



Jesus Cares Ministries



Winter 2024



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A Year of Excelling

Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord [always doing your best and doing more than is needed], being continually aware that your labor [even to the point of exhaustion] in the Lord is not futile nor wasted [it is never without purpose]. I Corinthians 15:58

Last year was full of fruitful activity! We closed out 2023 with three conferences in three months. The above passage has truly been a reality for me.



Traci and Doreen:
Beauty for Ashes



Jesus Cares Conferences...

Throughout 2023 we ministered to about 100 individuals in five seminars that were conducted through our *Community Outreach Program*. The Lord uniquely provided venues, materials, and helping hands for each event.

Grow Girls Conference
17 beautiful young sponsors and sponsees joined us this year



Cover Me Parenting Conference



Thank you, Midwest, for providing a cozy venue with refreshments! You are the best!



Thank you to special speaker *Trey Richardson* from *Center Church*

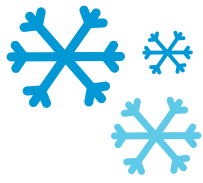


Thank you to Liz, Kelley, Micah, and Scott for their contributions to the seminar. We continue to joyfully serve the women of **Freedom House**.



Open doors at **Teen Challenge** in Casa Grande...

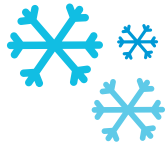
Danielle, Kelley and Micah taught our series, **Children: Our Heritage at Home of Hope (Teen Challenge)**. It was a great time. Our joint collaboration with Danielle and Jose from **One at a Time Ministries** was truly special. They did a pizza party for the center! Micah, Jose, and Duane served the residents and they all enjoyed the graduation celebration. I was able to sit this series out and just watch as others whom I had taught invested in these women. What a joy!



Jesus Cares Community Outreach Program...

Four amazing men have volunteered to provide counseling, mentoring, and discipleship for individuals that Tom helped over the years. Two of these men stayed in the four-plex many years ago. We are so grateful for these opportunities and thankful for godly men and couples willing to help,

We were able to offer professional counseling services through a local Christian Counseling Center to several facing trauma and anxiety.



Through our partnership with *Midwest Food Bank* we supplemented groceries for over a dozen working families needing assistance. Stacy, the representative for Jesus Cares, reached out to the mentally ill, accident victims, single mothers, the elderly, and those with major medical issues.

Beauty for Ashes...

The most poignant of all our events this year was ministering to a local homeschooling co-op that experienced a tragic death of one of their members. We set up a grief processing room that they could visit throughout the day. It was a beautiful time of children and moms coming to process their pain over losing this very special child. Resources were given out as well as lots of love and prayers.

I have been blessed with visitation/communication opportunities from former residents. We continue to be available and supportive to them in varied ways. Tonya's son was the first baby born in the new addition in 1984. She is suffering from hereditary spastic paraplegia as well as some type of dementia. She assured me she will never forget her time at Jesus Cares and she will never forget her Savior, Jesus Christ!!



Aftercare Program...



Tonya and Doreen

...beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness...

Isaiah 61:3



We had a balloon release, processing table, posters to record memories, and many tools for grieving hearts.



Nicci and her two daughters paid a surprise visit. She was with us almost 30 years ago.

Jesus Cares Respite...

Our respite room stayed fairly active with overnight and out-of-town visitors, missionaries needing a break, and women desperate for a reprieve from marital struggles and physical infirmities. One woman was in need of stable housing and we opened our doors for several months this year as well. At the beginning of this year I specifically asked the Lord to use this home for His glory and fill it in whatever way He chooses. He surely did! I have even had some young single girls having pajama parties over here and I love the sound of laughter.

Jesus Cares and Hope in Christ continue to be ...

Logan and Crystal have been invaluable in helping me since Tom's death. Over 200 were reached in 2023 through our homeless recovery partnership with **Hope in Christ**. Many services were provided to the most needy of individuals. Several evictions were avoided with the working poor; more stable housing was found for singles, families and the elderly; food and furniture was provided; and jobs were obtained.



...Better Together

The most heartwarming was a story of a mom and child on the streets due to mama's addiction. *Hope in Christ* housed the daughter, got mom in rehab, and now this beautiful little one (who arrived desperate for proper care) is reunited with a sober mom. They are living together in a stable long-term facility.

Your support made all of this possible!



It's truly hard to keep up. The supply of workers has been astounding to me. The donor support and love and encouragement has continually flowed like a life-giving stream and you are a major part of this happening! As we closed out the year 2023, it seemed we were watching Him move so graciously among us that we could almost hear His footsteps! I have personally sensed a greater awareness of His leading and direction. In the midst of what still seems agonizing grief, God is moving. Simultaneously, along with my grief, He is planting joy and hope in my heart and allowing me to see a bountiful harvest. He is so good! Thank you for giving this year. Thank you for entrusting your finances to be used for His glory and purposes. We continually ask for Him to help us be faithful and wise stewards. May you experience a bountiful harvest as you sow generously into His Kingdom.

Shalom in the New Year!

Thank you for showing the community that...

Please pray for Liz Beck from *Hope for Addiction* who has offered to design a new website. It will be ready by mid January. www.jesuscares4u.org
Free downloadable resources!

Jesus Cares



If you no longer want a hard copy newsletter, please email jesus_cares@juno.com.
You can request an email option as well.



Amazon smile is no longer supporting non-profits but thank you to those who gave into that program for the last few years.

Fry's Rewards remains a way to give as you shop:
<https://www.frysfood.com/j/community/community-rewards>

Thank you to those participating in that program. We are still registered as a participating organization for the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit. You can receive a dollar for dollar tax credit against your AZ state taxes as you donate to our 501(3)(c). Consult your tax accountant for more information.



J E S U S C A R E S

"...your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."

2 Corinthians 9:11

We are so grateful for all that was accomplished in 2023. The beautiful body of Messiah has been busily at work to accomplish so much for the Kingdom.

Sunday

JANUARY 28, 2024

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Children are invited. Let us know how many from your family will attend.

January 2024 marks almost 44 years in ministry and the second anniversary of our founder's homecoming. Please come and see how your giving results in others thanking God! We will have some memorabilia from years past as well as letters from those we have supported over the years

