed understanding and teaching so that our people could be better equipped to help hurting people. As a fellow worker in the Harvest Field of God's Kingdom, I would strongly urge any pastor to avail their church to this powerful teaching. It will transform your fellowship!"

Today, there are now both men's and women's *Keys to Freedom* study groups being held at Calvary Church,

and Becky continues to impact numerous people in the community as a Freedom Advocate.

Melanie Wise shares, "What an incredible gift to see a local church so dedicated to helping the hurting and struggling in their community. It's been amazing to see how Mercy has been able to come alongside this like-hearted church through the MPower Workshop, *Keys to Freedom* resource, and Freedom Advocacy Program! My hope and prayer is that more churches will allow Mercy to serve them in these ways so that more and more people can live free and stay free!" ●

Don't Miss Out On Our 2019

MPOWER WORKSHOPS

Over the past three years, Mercy has trained and equipped well over a thousand men and women across the country on how to love and minister to broken and hurting people more effectively! If you have not been part of this life-changing workshop, we encourage you to **register today** so you can learn how to better help and support others, while staying healthy and whole in the process.

Visit MercyMultiplied.com/MPower for Workshop dates and to register.

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The MPower Workshop was the single most valuable thing I've done in equipping myself to work with women in recovery. The training was so accessible and gave language and process to what I've known my entire Christian life, but didn't know how to teach others. I would recommend it to anyone with no hesitation!"

—Kelly Lyndgaard, Founder and CEO of Unshattered Women's Recovery Center, Hopewell Junction, NY

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I didn't know what to expect from this workshop in comparison to other seminars. I was blown away!!! This workshop has made an immediate impact on my life. I can't wait to dig deeper into what I have learned."

—Christina Wagner, Christ Community Church, Carmichael, CA



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Did you know that in addition to monthly partnerships and special giving options, Mercy Multiplied also offers donors the opportunity to schedule planned gifts as part of its Legacy Society? Mercy's Legacy Society is comprised of generous individuals who have made a lifelong commitment to Mercy through a special and important form of financial support. These donors have named Mercy Multiplied as the beneficiary of a planned gift. The gifts these members leave says something about what was important to them and how they want to be remembered. Options are available to meet individual circumstances, but the majority of gifts are received in these forms:

- *Current gifts of cash or check equivalents*
- *Naming Mercy Multiplied as a beneficiary of retirement plans*
- *Naming Mercy Multiplied as a beneficiary of insurance policies*
- *Bequests through Charitable Remainder Trusts, Charitable Lead Trust and Charitable Gift Annuity*

Being a Legacy Society member involves no dues, obligations, or solicitations. It does allow Mercy to thank and recognize members for the plans they have made, and it can inspire generosity in others. The name of each member is engraved on a special plaque prominently displayed in our ministry's headquarters in Nashville. Of course, the most important benefit members receive from joining our Legacy Society is the satisfaction derived from making a lasting contribution to the lives and futures of young women for years to come. ●




If you are interested in learning more, please visit MercyMultiplied.com/Legacy

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:19-21



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EVENTS

SHARING MERCY BEYOND OUR WALLS



Founders of LTD, Larry and Pam Winters, with Nancy at Merry Mercy Nashville



Francesca Battistelli entertained attendees at Merry Mercy St. Louis and presented Nancy a certified gold record for "He Knows My Name" which has encouraged hundreds of women to apply to Mercy



Pastor Mike and Stephanie Burnette with LifePoint Church of Clarksville, TN presented Mercy with a check for \$50,000



Singer/Songwriter, Dana Glover entertained guests at the Sunset Dinner and is pictured with Nancy and hosts Pastor Greg & Kathy Fairrington of Destiny Christian Church



Bill and Cindy Stewart, of Petra Industries, have been hosting a golf tournament benefiting Mercy for 20 years



Devin, Veronica, and daughter, Ashnika Eckhardt, were sponsors of Mercy Wonderland in Sacramento



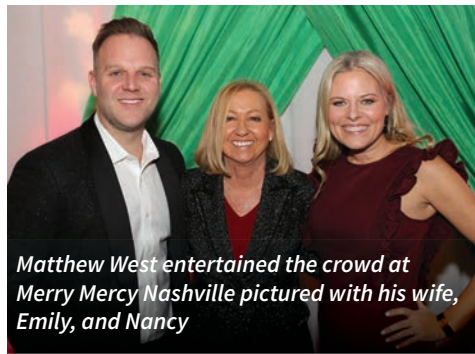
Cece Winans entertained hundreds of attendees at Evening of Mercy in Monroe. She is pictured with Miss Kay, television personality from Duck Dynasty, and Nancy



Christian recording artist, Lauren Daigle, spent the day with our St. Louis residents



Pastor Jerome and Lisa Lewis of Seeds of Greatness Bible Church with Nancy at Merry Mercy Nashville



Matthew West entertained the crowd at Merry Mercy Nashville pictured with his wife, Emily, and Nancy



We were excited to have several Mercy graduates attend Merry Mercy Nashville. These ladies represent over 20 years of the transformative power of Christ



Author, Ken Abraham with wife, Lisa, and Bobby and Sylvia Nelson, Nashville Merry Mercy Event Co-Chairs, Principal and Founder, Nelson Automotive Group



Shelly Meyer, wife of David Meyer, CEO of Hand of Hope, Joyce Meyer Ministries World Missions, visited with our St. Louis residents



Professional water skier, women's world record holder for slalom and Founder of In His Wakes, Kristi Overton Johnson, uses water sports to share Christ's love with all of our residents

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A young woman with dark hair pulled back, wearing a white patterned tank top, is smiling and standing in a grassy park with trees in the background.

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