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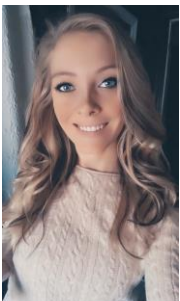
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Where are they NOW??

A look at some of the amazing outcomes we have had through our Women of Courage program.

THEN: April was in a horrible domestic violence relationship with the father of her children. He was extremely controlling and would not let her talk to friends and family. She had lost a lot of weight and had given up everything. She had no real goals for herself anymore. They had 2 children and were always in terrible financial trouble due to his drug and alcohol addiction. He was taking all the money she worked for and using it to support his addiction. She felt stuck and didn't want to smile anymore or even be alive. When he got put in jail the first time for domestic violence, out of fear she told the court that she had lied about it, which resulted in criminal charges against her. The next time, he almost killed her. She ended up in the hospital with severe trauma to the head. When she got out of the hospital, some friends helped her pack up a few things and she escaped to another state with her children. She had been in school for a Child Development degree but was forced to drop out due to the move.

NOW: April is now married to an what she says is an "amazing man". Her husband adopted her two older children, and they now have a child of their own as well. Over the past several years she has purchased 2 cars on her own and is in the process of purchasing her 3rd. She bought a very nice house with some land to raise her children and all of their animals. She went back to school and got a job as a nurses assistant and is enrolling in Labor and Delivery classes working towards her CNA. She is also a welder and just started working towards a bachelor's degree in business administration/accounting. April has gained back all of her weight and can finally smile again after having major surgery due to her injuries. April says that making it through the domestic violence has shown her that she IS STRONG. She still suffers from trauma and flashbacks that she fights every day, but feels she is in a FAR better place mentally, emotionally, financially, and physically than ever before. It's obvious to me that April wants to try to do absolutely EVERYTHING with her life that she can now that she is free from the abuse and control. God bless April!! So proud of you!!



April's Testimony

Before being arrested, I was beaten with my son in my arms and thrown out in the snow with no shoes and very little clothes. My ex was arrested for domestic violence. I went to his arraignment, and he was released before his hearing. After letting him out of jail, in fear for my life, I went back and told the court that I had lied, and I wanted his charges dropped. A warrant was put out for my arrest, and I was arrested the following day and was convicted of falsification. I had my arraignment, and one of the conditions was that I had to attend the Women of Courage Program. Attending the Women of Courage program brought a lot of light to my eyes. In the situation I was in with my abuser, I wasn't allowed to attend church or show my beliefs in any way. I wasn't even allowed to continue my education or follow my dreams. When I met with Laura, she had me open up and tell her about myself. That was very hard for me because I had honestly forgotten who I was as a person. While going through the program, she helped me find God again. She showed me that I can be who I want to be. At the end of the program, Laura gave me a book called "Jesus Calling" by Sarah Young, and a few pages of very meaningful bible verses about how valuable I am to God. To this day, I have that book on my nightstand, and I not only still read the book, but also the note from Laura reminding me to spend special time with God every day and He will bless my life. I continue to keep in contact with Laura and I love sharing with her how far I have come as a person since 2019. I am now married, have a good job, 3 wonderful babies, and bought my own home. Thank you so much to the Women of Courage Program and RAM Ministries for everything you do!

We need your financial support to continue our work. Please prayerfully consider supporting RAM Ministries on a regular basis.

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Thank you!!

A special thank you to the people of **Regina Coeli Church, St. Joseph Maximo, St. Joseph Alliance, and St. Ann's** of Sebring for the canned and boxed food that you donated to help us feed the poor. Also, **to all the other individuals** who have dropped off the food items we requested. We are extremely grateful for your support. We will continue collecting these food items on a regular basis for anyone that would like to help. This food is used to prepare the meals we make for the poor and it typically takes at least 25 cans of fruit or vegetables for just one side dish at each meal. These are the items we use regularly:

Baked Beans, Corn (Not Creamed), Green Beans, Mixed Vegetables, Peaches, Fruit Cocktail, Mandarin Oranges, Cream of Chicken, Cream of Mushroom, Canned Whole Potatoes, Applesauce, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Penne Pasta, Canned Tuna, Wide Egg Noodles, Cookies.



Thanksgiving will be here before you know it!

We will be preparing our Thanksgiving meal and are asking for donations of food items to be dropped off at our ministry location.

Please drop off items at our ministry location 724 S Union Ave. Alliance, OH.

Drop-off times are Tuesdays and Thursdays 12pm - 2pm before Tuesday, November 21st

** Please call or text Laura at (330) 206-0272 to make other drop-off arrangements! **

Items Needed:

- Turkeys (Please drop off by November 14th)
- Canned vegetables (green beans or corn)
- Canned fruit (applesauce, mixed fruit or peaches)
- Butter or margarine
- Milk
- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Dinner Rolls
- Stove Top stuffing (Turkey or chicken flavored)
- Pies, cookies or brownies (that can be frozen, unless dropped off on the 21st)

Thank you for your support!

**We are so glad to be able to provide a warm
Thanksgiving meal because of your generosity!**