

Cornerstone Transition Home

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Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:7

What's been your biggest challenge so far?

"Really, it's the people I've been around. Like I see that they're all out here lost in the world, and I'm not trying to be like that. You know, here lately, I've been thinking that maybe this isn't for me. Maybe I should see if I could come back to Cornerstone. I really left because I thought I could do things better. I'm starting to realize maybe it's not so good having everything my way. I just need to sit down somewhere and listen to the authority that's over me to succeed in my life and just do what's right. I don't want a never ending cycle in and out of prison."

The wise response above is from a former resident who is 21 years old. She reached out to me through Facebook messenger. Please pray that everything will work out for her to return to Cornerstone. What if she could "get it" while she is young?! If she surrenders now, then maybe she won't be cycling in and out of prison until she is in her 60's like so many. She has a court date to attend on March 21st before her parole plan can transfer back to our county and to us. In the meantime, we chat back and forth. She also communicates with some of the girls in the house. Our goal is to keep her plugged in, to continue speaking Truth into her life, and hopefully bring her home.

How wonderful it would be if ladies would reach out when the struggle begins. The enemy is certainly good at what He does when he whispers his lies. Unless a person is grounded in Truth, Satan will certainly deceive. He is literally crouching at the door just waiting for an entrance. Guardrails must be established. Most often, once a seemingly small compromise is made, the downward fall happens quickly. It's heartbreaking, truly. So, we sigh. We breathe in Jesus and trust the One who is mighty to save. We focus our attention on those whom the Lord has given us and pray for those who, by their choice, are no longer connected to us. We are confident that God will continue His work in the lives of the 236 women we have served since December 12, 2016.

Currently, 21 women live onsite at Cornerstone. As we assist them with their basic needs, identification, and employment, we're also teaching them foundational truths of the Bible. Jennifer and I lead a chronological study through the Bible on Tuesday nights. Last week, there were 35 women in attendance, including ladies in our step out ministry. In addition, Lynn, our Case Manager/Financial Assistant, passionately



teaches character classes on Thursday nights. Ladies also study the Bible independently as part of their program requirements. Our primary goal in this ministry is to establish faith in Christ. Our desire is for women to understand that the holes they are trying to fill can only be satisfied in Jesus. As we teach and disciple, we are reminded of the same Truth in our lives.

The Corner Kitchen is off to a great start for 2022. We serve a weekly meal on Tuesdays from 11-2 that is free to the public. While meeting practical needs is our immediate goal, we also want to build relationships with those in our community who stop by for a quick meal. Ultimately, we want to share Jesus. While serving our first weekly meal at The Corner Kitchen on February 8th, a young woman walked down the street heading toward the kitchen. She was obviously upset. Our ladies brought her inside and found that she had recently been released from the hospital. She had nowhere to go and no family to call. She was taken to **Rebecca's House of Hope** where she took a warm shower and shopped for free clothes in our boutique upstairs. We paid for her to stay one night in the motel before taking her to Cornerstone. Now she has a home and a family.

We are experiencing God in fresh ways in Newport, Arkansas. Our girls are hungry for the Word of God, and they are understanding the necessity for a "faith-based" community. We are thankful that God expanded our borders through the ministry extensions of The Corner Kitchen and Rebecca's House of Hope. We expect to see great and mighty things in the days to come. We're seeking God, and we're on the edge of our seats eager to experience what He will do next! To Him be all the glory for the great things He has done in our midst!

Thank you for partnering with us. Our God, Jehovah Jireh, is our Provider. Thank you for saying YES to Him. You are the vessel He uses to funnel His blessings through.

Serving Jesus,

Bethany Davis

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Establishing faith and building hope through Christ's redeeming love.

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