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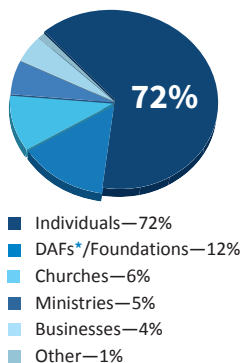


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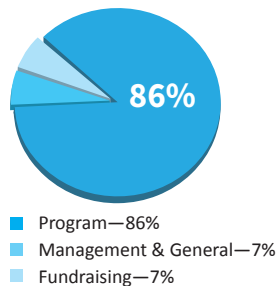
Mercy Multiplied exists to provide opportunities for all to experience God's unconditional love, forgiveness, and life-transforming power. Mercy's Residential counseling Program is voluntary, biblically-based, and helps young women ages 13–32 break free from life-controlling issues and situations, including anxiety, depression, abuse, eating disorders, self-harm, addictions, unplanned pregnancy, and sex trafficking. These residential services are offered free-of-charge. The Mercy Multiplied Center for Wellness and Counseling is Mercy's free-of-charge Outpatient counseling Program for 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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# A Message from the heart OF OUR FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT

## 2023: 40 YEARS OF FREEDOM



Dear Friend of Mercy,

It was January 15, 1983, when I made the drive to Louisiana with just a thousand dollars in my pocket, a sheltie puppy, and a God-given dream in my heart. I was so tired of seeing all the failed government programs that offered young women no hope. God had clearly shown me that He did not anoint the government to heal broken hearts and set captives free. He has called His people to do that because only Christ can forgive sin and heal broken hearts, like it says in 2 Corinthians 5:17, Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

I was so excited when I made that drive. However, the next day I had to battle through and silence the voice of the enemy who challenged me about whether I had really heard the voice of God. But over the years, He confirmed time and time again that it **was** His voice I heard! I saw miracle after miracle after miracle of God's provision during those early years. As someone who is a doer and problem solver, God's first task for me was to NOT get a job. Instead, He wanted to break the self-sufficiency in me and teach me to rely on Him and His provision alone. I never could have imagined where He would take this vision He birthed in me. He gave me three founding principles: provide the program free-of-charge, tithe 10% of what we receive as a ministry to other ministries and organizations that are changing lives through the Gospel, and never accept money that would restrict our freedom to share the full Gospel of Jesus Christ. We still hold true to these principles, and we will never stop!

That was 40 years ago, and what started with just one residential home expanded to multiple homes across the United States and other countries! Today, we are reaching men and women around the world through our MPower trainings and our *Keys to Freedom* study. And right where Mercy first began in Monroe, LA, God called us to open the very first Mercy Multiplied Center for Wellness and Counseling, where women AND MEN receive free counseling and prayer ministry. We just opened our second Outpatient location in St. Louis, MO! It amazes me how many more people we are helping!

Throughout the pages of this magazine, you are going to read stories from people who Mercy has directly impacted. You will also read updates from our Outreach Services, International Affiliates, and so much more! I hope you will be inspired by what you read and how Christ continues to multiply Mercy around the world.

I am so grateful for each and every one of you and the important role you have played in such an exciting year for Mercy Multiplied. I believe we are moving into a season of even greater growth as God brings more multiplication! I believe He is calling us to open more Centers for Wellness and Counseling. We also have property in the panhandle of Florida to build our next residential home. *Keys to Freedom* continues to reach more and more people around the world. More men and women are being equipped to help hurting people through our MPower workshops and so much more!

After 40 years of ministry, we are far from being done. In fact, we are just getting started!!

With great anticipation,

Nancy Alcorn  
Founder and President

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**1983** Mercy Ministries opens its first home in Monroe, LA

**1986** Mercy has its first adoption



**1991** Mercy purchases property for Nashville, TN home



**2001** Corporate office opens in Nashville



**2005** Grand Opening of St. Louis home



**2006** California home groundbreaking

# 40 Years

**2015** Mercy hosts its first MPower workshop



**2015** Mercy Ministries becomes Mercy Multiplied to reflect expanded outreach efforts



**2020** Mercy Multiplied Center for Wellness and Counseling opens in Monroe, LA



**2020** Mercy Canada launches outpatient Wellness Centre



**2022** Mercy Multiplied Center for Wellness and Counseling opens in St. Louis, MO

**1994** Nashville home groundbreaking



**1995** Grand Opening of Nashville home

**2000** Joyce Meyer Ministries donates land and facility for St. Louis, MO home



**2006** Grand Opening of U.K. home

**2009** Grand Opening of California home



**2010** Grand Opening of Canada home



# of Freedom



**2016** Corporate office opens in U.K.



**2017** *Keys to Freedom* launches

**2019** Mercy Beyond Affiliate is established to expand Outreach Services internationally



In 1983, Mercy Multiplied's first Residential Program opened in Monroe, LA. At that time, Founder and President Nancy Alcorn had no idea what God planned for the ministry. Today, Mercy continues to help young women through its Residential Programs, while expanding its services to include Outpatient Programs and Outreach Services. Mercy's MPower workshop has trained and equipped over 2,500 men and women to help others who are hurting and struggling. The *Keys to Freedom* discipleship study is in over 26 countries and available in five different languages! God is doing amazing things, and we are so excited to be on this journey with you! ■

# transformed lives

**IZZY** 2020 Graduate



Since graduating from Mercy's Residential Program, the Lord has completely transformed my life. I truly do not think I would be here today if it weren't for the kindness of the Lord to interfere with my plans and place me at Mercy for eight months. After graduating, I moved to join a church with my brother, who had his own encounter with the Lord and got radically saved soon after I graduated!

Since leaving Mercy, I have graduated from ministry school, worked at a Pro-Life ministry, and am currently working full-time at my church! When I look at what the Lord has brought me from and where I am today, I am so thankful for how Mercy Multiplied has had such a deep foundational role in my life. My life has forever changed by the power of Jesus, all glory to God! ■

**ROBIN** Center for Wellness and Counseling Client



I was the typical people pleaser. Whenever things went wrong or when I was treated poorly, I would pretend that it never happened. I would choose not to deal with them, thinking that it would make the issues better. It didn't. I also had a need for control in my marriage. I would step up and try to take charge of things. That didn't work, either. When COVID hit, we almost lost our businesses, and that's when the stress flooded into my life even more. I literally felt like I was drowning. I knew that I needed someone to talk to, but I couldn't justify the amount of money it would cost to see a counselor. That's when I saw a friend's post on Facebook. She described her journey with Mercy, and I immediately applied. I know that God placed me with the exact counselor I needed. My life began to change. The *Keys to Freedom* study was such an amazing tool, and it helped me see some areas of my life that needed healing. I learned to let go of shame, and I learned to see myself as God sees me. I don't know where my life would be had I not said yes to this program! ■

**SOPHIE** 2017 Graduate



Thanks to Mercy, I'm no longer stuck in the pattern of addiction. I used to be filled with shame and weighed down by fear and anxiety, but I didn't know how to reach out for help. My relationship with God was nonexistent, although I believed in Him. I wanted to know the amazing God that everyone around me was talking about. Mercy taught me how to build a relationship with God, and I'm no longer held back by shame and guilt. God has healed me from my addiction, and now I walk with my head held high instead of being downcast by fear. Today, I'm married to an amazing man who loves the Lord, and we recently welcomed a beautiful baby girl into our lives. I'm so thankful for my time at Mercy! I proudly share my experience every chance I get. ■

## ELODIE 1997 Graduate



When I walked through the doors of Mercy Multiplied at 17, I was a tangled mess of depression, anxiety, and addiction, reeling from being raped by several men and subsequently pregnant. As I worked through each life-altering issue, I made the prayerful decision to place my child for adoption. However, during my 36-week checkup, we discovered that the baby I carried had died in utero due to a knotted umbilical cord. During this extremely difficult time, God showed me that He could carry me through anything, and running to drugs for an escape wouldn't relieve the pain; instead, they compound it. I still carry with me the life lessons Mercy taught me: who I am in Christ, how to pray the Word with authority given by the Holy Spirit, and that mercy, grace, and forgiveness bring true freedom, not only when received, but when given.

As an Army veteran, then Army spouse, and home-schooling mom to seven for the last 22 years, there were many times I was able to put what I learned into practice.

Over the last several years, our crew has had the opportunity to work and serve with a Christian camp ministry. All of this - my life, the life of my husband and children, and the changed lives we have been able to share Christ with is because the staff of Mercy Multiplied shared the tangible, unconditional love of Christ with a broken young woman 25 years ago. ■

## JON *Keys to Freedom* Participant



I would recommend *Keys to Freedom* to anyone. I tell everyone about it and the freedom it offers through Christ. It addresses the root of the problem, which is the only way to achieve freedom. As a recovering drug addict for over 25 years, former gang member, and drug dealer, I had a lot of garbage and baggage. However, when I started *Keys to Freedom*, I was sober and just went along for the ride, not knowing what I was in for. One of the biggest things I learned was that despite being sober, I was still broken. I had unhealthy relationships with no boundaries. I had roots laid so deep within the ground that I assumed it was normal. During our first class, I saw our group cry together, laugh together, and most importantly, grow together. We got to the root of our issues. Lies were replaced with truths. Healthy boundaries were established. Our relationships grew stronger with Christ as we put all our trust in His hands to guide us into the depths in which burden-laden roots had bound us for so long. *Keys to Freedom* was such a success that we began offering the study at church twice a year, with multiple groups per session. It was a great gift to be a part of the group and to watch others grow spiritually, emotionally, and biblically. For someone who has gone through several programs, this study is by far the most freeing. ■

## LEE Center for Wellness and Counseling Client



Receiving counseling at the Mercy Multiplied Center for Wellness and Counseling has had a major impact on my life. Before coming to Mercy, I was dealing with a lot of things that had happened in my childhood that I did not know how to overcome. The first day I met James, my counselor, I could tell that he was really invested in my situation and truly wanted to guide me to freedom and a closer relationship with God. We began to identify the root of the issues I was facing, and once we did that, we began to work on the healing process and moving forward. This process has been a tremendous help in my personal life and my family life. Identifying my root issues allowed me to really tackle them head-on. I now have the ammunition I need to continue living a free and fulfilling life from here on out. Mercy is a true blessing in my and my family's life. I would highly recommend this program for any man that needs a safe place to unload anything in their life that is hindering them from gaining true and lasting freedom. Mercy will always have a special place in my heart, and I am so thankful for my time in their Outpatient Program. ■

# Empowering the Body of Christ

In her book, *Echoes of Mercy*, our Founder and President, Nancy Alcorn, shares a powerful realization she had when she started Mercy Multiplied in 1983:

**“The state cannot bring restoration to broken lives; it is unequipped for the task. The reason is simple: God has not anointed the government to ‘bind up the broken-hearted’ or to ‘proclaim liberty to the captives.’ He has anointed The Church, His true body of believers.”**

The heart of Mercy’s Outreach Services is to equip and resource the Body of Christ to effectively minister to people who are hurting and struggling.

Why is this part of Mercy’s mission? We can only impact so many lives through our Residential and Outpatient Programs each year. However, if we equip churches and believers around the world for effective ministry to the hurting, there is no limit to how many people’s lives can be transformed by the message of hope and freedom!

People who are hurting and struggling should be able to come to the Church and receive the kind of help that transforms their lives. But today, hurting people often **don’t** come to the Church for help. Many don’t believe the Church knows how to respond to their deep pain and struggles. We want to see this change!

We have two primary goals for equipping the Body of Christ. The first goal is to see *all* believers living in greater freedom. Why? Because we give away whatever we carry. If we carry brokenness and pain, we give away brokenness and pain. But if we carry healing and freedom, that’s what we give away. That’s why Mercy’s Outreach Services offers resources such as our *Keys to Freedom* discipleship study and MercyTalk podcast, which are designed to help people grow in their mental, emotional, spiritual, and relational health.

Our second main goal is to see followers of Jesus step more fully and confidently into their calling to engage with the

brokenness in their homes, churches, and communities. So, we offer the MPower workshop, a training where we equip Christians for effective ministry to those who are hurting and struggling.

The Church has typically taken one of two approaches to mental health. One approach says, “Jesus is all you need, so you can simply pray your issues away.” The other approach says, “We really can’t deal with your issues because you need professional help, so go out there and find someone to help you.” Either approach is unhealthy and unbalanced, and Mercy seeks to support the Church by sharing a more integrated approach.

One of Mercy’s most foundational beliefs is that while true freedom and healing ultimately come from Jesus Christ, Christian discipleship and professional counseling are not enemies! Therefore, Mercy’s programs, resources, and trainings incorporate the best counseling theory with the life-transforming power of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God. When these things are integrated, miracles happen and lives are transformed!

We share with churches that all truth is God’s truth; therefore, what psychology shows us simply reveals how God designed our bodies and minds to function. If we dismiss psychology entirely and merely tell people to “pray away” their struggles, we may miss a pivotal piece of the puzzle. Because psychology is a valuable tool for understanding and helping others, we need mental health experts and professional Christian counselors! If we want to love those around us well, we must know the best professionals in our communities and refer to them when appropriate.

However, Christian discipleship is the most vital piece of the puzzle! Many times, Christians want to help people who are hurting and struggling, but feel overwhelmed and unequipped to offer effective help. The fear of not knowing what to say often results in us saying nothing at all.

Maybe you have felt like this, that the issues and struggles of people around you are too big for you to be of any real assistance. But if you believe you have nothing to offer someone hurting and struggling, that is a lie from the enemy. **Jesus is the Source of healing, so if you carry Jesus, you carry the ultimate answer for those who are hurting and struggling.** That’s why the Body of Christ, the Church, is desperately needed in this world.

Mercy has had the opportunity to support many churches through our Outreach Services. ClearView Church in Franklin,

TN is one example. ClearView took their entire congregation through Mercy's *Keys to Freedom* discipleship study in early 2022. They also regularly take staff members and lay leaders through Mercy's MPower workshop and hosted one of our live workshops in November 2022.

Jason Cruise, Lead Pastor at ClearView, shares: "Mercy has been a great partner with us. As we've seen brokenness even happening in our church, Mercy provided an avenue to get resources, which has been a massive de-stressor for me. *Keys to Freedom* and MPower gave our church real tools to address a broken world in real-time." Graham Inman, ClearView's Pastor of Ministry Development, added: "It's hard for me to express how the different arms of ministry at Mercy have impacted our church. It has resourced us with many powerful tools that have allowed us to do ministry more effectively. There has not been one moment of regret since we decided to link arms with Mercy."

In October 2022, Mercy led a track session at the National Disciple Making Forum hosted by Discipleship.org. Over 1,000 pastors and leaders from around the world came together at Christ Church in Nashville, TN, to discuss effective strategies for disciple-making in our current culture.

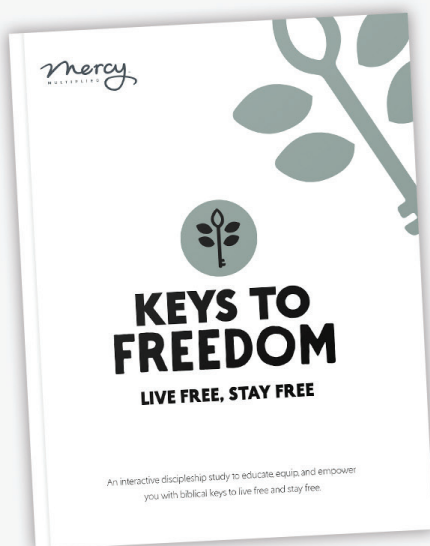
Our track was entitled "Discipling Hurting People" and was based on content shared at the MPower workshops. We talked about knowing your lane and your call, principles for

effectively ministering to hurting people, discipleship keys to healing and freedom, and how to safeguard yourself as you disciple others. Our classroom was bursting at the seams at each session, as these leaders were clearly hungry to grow in their understanding of how to engage the hurting people in their churches and communities. Many purchased *Keys to Freedom* and shared that they couldn't wait to implement it in their churches!

This past year we also had the opportunity to impact international communities. In July, Mercy was invited to speak at an event for Hispanic and Latinx churches in the Chicago area. Each attendee received a copy of the Spanish translation of our *Keys to Freedom* study. Multiple people came up after the event and thanked us for recognizing that often both Jesus *and* professional counseling are needed when someone is struggling. Several expressed how they had been wounded by the Church. The message they heard was that they struggled only because they "weren't right" with Jesus or hadn't prayed hard enough.

The Church is the Body of Christ. We carry what this broken and hurting world desperately needs. It's time for followers of Jesus to step up, confident that we are equipped to give away the healing and freedom we have discovered.

This is what inspires us to do what we do every day in Outreach Services at Mercy. ■



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# Mercy Babies. Where are they now?



Teryana Lamb with her son Meshach

## 1995 Mercy Baby Update

**M**y son, Meshach Zamar, was born on May 16, 1995, while I was a resident at Mercy. He is named after Meshach, who is, one of the three Hebrew boys in the book of Daniel who were thrown into the fiery furnace by King

Nebuchadnezzar for refusing to bow to his image. Zamar is one of the seven ascensions of praise, meaning “praise accompaniment with voice.”

I raised Meshach as a single mom. I have always stated that he is my “partner in crime” and my “ride-or-die.” Since I have never married, at least as of today, we have done a lot together. His story and mine naturally intertwine as mother and son, but they seem to weave together even more than most.

After having my son, I returned to school, earned my bachelor’s degree in Biological Sciences, and started teaching high school chemistry. When Meshach went to high school, I started working on my master’s degree in Educational Administration.

After graduating high school, Meshach went to college, and that is where our stories come together in a unique way. You see, we both attended college together. By the time he was on campus at Texas Southern University, I had acquired my master’s degree in Educational Administration with a Principal certification and had started working on my doctorate. At the time, I was also working at the

university. I really enjoyed us being on campus at the same time. It made it so easy for us to see each other whenever we wanted to.

I eventually received a doctoral degree in Educational Administration focusing on Higher Education. I am no longer just Teryana Lamb; I am Dr. Lamb. I graduated in August 2016, and Meshach graduated in the spring of 2017. He received his bachelor’s degree in Journalism with the distinction of Magna Cum Laude.

After graduating, Meshach started working at local newspapers, reporting on high school sports. He applied for an internship with the Houston Astros and was not selected but did get invited for a Shadow Day. In the spring of 2018, he was selected for a full-time internship with the Houston Astros. After completing the internship, he started working for a newspaper as a sportswriter. Six months later, he got a call that a position opened with the Houston Astros.



Meshach Zamar 1995

In 2019 he was hired as the Astros’ Communications Coordinator and has been with them ever since. That year, he also asked his high school sweetheart, Kelsey, to marry him. Kelsey agreed, and they were married in December 2020. He recently received a promotion with the Astros to Senior Coordinator of Communications, and he and Kelsey have just purchased a home. Kelsey, like myself, has gone into education and teaches 8th-grade Science in the same district where she and Meshach graduated high school in 2013. ■

***Since 1985, Mercy Multiplied has been helping young women facing unplanned pregnancies. We have seen hundreds of beautiful babies born because young women were provided a free and practical way to choose life. In celebration of Mercy’s 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we thought it would be fun to share just a few updated pictures from some of our Mercy babies on the following page!***



Parker T.,  
1991 Mercy Baby



Grace,  
2006 Mercy Baby



Andrew,  
2012 Mercy Baby



Brendon,  
2003 Mercy Baby



Aaron, 1999 Mercy Baby



Isaiah,  
2013 Mercy Baby



Destiny, 1997 Mercy Baby



Nathan,  
2001 Mercy Baby



Matthew, 2013 Mercy Baby



Matt,  
1996 Mercy Baby



Faith,  
2003 Mercy Baby



Daniel,  
2003 Mercy Baby

Asher,  
2013 Mercy Baby

Josiah,  
2010 Mercy Baby

Rocco, 2012 Mercy Baby



Victoria,  
1994 Mercy Baby



Zachary,  
1995 Mercy Baby



Parker M., 2005 Mercy Baby



Merri,  
1991 Mercy Baby

# You Don't Have to Feel Alone in your Pregnancy

**M**ercy has been helping women facing an unplanned pregnancy since 1985. A unique component of the program is our "Basic Decision Making" classes. These classes are designed to assist the young woman in making a well-informed decision regarding whether she will parent or place her child for adoption. It is the vision of Mercy to provide the most supportive environment for each expectant mother to *make her own decision* about what is best for her child. If the resident chooses to place her child, the adoption is facilitated through Mercy's licensed adoption agency. ■



## Decision Counseling

Explore realities of parenting and adoption



## Counseling Services

Receive individual and group counseling



## Housing

Experience 24-hour support in a beautiful home environment



## Health & Wellness

Experience balanced nutrition and fitness  
Access to free Prenatal Care  
Prepare for Labor and Delivery



## Parenting Classes

Discuss family dynamics and co-parenting  
Establish boundaries and self-care



## Adoption Services

Receive adoption counseling & legal services  
Choose & meet an adoptive family



Mercy Multiplied's Christian Residential Programs help young women ages 13-32 from across the United States. The Residential Programs are voluntary, biblically-based, and free-of-charge. We help women break free of life-controlling issues and situations, including anxiety, depression, abuse, addictions, eating disorders, self-harm, unplanned pregnancy, and sex-trafficking. 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.

Are you ready for the next step? Call 615.831.6987 or visit [MercyMultiplied.com/pregnancy](https://MercyMultiplied.com/pregnancy)

# Mercy Multiplied Center for Wellness and Counseling Continues to Thrive, Opens Second Location in Missouri

In September 2022, Mercy Multiplied celebrated the second anniversary of its first Outpatient Program. This program was created out of the desire to help more people find freedom in Christ. Mercy's Founder and President and Board of Directors understood that some people could not commit 6-9 months to a residential program, and others did not meet the criteria for Mercy's Residential Program. They wanted to provide a solution for those needing help.

The Mercy Multiplied Center for Wellness and Counseling in Monroe, LA, offers outpatient counseling free-of-charge. Initially, the Outpatient Program was offered to women ages 13 and older. Due to the high demand for this program, there was a great need for expansion. Men saw changes in their wives, friends, and family members and wanted to find that same freedom and healing for themselves! In 2021 Mercy hired its first male counselor at this location, a historical moment for the ministry whose services had only been available to women. Today, men and women receive free counseling at this location while also working through Mercy's *Keys to Freedom* study.

Even more exciting is that in October 2022, Mercy opened its second Mercy Multiplied Center for Wellness and Counseling in St. Louis, MO, on the same property as our residential home! We temporarily closed the home and did a complete overhaul of the facilities, adding more counselor's offices, among other updates. At this location, women 13 and older can receive the same free outpatient counseling.

With the opening of this second location, we are full of great expectations and believe this program will significantly impact the community! God is calling Mercy to open more of these centers across the United States so people who need help can find freedom in Christ without the financial burden. We are so

grateful for the generosity of our donors. It is because of you we can offer these services free-of-charge. ■



Monroe, LA staff



St. Louis, MO staff

COMING SOON!

## Keys to Freedom Retreat

[mercymultiplied.com/keystofreedomretreat](https://mercymultiplied.com/keystofreedomretreat)

# INTERNATIONAL UPDATES

**T**he work that God is doing through Mercy Multiplied around the world is incredible! From its small beginnings in Monroe, LA, 40 years ago to a global ministry today, God has been faithful and continues to expand the reach of Mercy's services and resources. We are so grateful for the international leaders who carry the torch of Mercy to their nations and beyond. Because of these leaders' tenacity, people are learning about the freedom found in Christ, directly resulting in lives being transformed and people being set free! Our *Keys to Freedom* study is available in five languages and has reached people in 26 countries that we know of! We are thrilled to share a closer look at all the exciting things happening across the globe!

**Mercy UK** *"It doesn't matter what the problem is; Jesus is the answer."* I first heard Nancy Alcorn speak those words, sitting in my church in England in 1999. As our church stood to its feet in applause, tears streamed down my face, and I breathed a prayer: "Lord, if there's any way I can be part of this ministry, make it so..." And right at that moment, as if someone had set me on fire on the inside, something came alive in my heart and soul-purpose was ignited and a seed planted; my journey with Mercy UK had begun.

It wasn't long after this encounter that a crisis hit my family, as it became clear my younger sister was on a mission to self-destruct, and my parents were at their wits' end. She ended up coming to live with me and my husband for three years. During this time, I gave her one of Nancy Alcorn's books, and at that moment, another seed was planted. Eighteen months after reading the book, and with nothing like Mercy existing in the UK, she made a decision to apply to Mercy Multiplied in America. She became the first young woman from the UK to be accepted into the Mercy home in Nashville and graduated from the program in 2001. After graduating, she became part of the Mercy UK team and in 2006, we opened the doors to the UK home. Since then, we have seen hundreds of young women find hope, healing, and freedom through our free-of-charge residential home. 94% of graduates report no longer feeling low, depressed, or hopeless, with a staggering 63% saying that without Mercy, they would not be alive today.

In 2007, we began working with churches across the UK and launched MPower training, equipping churches to respond to mental health issues. We began speaking a message of hope,

healing, and freedom to thousands of people in churches, events, and conferences, sowing seeds right across Europe. Ten years later, in 2017, in partnership with the team from Mercy Multiplied America, we launched *Keys to Freedom* in the UK. Since then, it has been translated into five European languages with over 35,000 copies sold, hundreds of churches using it as their main discipleship model, and Mercy Associates operating across Europe as part of Mercy Beyond; seeds bearing so much fruit.

And now, as we look ahead to the future, we are getting ready to launch our latest service in the UK, our online Freedom Course. The Freedom Course includes 16 weeks with a registered counselor, 10 hours of therapeutic engagement every week, one-on-one coaching, mentoring, as well as access to fitness, nutritional or occupational therapy, and long-term access to aftercare. All of this will be provided online and free-of-charge, removing the age restriction, gender restriction, and situational restriction. More people than ever before are coming to know that no matter what the problem is, Jesus is the answer!

At Mercy UK, we are forever grateful to God for the seeds sown by Mercy Multiplied for 40 years, seeds that have reached across an ocean and changed our lives. My sister and I, now leading



Mercy UK as COO and CEO, give thanks to Nancy, in particular, for her courage to build beyond the borders and, in doing so, releasing more seeds that will continue to bear fruit for generations to come. ■

**Arianna Walker**  
CEO, Mercy UK

**Mercy Canada** 2023 marks 13 years of Mercy in Canada. God is faithful! He has and continues to restore hope and transform the lives of women all across the nation of Canada.

After years of being burdened for women outside of the age restrictions within our residential program, I began asking God how we could meet this need. I prayed, listened, and waited. God spoke, and in faith, we followed His lead into a bold new future for Mercy Canada. The following verse marks what would unfold in March 2020.

*Isaiah 43:18-19 (NLT) "But forget all that – it is nothing compared to what I am going to do. For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland."*

After ten years of our residential program, it was evident, with the new restrictions imposed on us by our local health

authority, due to COVID-19 that it was time to step into the “something new” God was speaking about. In March 2020, we boldly stepped out in faith and expanded our reach, launching our Wellness Centre outpatient program and services for women 13 and older.

The pandemic began, and we wondered if we had heard God correctly. Uncertain of what was ahead and how this pandemic would impact what we had just stepped into, God and all His glory shone brightly. He knew what was ahead, and His timing was perfect!

We are so grateful for God’s lead because this new initiative has allowed us to serve more women. In fact, we nearly tripled our numbers of those served compared to the previous year. To date, we walk with and support so many more Canadian women in need of God’s love and life-transforming power. Women as young as 13 and up to 77 years of age have participated. We love to witness these precious women, His daughters, encounter the love of God and His healing, while discovering their secure identity in Christ. Many attend in person, and for those in other provinces within Canada, they attend over Zoom. By the end of 2023, we anticipate crossing the threshold of over 400 women served, and that is exciting! All Glory to God.

In closing, I will highlight one of our Canadian statistics, which states: *1 in 5 people struggle with their mental health, and of the remaining 4, they will have a friend or family member who will.* That means this affects us all. I am so very proud to work with such amazing people locally and within the global Mercy Multiplied family who know that Jesus is the answer. He leads, we follow, and with that, miracles happen!



*Proverbs 16:9 (NIV) “In their heart’s humans plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps.”*

God’s amazing grace and peace to you! ■

**Nicola Bartel**  
Executive Director, Mercy Canada

## Mercy Beyond

In early 2018, God began speaking to the Mercy UK team through Isaiah 54:2-3 (NIV) *“Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. For you will spread out to the right and to the left; your descendants will dispossess nations and settle in their desolate cities.”*

At the same time, I was praying for the UK team, and God showed me the same vision, which I shared with Arianna Walker, CEO of Mercy UK, who already knew of the plans to see

the Mercy tent enlarged. This word was to be the call for Mercy to reach beyond the shores of the UK, to the right, into Europe, and to the left, to a small island in the Irish Sea called the Isle of Man, where I live. From then on, God laid out the plans for Mercy’s European outreach, Mercy Beyond.

Mercy Beyond is an Affiliate of Mercy Multiplied America, responsible for building and coordinating the work of Mercy across Europe. Based in the Isle of Man, we have seen God work mightily. In the last two years, God stirred the hearts of others, including Ilka Tran Anh, Annika Berg, Hjordis Haburg, Cornelia Hagglund, Judit Gallardo Lantz, and other volunteers, calling them to bring Mercy’s work to life in their respective countries. We now have Associate offices in Germany, the Faroe Islands and Denmark, Sweden, and the Isle of Man. *Keys to Freedom* has been translated into German, Swedish, and Danish, with plans to translate into many more European languages in the future. We are extending our reach across borders, equipping churches and individuals to see hope restored and lives transformed through the freedom Christ brings to those who seek Him.

Our Associate teams are building on the foundational structure of all Mercy has done to date. The faithfulness of God’s vision 40 years ago, when Nancy responded to the call to reach out to young women in need, is now reaching and impacting the lives of men and women across Europe. Despite the effects of COVID-19, our teams have grown in number. When God multiplies, He does so despite what the world throws, and He is making a way for us to work in partnership with His Church in Europe.

In Germany, our team has seen significant volumes of *Keys to Freedom* books sold and trainings given, reaching churches across Germany, Switzerland, and Austria. Their monthly podcasts in German share testimonies of hope. The Mercy Lounge is a safe space open to those who want prayer and support, and attendance at conferences and events is now raising awareness of Mercy in Germany.

In the Faroe Islands, Denmark, and Sweden, we are seeing churches draw from *Keys to Freedom* and MPower training in their native language, developing relationships across church networks. The same is happening in the Isle of Man, where many individuals find freedom from life’s hurts and breakthroughs in their walk with Jesus.

Please pray for Mercy Beyond and our Associates. We are excited for all God is doing as we see more men and women experience the miracle of God’s love, the healing touch of Jesus, and the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives. ■



**Helen Edwards**  
CEO and Trustee Mercy Beyond

# Plan Now for the Future and Make a Lasting Legacy

**M**any of us don't think about planned giving or gift planning until we draft a will or consider retiring. However, you can designate a planned gift to the charities and non-profit organizations closest to your heart at any time.

A planned gift is a charitable gift made in lifetime or at death as part of a donor's overall financial and/or estate. While no one can plan for an unexpected life event, we can prepare for them, and that includes making sure your loved ones are aware of the ways you may want to bless the organizations you support. There are a number of ways to give, including Charitable Gift Annuities, Donor Advised Funds, designating a portion of your retirement plan or IRA, or naming Mercy Multiplied as a beneficiary of your assets. We would be so honored if you would consider listing Mercy Multiplied as a beneficiary as you make your estate plans.

While making her estate plans, 2012 Mercy graduate, Susan, selected Mercy as a beneficiary. When asked why she and her husband decided to include Mercy, she said, "After going through the program and realizing how it connected me to Christ and helped me learn how to live life, I knew I wanted to support Mercy through my giving. Mercy gave me hope and

freedom, which was nothing like what I had experienced at other programs or hospitals where I had tried to get help. It was a program I experienced first-hand that changed my life, and I wanted to give back."

Mercy's Residential and Outpatient Programs are free-of-charge because of generous supporters like you, and they will ALWAYS remain this way.

To learn more about planned giving, visit [MercyMultiplied.com/Legacy](https://MercyMultiplied.com/Legacy). If you are interested in including Mercy in your will, reach out to Rachel Bedenbaugh at 615-467-0538 or [rbedenbaugh@mercymultiplied.com](mailto:rbedenbaugh@mercymultiplied.com). ■



2012 Mercy graduate, Susan with husband Thomas

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# RAISING CAPITAL TO BUILD OUR *FUTURE*

**E**xcellence has been a core value at Mercy Multiplied since its founding in 1983 and will always remain the standard. We continue to invest in our properties each year to keep them operating with excellence.

Mercy Multiplied's Board of Directors has a Finance and Capital Assets Planning and Spending Committee to ensure the ministry prudently plans, evaluates, and manages capital expenditures. As our assets age and reach the end of their useful life, we seek to maintain environments of ongoing excellence for program delivery.

The Committee has fixed asset schedules for our five locations, Monroe, LA; Nashville, TN; St. Louis, MO; Sacramento, CA; and property in the panhandle of Florida, where Mercy's next home will be built. These schedules detail the age, replacement value, useful life, and anticipated replacement date of all of the capital assets in our homes and corporate offices over the next 30 years. Our team annually assesses the actual condition of assets reaching the end of their useful life to ensure we always have

a five-year capital plan for the ministry. Our Board of Directors annually reviews the five-year plan in the fourth quarter board meeting. This process ensures that we have a firm strategy in place to care for our assets on an ongoing basis and allow the ministry to best manage cash flow in consideration of capital needs.

When we complete maintenance and do property updates, we want to optimize our costs, keep our residents, clients, volunteers, and staff safe, and choose sustainable supplies to promote energy efficiency. Thanks to a few special gifts in 2022, we completed several projects. At our Nashville home, we refreshed the patio, installed windows in the classroom, replaced HVAC units, installed new carpet, and replaced all keys with a key card system. At our Sacramento home, we purchased a new van, updated the lobby furniture and décor, replaced several faucets, and replaced all keys with a key card system. At our St. Louis home, we updated the kitchen, created several offices for the new Outpatient Program at that location, and installed all new flooring. At our corporate offices,



we invested in new computers, installed a key card system and replaced conference room chairs.

Included are just a few of our needs for 2023. If you are interested in giving a special gift towards one of our 2023 Capital Projects or want to learn about other ministry needs we have, please contact Rachel Bedenbaugh at 615-467-0538 or [rbedenbaugh@mercymultiplied.com](mailto:rbedenbaugh@mercymultiplied.com). ■

## A FEW OF OUR *2023 PROJECT NEEDS:*

### MONROE:

- **Resurface Parking Lot** - \$22,000



### NASHVILLE:

- **Replace Dining Room Chairs** - \$20,000
- **New Classroom Chairs** - \$7,000



### SACRAMENTO:

- **Replace Carpet & Fresh Paint** - \$70,000
- **Backyard Privacy Fence** - \$15,000
- **New Living Room Furniture** - \$12,000



# Monroe Community Comes Together for Night of Worship



On December 1, 2022, Mercy Multiplied hosted its very first Worship Experience thanks to the help of Christ Church in Monroe, LA and special guest, 2011 Mercy graduate, Malorie Akin! It was a night of praise and gratitude as we celebrated all that the Lord is doing through our first Mercy Multiplied Center for Wellness and Counseling, in Monroe. It was also a time to celebrate the impact that Mercy's *Keys to Freedom* study is having across the community.

Mercy's Center for Wellness and Counseling Program Director, Sharon Manuel, kicked off the event with a powerful prayer thanking God for the lives that have been transformed and for all He is doing through this Outpatient Program. To date, over 179 people have been helped through this program in just two short years! Malorie and the Christ Church worship team then took the stage and led over 500 attendees in an anointed time of worship!

Throughout the evening, testimonies from people whose lives have been transformed by Jesus were shared. We



LEFT: Program Director, Sharon Manuel and Christ Church's Administrative Pastor, Jeffrey Kent



RIGHT: Mercy Community Board Member, Holly Gray

are so grateful for the vulnerability of those who shared their testimonies, and we praise God for the incredible transformation He has done in their lives. Caronda Williams, Mercy's Community Relations Manager in Monroe shared, "One of the most powerful moments of the night was when Community Board Member Holly Gray asked everyone who has completed the *Keys to Freedom* study to stand up, and 85% of the floor seats alone stood to their feet!"



2011 Mercy graduate, Malorie Akin

To close the night, Malorie shared with the audience that her last song of the evening was a song she wrote while she was a resident at Mercy. She said,

"Mercy is a very special ministry to my heart because I graduated from the Monroe home 11 years ago. This has been a beautiful journey to be here and be a part of this night. I'm a life that's been changed by so many things the Lord has brought me through. While I was at Mercy, I prayed a specific prayer that the Lord would give me the ability to write music because I was tired of singing everyone else's songs."

Thank you to all of our sponsors and everyone who attended the event and celebrated with us! We are so excited to watch the Lord continue to move throughout the Monroe and West Monroe communities as He continues to multiply Mercy. ■

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# All was Merry and Bright at the 2022

## *Merry Mercy* CHRISTMAS BENEFIT



TOP LEFT: Nancy Alcorn with Mercy Board Chair, Dr. Shep Dunlevie, Jr., MD

TOP RIGHT: 2015 Mercy Graduate, Ashley

CENTER: Honorary Co-Chairs Pastor Jason and Michelle Cruise

BELOW: Nicole C. Mullen performs "Redeemer"

Supporters filled the room in Franklin, TN to celebrate all the incredible things God is doing through Mercy Multiplied. The event was filled with long-time supporters, Mercy residential graduates, and some who had never heard about Mercy. It was a night filled with joy and thanksgiving to God!

Honorary Co-Chairs Pastor Jason and Michelle Cruise of ClearView Church kicked off the evening by welcoming everyone and blessing the meal. Pastor Jason shared how he first heard about Mercy. "I remember when I first heard about Mercy Multiplied," said Cruise. "My wife and I visited Christ Church in the 90s, and Nancy shared about Mercy. I was immediately on board and said, sign me up."

After attendees enjoyed a three-course meal, Nicole C. Mullen led the audience in a powerful time of worship. A friend and supporter to Mercy for over 15 years, Nicole's angelic voice brought everyone one step closer to heaven!

As the program began for the evening, Founder and President, Nancy Alcorn took the stage sharing all the incredible things happening at Mercy Multiplied. Nancy then introduced 2015 Mercy graduate, Ashley, who gave a powerful live testimony to the crowd. "Before Mercy, I believed all kinds of lies about myself," she shared. "Because of Mercy, I now believe the truth of who Christ says I am!"

At the end of Ashley's testimony, Nicole C. Mullen retook the stage and performed her Dove award winning song, "Redeemer." The crowd stood to their feet and worshiped the Lord with Nicole. It was such a powerful moment that few will forget!



Current Mercy Board Chair, Dr. Shep Dunlevie, Jr., MD, made his way to the stage and shared about his history with Mercy and what the ministry means to him. After hearing about Mercy at a Christian concert in 1995, he gave his first donation while still in college. He led a heartfelt call to action, asking attendees to give generously to the ministry that is seeing so many lives transformed.

Thank you to everyone who attended and to those who sowed seeds into Mercy. Our hearts are filled with gratitude! ■



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