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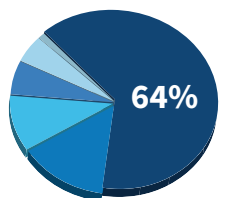
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Mercy Multiplied exists to provide opportunities for all to experience God's unconditional love, forgiveness, and life-transforming power. Mercy's residential counseling program is voluntary, biblically-based, and helps young women ages 13–32 break free from life controlling issues and situations, including anxiety, depression, sexual abuse, eating disorders, self-harm, addictions, unplanned pregnancy, and sex trafficking. These residential services are offered free-of-charge. In September of 2020, Mercy Multiplied launched its first Mercy Multiplied Center for Wellness and Counseling in Monroe/West Monroe, LA offering free-of-charge outpatient counseling to men and women aged 13 and older. Our Outreach Services train and resource men and women to effectively support and minister to those who are hurting and struggling through workshops, videos, podcasts, discipleship teaching, and other practical resources.

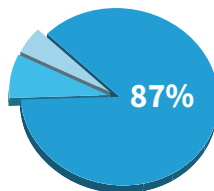
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2021 Year-End Total Receipts
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A Message from the heart OF OUR FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT



2022: FREEDOM IS POSSIBLE

Dear Mercy Friend,

I am blown away by how God continues to open doors for new people to hear about the mission of Mercy. He continues to provide in miraculous ways moving the hearts of people to give to us so that we can expand our reach. Just this past year, we have seen thousands of new supporters partner with us financially and in prayer. We are believing that God is going to continue to open even more doors so many more people can find freedom in Christ!

We are seeing more and more people walk in greater levels of freedom than ever before. In our residential program, young women are learning who they are in Christ, and He is breaking off years of bondage they have been living in. It is incredible to watch these transformations happen! Our *Keys to Freedom* study is impacting men and women around the world—as I write this, we know that *Keys to Freedom* is being used in 22 different nations. We hear story after story about how people are being set free from addiction, marriages and families are being restored, and people's relationships with God are going to a deeper level! Our outpatient center in Louisiana has been so successful and is now serving MEN as well as women 13 and older. Due to this success, we have decided to offer outpatient services in St. Louis! We will serve women in the greater St. Louis area 13 and older **in addition to** our residential services.

Throughout the pages of this magazine, you are going to read about how God has transformed lives and how He is healing broken hearts and setting captives free. Galatians 5:1 says, "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free." Christ died for us so we can walk in freedom! The verse continues, "stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yolk of slavery." We were not meant to live in bondage to grief, anxiety, depression, addiction, or any other life-controlling issue. It is too heavy for us to carry alone. Jesus died so that we could live an abundant life free and whole in Him. Jesus says in John 10:10 of the Amplified Bible, "The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows]."

At Mercy, our heart is for people to learn how to live free and stay free in Christ, so they can enjoy the life that God has planned for them. That same freedom is possible for you too! Our *Keys to Freedom* study is a great resource for anyone, regardless of where they are in their walk with the Lord. This study shares the same principles of freedom taught in our residential program and will help take you to greater levels of freedom in Christ.

Sometimes we need additional help from a professional. If you are hurting or struggling, take the first step in breaking the yolk of bondage over your life and ask for help. If you are a young woman between the ages of 13-32, please give us a call or visit MercyMultiplied.com to learn more about our free-of-charge residential program. We encourage anyone who is struggling to reach out to us, and we will help find resources for you even if our residential or outpatient programs are not the right fit for you. We simply want people to find freedom and greater and greater levels of it!

My prayer is that this year will be the year that you walk in greater levels of freedom in Christ. In addition, I pray that 2022 will prove to be the best year of your life as you see prayers answered and great expectations fulfilled. Thank you for standing with Mercy and supporting us with your prayers and your finances. We appreciate you more than you know!

With great gratitude,

Nancy Alcorn

Founder and President of Mercy Multiplied

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MERCY CELEBRATES THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FIRST CENTER FOR WELLNESS AND COUNSELING

On an unseasonably cool night in Monroe, Louisiana, faithful Mercy supporters gathered together to celebrate all that God is doing through the lives of the clients served at Mercy's first Center for Wellness and Counseling (CWC) located in West Monroe, LA. You could feel the excitement as people gathered at North Monroe Baptist Church to celebrate the lives transformed.

In September of 2020, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Mercy Founder and President, Nancy Alcorn, along with Mercy's Board of Directors made the decision to transition the residential home in Monroe/West Monroe, LA into the first Mercy Multiplied Center for Wellness and Counseling. The CWC offers outpatient counseling to men and women ages 13 and older completely free-of-charge. This evening was a night of celebration and commemoration of the launch of the CWC.

A special VIP Q&A session was held prior to the start of the event with longtime friend and supporter of Mercy, Al "big AL" Cherry of 88.7, The Cross, as emcee. He also facilitated the Q&A with Nancy and GRAMMY-nominated, multi award-

winning singer/songwriter Matthew West. Matthew and his wife Emily have been supporters of Mercy for years. Matthew even wrote his song, "Moved By Mercy," after receiving a letter from a Mercy graduate! Her story was shared through the lyrics. "We always want to be part of telling people about Jesus, and tonight we get to align ourselves with a ministry

that does that so well," said Matthew. "I am so excited about tonight's show!"

"When I first met Matthew, I knew instantly that he was the real deal," added Nancy. "Not only is he an amazing performer and artist, but he also brings people into the presence of the Holy Spirit when he ministers to people through his music. He puts on one of the best live shows I have ever seen!"



Al "big AL" Cherry facilitating a Q&A with Nancy and Matthew West

After the VIP reception, the room began to fill with clients who have completed the CWC program, Mercy supporters, and of course lots of Matthew West fans! Big AL and Nancy opened the evening with a brief welcome and a video showing how Mercy has expanded over the past 38 years since opening the first residential home in West Monroe, LA. "When I started this ministry, I thought I was going to open one residential home

and live in Louisiana and run that home,” said Nancy. “I never thought Mercy would become the ministry it is today. I think sometimes God doesn’t show you what He has in mind for the future because it can be too much for us to handle all at once.”

After sharing a brief overview for those who may not have heard about Mercy, Matthew took the stage opening with his chart-topping hit, “Grace Wins.” The crowd instantly jumped to their feet and sang along to every word. Matthew welcomed the crowd and shared how much he loves the mission of Mercy and how excited he was to be with everyone.

During intermission, Nancy took the stage again and shared about all the amazing things God is doing through the CWC and how more people are being helped in the community than ever before. She invited a former CWC client who had completed the program up to the stage to share her testimony. She powerfully shared about the freedom she has found after receiving counseling at Mercy and how God is doing amazing things in her life. After her testimony, the crowd was on their feet celebrating with her and the freedom she had found in Christ. Nancy came back to the stage and encouraged people to call and apply to the CWC so they too could find the same freedom and healing.



Founding board member Susan Cordell with Nancy

Founding board member, Susan Cordell, was invited to the stage to join Nancy to pray an official blessing over Mercy, the CWC, and future CWC locations. It was an amazing time of thanking God for not only what He has already done, but also for the future plans He has for Mercy.

The celebration continued as Matthew closed out the evening with some of his biggest hits. Before ending the evening with “The God Who Stays,” he shared, “When the concert is over, we leave, but Mercy stays and walks alongside these people.

Mercy Multiplied tells people to come as they are, and they mean it.”

After the show, Nancy had a book signing where several clients of the CWC shared how much the program means to them and how thankful they are for Nancy and Mercy.

We are so grateful for everyone who came to support Mercy, especially our sponsors. Thank you for your faithful support and heart to see lives transformed! ■



Counselor's CORNER

In this year's Counselor's Corner, we wanted to highlight two of our amazing counselors. Shantray Smith has been employed with Mercy for over ten years and serves as the Director of Counseling at the Mercy Center for Wellness and Counseling in Monroe/West Monroe, LA where we offer free-of-charge outpatient counseling to men and women ages 13 and older. Kimberly Brown has been employed with Mercy nearly three years and serves as the Director of Counseling in our Nashville residential home.



Meet Shantray:

I was born and raised on the Westbank which is located on the outskirts of New Orleans, Louisiana. I received my master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. I am a Licensed Professional Counselor. I have been married for almost two years to my amazing husband, Jonathan L. Smith.



Meet Kim:

I am a small-town girl and had the privilege of growing up near some of the most beautiful beaches in the world located in Walton County, Florida. I attended Florida State University, where I majored in Criminology. I then obtained a juris doctorate from Stetson College of Law. Years later, I obeyed God's calling on my life and attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary where I received a master's degree in Marriage and Family Counseling. I currently reside in Nashville and am living a dream fulfilled by serving residents at Mercy Multiplied.

What is the most rewarding thing about your job?

Shantray: Having a front row seat in seeing God heal broken hearts and transform mindsets into positive and empowered mindsets. I love being a part of changing the narrative the enemy tried to write in my clients' lives and being a vessel of the Lord to rewrite the narrative from His perspective and His heart. I love seeing people experience those “aha” moments, when they realize God loves them unconditionally and has been with them their entire lives. I love helping clients embrace their true identity in Christ and stand in their authority through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Kim: The most rewarding thing about my job is seeing residents choose to surrender their hearts and lives to the Lord and receive His love and healing. The transformation that takes place when a resident chooses to surrender is nothing short of miraculous. They move from death to life before your eyes.

What is your favorite thing about ministering to people about the principles of freedom in our program?

Shantray: I love helping clients embrace their true identity in Christ and stand in their authority through the power of the Holy Spirit. I love Proverbs 28:1, which says: *The wicked flee when no one pursues, but the righteous are bold as a lion.* I believe our principles of freedom bring that scripture to life in a very practical way. It's an honor to help clients become bold in their faith, to see that their life and their voice is significant. I enjoy teaching them how to incorporate renewing their mind into their daily life.

Kim: My favorite thing about ministering to residents about the principles of freedom in our program is that I know it works and provides a clear game plan for the rest of their lives to combat the enemy, which is extremely empowering. These principles of freedom help them go from victim to victor. I call that freedom!

How do you invite the Holy Spirit into your counseling session?

Shantray: First, I invite Him in through prayer before the client enters the room. I ask Him to lead and guide all sessions. During the sessions, I give the client questions to ask the Holy Spirit and give time for the client to listen to His response. I see myself as a facilitator; someone who helps clients become more comfortable with having a conversation with the Holy Spirit. I remind them that He is the guide to all truth, and the truth He reveals to them will bring healing and freedom. Once a person knows deep inside of their hearts that they are never alone because the Holy Spirit is always with them, breakthroughs come and transformation happens.

Kim: Before meeting with the resident, I ask the Holy Spirit to lead and guide the session. During session, I often ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom and direction. In addition, I often provide the resident an opportunity to choose to connect with the Holy Spirit themselves, which is powerful and life changing. I cannot do this work without the leadership of the Holy Spirit. I am grateful He is always faithful to show up and meet whatever need is presented.

What do you think sets Mercy apart from other counseling programs?

Shantray: I believe our *Keys to Freedom* study used in the counseling process sets us apart from other counseling programs. Clients complete assignments in the study outside of session and process on a deeper level what was revealed through the assignment in counseling. This helps hold them accountable to fully investing in the healing process. We encourage them to have a relationship with the Trinity. This allows them to have the Perfect Parent (God the Father), the Perfect Savior (Jesus), and the Ultimate Counselor and Comforter (the Holy Spirit). This approach to counseling really helps clients anchor their healing and freedom to the Lord and not a person. Once they complete the counseling program, they will have learned and applied the principles of freedom that will set them up for continued transformation for the rest of their lives.

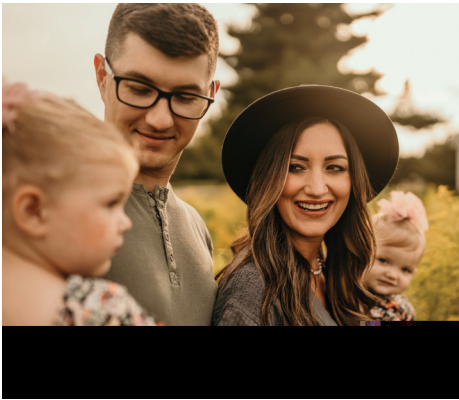
Kim: Mercy is founded on God's Word and His principles. If applied, the principles of freedom residents receive while in the program are life-giving, life-sustaining, and life-altering. In addition, the staff is amazing. Our staff are Spirit-led, called, and anointed for this work. They love and care for residents not out of duty or obligation, but out of a place of joy, gratitude, and honor. Mercy also cares about the whole person. Residents not only receive spiritual care and counseling while in the program, they also learn about fitness, nutrition, money management, boundaries, self-care, and many other life skills. In addition, minors attend school which allows them to continue their academic pursuits while in the program. Mercy's goal is to make sure residents are fully equipped so they will thrive after graduating from the program. ■

To learn more about our free-of-charge residential program, visit MercyMultiplied.com/residential-program.

TRANSFORMED

Lives

DANIELLE 2011 Graduate



Because of my time at Mercy, I never felt completely lost during hard times. I knew I wanted to advance the Kingdom of God and be able to help people who struggle like I did. I was taught principles that I still use today when times are tough.

I ended up earning my master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. I was able to practice counseling young girls and women for a short time who had similar struggles as I did. I even had them create their own truth cards to speak out loud like I learned to do at Mercy!

I stopped practicing counseling as a profession and decided to be a stay-at-home mom when I had my first daughter, Aurora, who is now two years old. Sixteen months later, I had Georgia, who is one year old, and I am currently pregnant with a boy! As parents, my husband and I want to instill in our children the importance of speaking Scripture and showing them the loving and accepting nature of God. I am forever grateful to Mercy! ■

LISA 2017 Graduate

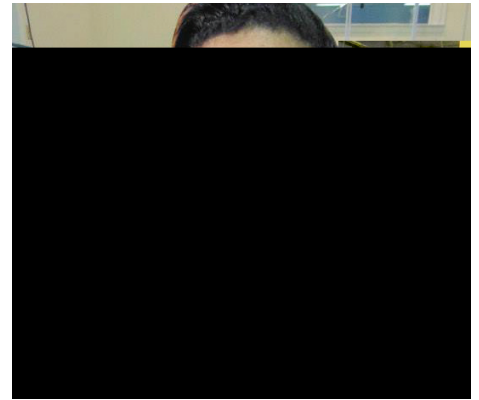


Before Mercy, my life was full of addiction. I had no hope to live for God although I believed in Him. I believed that I had no worth. I was desperate for change, but I didn't know how to break off the chains that had held me back for years.

My time at Mercy was above and beyond anything I expected. I was in a safe place for the first time in my life. What most impacted me at Mercy was the ability to live in a home that showed the tangible love of Christ. In this setting, I had the ability to finally allow life's hurts to come out in order for the Lord to restore me.

Now, I am enjoying raising my children in the truth of the Gospel alongside my husband of five years. Today my husband, Alex, serves as youth pastor at our local church, and I serve alongside him with much passion to see the next generation saved and changed by Jesus! I love sharing my testimony with young girls, because I know if God could do it for me, He can do it for them! ■

MONICA 1991 Graduate



I am grateful to my heavenly Father for bestowing on me the many blessings and opportunities that have been given to me over the years! I serve in ministry with my husband, Lorenzo, who is the Senior Pastor at Obed Edom Ministries in Alabama. Our assignment is to advance the Kingdom of God. We partner with other ministries, schools, and nursing homes to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. About three and a half years ago, I was able to reconnect with my older son, Micah, who was placed for adoption through the program at Mercy. We also welcomed a new addition to our family this year, my granddaughter. My other children are attending college and following their personal careers. In December of 2021, I graduated from the University of Alabama at Birmingham with my second degree in business. When we make mistakes, it does not mean we cannot overcome those mistakes: It just means that God, being the master Builder, knows how to make a beautiful masterpiece from our mess. That is what my heavenly Father has done in my life. ■



What God did through my time at Mercy was simple, yet huge and impactful. Before Mercy, I found self-confidence in my looks and achievements, even though I knew Jesus as my Savior. Since finding my confidence in who I am in God at Mercy, the Lord started using me to tell others about their true identity. At Mercy, God revealed a mask that the enemy had put on me, and He helped me to take it off. God put it on my heart that as I serve the Lord confidently, knowing who I am in Him and testifying of my true identity, others would receive truth, hope, and love from Him. This has become true.

Today, I serve at International Student Ministry which has been my dream job since before Mercy. I have ministered to people from Japan, Thailand, and now people from all over the world through international students here in the United States. My heart sets on fire when I can witness to people who are struggling with their identity. My heart's desire is to reach and love not only one nation but all nations for Jesus. I am humbly and truly blessed with the privilege of sharing the goodness of God! I share God's love with international students because I know it leads to reaching nations for Jesus. ■



It's hard to believe that 15 years have passed since I walked through Mercy's doors! When I entered Mercy, I didn't know my value and couldn't truly comprehend the love of God due to sounds of unworthiness that echoed within me. Depression's teeth had a tight grip on me, an eating disorder had me operating like a puppet on a string, and a combination of perfectionism and achievement constructed the mask that I hid behind.

In saying that, however, though I considered myself unworthy of love, a burden to those around me, and far beyond hope's reach, God's relentless pursuit of my heart and life became evident to me in truly tangible ways throughout my time at Mercy. Upon graduation, my healing journey was not over, but God's work in me was undeniable! My value and worth had been greatly redeemed, deep healing and freedom had been released within me, and I had passion for life and a purpose for which to live!

I have seen mercy and love multiplied in my life, starting in my own home and stretching across many nations of the earth! Currently, you'll find me serving in the Dominican Republic alongside an organization that exists to change hearts and bring hope to individuals, families, and communities! Ultimately, I must say this: I'll be forever grateful to the Lord for how He used Mercy in my life. My life was forever changed! ■



I am a grateful 25-year graduate of Mercy Multiplied. By building a strong foundation in God's Word in a way I had never known before, Mercy equipped me to receive healing and true heart change in Christ, which was a turning point to loving myself again. Giving me the tools to face the pain of my past and to relentlessly go after the future I had long abandoned, Mercy guided me to becoming a strong woman rooted in the Word that God destined me to be, so I could be the mother my beautiful "Mercy Baby" Destiny, was purposed to have.

These last 25 years God has done many amazing things. He brought the perfect husband and father, who adopted Destiny as his own, completed our family with two amazing sons, and this year we celebrated 22 beautiful years of marriage. We love being Children's Pastors over the "FUSION Kids" ministry at the Movement Church in Georgia.

I know miracles are real because I am one! I have no doubt that if not for having my experience at Mercy, I would not be here today. I no longer allow life's challenges to take me to those dark places. I meet them head on, speaking God's Word over them, worshipping through them, and knowing that through Him, I will always have the victory to overcome! This is the gift of Mercy! ■



Watch Pamela's full video testimony as well as other stories of transformation by scanning the QR Code.

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES TO REACH MORE PEOPLE

When Mercy changed its name from Mercy Ministries to Mercy **Multiplied** in 2015, we had a God-given dream in our hearts. Up to that point, we had served thousands of young women through the residential program. But God birthed a vision for multiplying healing and freedom to new levels. We were watching the world around us only get more lost, more hopeless, and more broken, and we knew that we had to step into greater levels of impact as a ministry.

So we launched Mercy's Outreach Services and started dreaming about what it could look like to take the same principles of freedom that had been used for 35 years in the residential program outside the walls of our Mercy homes. We dreamed about sharing these principles with churches and ministries—not just in areas where we had Mercy homes, but to the ends of the earth. How were we going to accomplish this task? We weren't 100% sure. But we knew that God gave the vision, so He would give the strategy.

Fast forward six years, and we are seeing more and more of this vision coming to pass. God has opened doors of opportunity with countless churches and ministries worldwide and with men and women who are passionate about being vessels of hope and freedom in the areas in which they live.

When I think about the COVID-19 pandemic and how it has affected Mercy, I think about Joseph's words in the book of Genesis where he talks about how God is able to take intended evil and turn it into eventual good. If there is any word that best describes the pandemic, it's "evil." But God has used this intended evil and turned it for good in countless ways for Mercy Multiplied and the men and women we're honored to serve.

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, our Outreach team had talked about what it might look like to offer more of our services virtually or digitally. Then when the whole world went virtual in the spring of 2020, we had no choice...the time was now! And to see how many more people we are now reaching as a result has been incredible.

For example, Mercy's MPower workshop is designed to equip men and women to **effectively** minister to those who are hurting and struggling in a way that brings about true healing and life-transformation. For the first five years of its existence, MPower was only offered as an in-person event. However, in the spring of 2020, we realized that if we wanted to keep holding these workshops, we would have to figure out how to meet with people through a screen.

While we certainly missed the in-person aspect of these workshops, we started seeing our registrations dramatically increase because more people could attend when it was offered virtually. Before we started offering virtual workshops, we saw an average of 54 people at each MPower. Once we started offering the workshop virtually, we saw the average number of attendees jump to 107 people! In addition, the workshop had only consisted of attendees primarily from the United States when it was offered in-person. However, once we started hosting virtual trainings, we saw attendees from Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Columbia, Costa Rica, Qatar, Dominican Republic, France, Germany, Haiti, India, Mexico, Morocco, New Zealand, Nigeria, Poland, and South Africa!

Today, we are thankfully able to offer MPower as an in-person workshop again, but we didn't want to lose the ability to reach people online with this training so we released a video series called MPower Basics in December 2021. This video series is a collection of the basic, core teachings from the MPower workshop. We are so excited to imagine how many people, churches, and ministries will now be able to experience this training who may never have been able to attend an in-person workshop!

As one of our international MPower attendees shared:

"I needed this. I didn't know what to expect. I had no prior knowledge of Mercy. You know what I think was the most unexpected? How at home I would feel. It felt like being in the right crowd and listening to the right things. This was quality counseling content mixed with faith, and I loved it. I learned to believe God is limitless and grants miracles such as this workshop. [I] wouldn't have been able to attend in person." —Justine (Poland)

Mercy's *Keys to Freedom* study has also gone digital! This study takes people through the 7 "keys to freedom" that have proven transformational to countless men and women within and outside of Mercy's residential and outpatient programs. When we released the updated edition of *Keys to Freedom* in the spring of 2021, we also released the first-ever e-version. While we still encourage people in the U.S. to purchase physical copies of the book, we now can share *Keys to Freedom* with people all over the world through the e-version!

In addition, we now offer print licenses to churches or ministries around the world who desire to order *Keys to Freedom* studies and to print locally. Equippers Church in Auckland, New Zealand, is one of those very churches. In 2020, Equippers purchased an annual printing license from Mercy. We shared the digital print files with the church and enabled them to print copies of the *Keys to Freedom* study locally. Equippers has 40 campuses all over the world in Asia, Europe, Latin America, New Zealand, Pacific Island, and the U.S. With *Keys to Freedom* just getting started at their main campus, we are believing for the study to expand to many more people around the world through this church alone. Now that Mercy is offering print licenses with digital print files, the potential reach of this life-transforming study is unlimited!

One of our first responses to COVID-19 was to host weekly teachings on Facebook Live based on *Keys to Freedom*. We saw a massive response, with over 1,000 people joining the group! This response ultimately inspired us to release another digital resource in the spring of 2021—a video series called the *Keys to Freedom Teaching Series*. This video series contains high-level overviews of each of the fundamental principles from the *Keys to Freedom* study and is yet another freedom resource from which people can benefit worldwide!

While not new, one of the most impactful resources that we offer online is our MercyTalk podcast. In April of 2021, we posted our 300th episode of MercyTalk, and to date, there have been over 300,000 downloads of the MercyTalk podcast by listeners in 167 different countries around the world. We are so thankful to have this online platform for sharing spiritual insight, empowering advice, and practical principles for living in freedom and sharing that freedom with others.

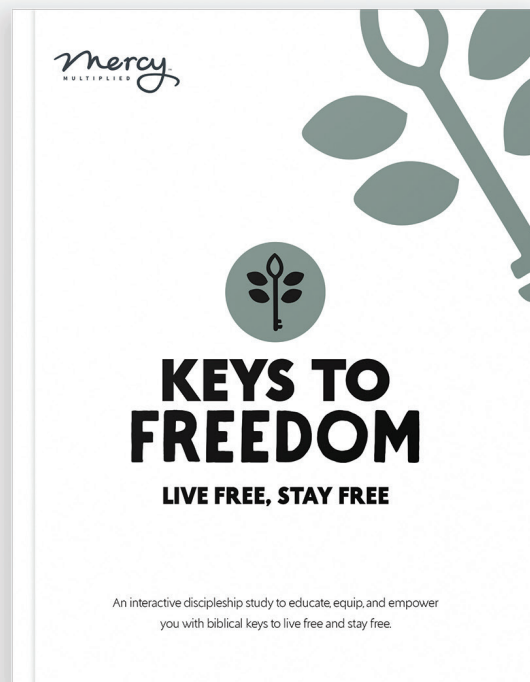
Looking back over the last couple of years of this pandemic, I am particularly struck by the second half of Genesis 50:20: "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good **to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.**" While there have been many physical lives lost over the past two years, our prayer is that many eternal lives have been saved due to the expanded reach of Mercy's online and

digital resources and trainings. And we have dreams and ideas for many more online resources in the future. To quote our Founder and President, Nancy Alcorn: "We're not done; we're just getting started!" ■



Melanie Wise, Mercy's Senior Director of Outreach, has been at Mercy Multiplied for 10 years.

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SPOTLIGHT ON: *Thelma Mueller*



Thelma with her daughters: Grace, Faith, Charity, and Hope

Mercy Multiplied offers residential and outpatient services completely free-of-charge. Mercy never accepts money with strings attached or that which would prevent our ability to share Jesus Christ. We rely on the generosity of our donors to help people find the healing they need. We are thankful to God for impressing Mercy on the hearts of thousands of people around the world who give so generously to the ministry.

We want to introduce you to Thelma Mueller, who has been partnering with Mercy for over 10 years. Her four adult daughters, Charity, Grace, Hope, and Faith, also financially support Mercy.

My husband and I are Colorado natives and have been married for 30 years. We have five children: three married daughters, one engaged daughter, and an 18-year-old son who is currently in Junior College playing baseball. We have five grandchildren ranging from one year old to seven years old.

We are passionate about sharing the Gospel with the world. We do most of our ministry and discipleship through the Amway and LTD business. Our family is involved with us in our Amway business.

What made you want to partner with Mercy financially?

We first heard about Mercy in 2011 at an LTD conference. Mercy reflects our desire to help those who are in need. We have a call on our lives to help women who are hurting, especially in regard to addiction and unplanned pregnancy. This has been part of our vision since 1991.

What would you say to others who are considering partnering with Mercy financially?

Mercy is fertile soil. They take no government funding. They have a high success rate because of the focus of a relationship with Jesus Christ. The transparency and vision of Mercy aligns with our vision to help those who are hurting.

What did you think when your daughters decided to also partner with Mercy just like you have?

We are thankful and blessed our family has the same desire to support Mercy. We believe in a generational vision for our family to help those in need and hurting.

We also asked Thelma's daughters what it means to them to carry on their family's generational vision by giving to Mercy.

Grace DeCaro: The reason we keep giving to Mercy is it's a good place to sow seed. My husband and I have been blessed, but we want to know the money we are giving away goes to helping people, not just hidden fees. Mercy has always made us feel they are focused on the residents.

Faith Dienhart: I decided to support Mercy when I heard about it through my mom. I have always had a heart for hurting young women. I struggled with mental health in high school and after that, giving to Mercy became very personal as I could relate to some of the stories I heard from women who graduated from the program. I love that Mercy teaches how having a relationship with Christ and living by His principles is what brings true freedom, because this is what I experienced. I also like that they don't take government assistance and I know that my funds are going directly to help these women.

Charity Mueller: I am very thankful for how Mercy operates with a Christian foundation. Knowing that all of my financial support is handled responsibly is very comforting. I also know that they do not take government funding, so being able to keep your ministry running matters a lot to me.

Hope Murphy: My husband and I have decided to support Mercy Multiplied because the vision of Nancy Alcorn fits so wonderfully with our own vision. Her vision to affect lives across the world is something Matthew and I are very passionate about. The Bible is clear that our faith is built on giving our lives away for others. Matthew and I have been given so much by the Lord that we want to also give. ■

To learn more about becoming a monthly partner, visit MercyMultiplied.com/donate.

RAISING CAPITAL

TO BUILD
OUR

FUTURE

Last year we received an incredible response to our capital project needs and were blown away by God's provision. We are so grateful to those donors who gave above and beyond their regular giving so those needs could be met. Maybe this is the first time you are hearing about capital projects and are wondering what they are. Capital projects are larger project needs of an organization that fall outside of their regular operating budget. Many times, a nonprofit will create separate fundraising campaigns in order to raise funds for these special project needs.

Within the first six months of 2021, we had all our capital project needs met. Through these donations, we were able to paint the Nashville corporate building. The St. Louis and Sacramento homes received new dining room tables and chairs. Our counselor offices in the Nashville and St. Louis homes received new furniture, and the Sacramento home received new living room and entry way furniture, and new mattresses in each of the resident bedrooms. A total of \$150,000 was given towards the completion of these projects!

We have several capital project needs for 2022 and need your help to fund these projects. If you or your organization would like to get involved or fund a project in 2022, please contact Rachel at rbedenbaugh@mercymultiplied.com. ■



A FEW OF OUR

2022 PROJECT NEEDS:

Nashville home:



Windows: \$20,000



Living Room Furniture: \$15,000

St. Louis home:



New Vehicle: \$35,000



Driveway Expansion/Repairs: \$50,000

Sacramento home:



Two 10-Passenger Vans: \$80,000

MERRY MERCY

Christmas Benefit

BRINGS JOY AND LAUGHTER TO ATTENDEES

IT is hard to believe that 733 days have passed since joining together in person at our last Merry Mercy Christmas benefit in 2019. God has blessed Mercy in so many ways during these past two years, and we have experienced so much growth! We were beyond excited to come together on December 7th in Franklin, TN at Mercy's annual Merry Mercy Christmas Benefit to celebrate the lives that have been transformed through the power of Christ.

The room was decked out in contemporary navy and gold accents, welcoming attendees to the special event. The excitement and



energy in the room was palpable as supporters filed into the grand ballroom to celebrate. Event Chairs, Pastor Jerome and Lisa Lewis of Seeds Church in New Castle, Delaware, took the stage to welcome guests to the event and bless the meal. Pastor Jerome and Lisa Lewis have been partners with Mercy Multiplied for over ten years, and Lisa serves on the Mercy Multiplied Board of Directors.

Dove Award-Winning Singer/Songwriter Ellie Holcomb kicked off the entertainment

for the evening performing two songs from her album *Canyon*. For years, Ellie has helped spread the word about Mercy through her public platform, performed at Mercy events, and has visited our residential homes to lead worship and encourage Mercy's residents. "Because of Mercy, young women in their residential program know that



*Dove Award-Winning Singer/Songwriter,
Ellie Holcomb*

even in their most broken places, they are beloved because of who Jesus is and what he did on the cross," said Ellie. She added, "I love the work that God is doing through this ministry. Thank you for linking arms with this organization to be agents of hope and light."

Founder and President, Nancy Alcorn, took the stage to share about the growth Mercy has seen over the past 38 years since she started the ministry with just one residential home in Monroe/West Monroe, LA. "I want to start by

thanking the Lord because He has been so good to us," said Nancy. "We have expanded beyond our residential program with our outpatient and Outreach Services, and we are helping more people now than we ever have before. And Mercy's services are not just for women, but we are also helping men through our *Keys to Freedom* study and Center for Wellness and Counseling location in Louisiana. We are hearing testimonies of marriages being restored and men learning how to forgive themselves and how to forgive others.

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—NANCY ALCORN**

People are breaking out of their generational patterns, learning how to renew their minds, and replacing the lies they believe about themselves with the truth about what God's Word says."

Nancy continued to share about Mercy's global impact through its *Keys to Freedom* study and MPower workshop. She also highlighted two graduate testimonies that showed the generational impact of the residential program and the multiplication seen through the lives of graduates as they boldly share their testimonies and encourage others who are struggling to ask for help.



Event Chairs, Pastor Jerome and Lisa Lewis

Pastor Jerome and Lisa Lewis retook the stage and thanked those women for bravely sharing their testimonies while also sharing Mercy's impact on their church. "Mercy has become part of our culture at Seeds," said Lisa. "Not only have we recommended young women to the residential program, but we have also sent many of our church leaders through Mercy's MPower training. Men and women are also facilitating *Keys to Freedom* groups within our church. We have embraced everything Mercy has to offer, and we have seen lives changed within our church. This work must go on!"



*GRAMMY-nominated Comedian,
Nate Bargatze*

2021 GRAMMY-nominated star of Netflix's *The Greatest Average American*, Nate Bargatze."

After Ellie shared one final song, Pastor Jerome took the stage one last time to introduce the final guest of the evening. "This has been an awesome evening, hasn't it?" said Pastor Jerome. "The Bible says, a merry heart doth good like a medicine, and I think sometimes we don't laugh enough. It's therapeutic, and tonight we are going to end on a high note! Please welcome to the stage

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Nate took the stage and immediately had the crowd rolling with laughter as he shared about being from Old Hickory, TN, what it's like to be the oldest child, and some of the strange things we want and do as we get older. It was the perfect ending to a night of celebrating all that God is doing in the lives of those Mercy Multiplied is serving.

Thank you to our sponsors, community board members, and attendees for your generosity and time. We give God all the glory for this record-breaking fundraising event, raising over \$410,000! ■



Tracy and Patrick Bates with Nancy



Pam and Jerry Diddle with Nancy

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