

CA AGLOW PRISON MINISTRY 26TH ANNUAL PRAISE REPORT 2017

*...for this day is holy to our Lord.
Do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.
Nehemiah 8:10b*



Dear Friends of CA Aglow Prison Ministry,

This year's Retreat was JOY filled. Thanks to your prayers and gifts we were able to sponsor 31 ladies to join us! We experienced salvations, baptisms in the Holy Spirit, prayer, praise, teaching and powerful worship. Jesus filled our hearts with JOY and JOY overflowed from one to another.



Philippians 4:13 *Christ's explosive power infuses me to conquer every difficulty.*

Romans 4:17 *for the Kingdom of God does not mean eating and drinking, but righteousness, peace and JOY in the Holy Spirit.*

Psalms 92:4 *For You, O LORD, have made me glad by what You have done, I will sing for JOY at the works of Your hands.*

*Daughters brought mothers and mothers brought daughters. Teams brought grads and Viola Anderson brought women from her new home 'The H.O.P.E. S.T.E.P.S. NOW!' H.O.P.E. represents **Having One Purpose Eternally** and S.T.E.P.S. represents **Striving, Transforming, Elevating, Potential to Succeed**. We all praise Jesus for bringing us together in worship of Him.*

This year our 'store' was filled with wonderful baubles, scarves, shiny objects and T-shirts with our new logo. We give a big thankyou to Katie Medina and Ana Duarte for their great patience in handling our purchases. And don't forget Jenny rented the golf carts! Helpful fun!!

Our worship leaders Karen Quadra, Cathie Rose, and Gail Lund brought us all into the presence of our Lord. We thank Earlene Leming and Jane McDonald for joining in with their talented piano playing and voices.



Our newest member of the Aglow California State Prison Board, Suzy Mellen, opened on Friday evening with her Testimony of JOY. She began with "God gets the glory as I tell you my story." A few memorable quotes from Suzy:

- "I proclaim that I am Boundless and Courageous so that as my testimony abounds, all shall experience the JOY and GLORY of ALMIGHTY GOD."
- "Don't let anyone take your joy because they will take God's strength. God wants you to have unspeakable joy. We can choose what God has for you or what the enemy has for you. God gives us permission to have JOY. JOY is a fruit of the Spirit. The enemy is after our fruit. Earlene Leming told me that the enemy is a FRUIT FLY."



• "The deep and unconditional love I felt from the women of APM helped me experience the love of Jesus that gave me my first glimpse of HOPE in Jesus. They taught me that even though my body was bound, I could experience FREEDOM."

***JOHN 8:36 Therefore if the Son makes you free,
You shall be free indeed.***

- "God told me to get the black marker out and write FREEDOM on the bottom of my shoes."

Suzy's Freedom Shoes

Thank you, Suzy, for sharing your unspeakable life story!



We laughed and cried, skipped and danced. We made new friends and connected with old ones.

Our speakers were powerful and testified to the glory of God. This year three members of our Board spoke from their hearts about the JOY of Lord. Saturday morning Carolyn Montes spoke on 'Revelation.' Saturday night Darlene Morris spoke about being 'Restored.' And Sunday morning Jenny Travis wrapped up our weekend speaking about being 'Renewed.'



*Let us not forget the reason we come to Retreat: **TESTIMONIES**. Saturday afternoon was led by Viola Anderson and Suzy Mellen. With great laughter and JOY they introduced our sisters who stood up to witness to what our Lord has done.*





Sunday came quickly. With sadness we departed company but we carried home with us memories we will never forget. Our lives were changed. Our hearts expanded. Keep scrolling down for more testimonies of the Retreat!



First, I want to thank Aglow for sponsoring me for the Retreat. I was inspired by all of the women in attendance. God was at the chapel door waiting for me to come in and was with me through the whole Retreat. I am going home renewed and full of God's joy to spread to others. Thank you and Bless all. --Anonymous

I enjoyed the entire weekend. It was so beautiful and refreshing. -- Anonymous

God changed my life and the ladies left an impact on me...with their prayers and their love. --Aida

What a time in the Presence of the Lord! He refreshed me, spoke to me and I love the prayer room. Can't wait until next year!--Anna

*Thank you--Such a time of refreshing. I've suffered with health issues for a few years, it had started consuming and suffocating my joy, affecting my marriage. I've found my joy! I didn't even realize how much I had lost. I had had to step out of prison ministry that I was involved with for several years (Kairos). I feel re-ignited. A new embrace of the Holy Spirit. Who knows what God has planned for the next season of my life. I will continue to walk and claim the Lord's Joy **IS** my strength!*
--Much love, DeeDee B.

The Lord has given me a gift of laughter which brings joy. My joy in the Lord is my love for Him. Being here at the Retreat has given me a refreshed set of wings and great honor to serve Him. The fellowship is one of a kind. Laughter is joy...joy is love...Love is God. -- Anonymous

Dear Aglow---Your hearts are huge---mine has received more than I imagined! I usually turn away from Retreats because they leave me crying way too much. :) This time the Lord said, "Here is a Scripture that I'm giving you (two weeks ahead of the Retreat), it is [Nehemiah 8:10](#) 'The joy of the Lord is my strength.'" Before I knew the theme of the Retreat, the Lord spoke it over me---just me and Him. I melted at His love and preparation for me. I was let go from work a week before the Retreat, so being sponsored is the only way I could be here. All the while I was here at Retreat He

*gave me WORD after WORD---just me and Him in the prayer room. Then He gave me a long standing Aglow sister to minister to me HOPE for brokenness, HOPE for the revelation of dunamis power. He will complete what He started. It is His JOY rising up inside of me filling me like rivers!!!
XOXOXOXO*

--Tracy A.

When I left my job at Teen Challenge of 5 years, I didn't know I was headed for my 6th DUI. I had forgotten the Scripture of "Knock and you will find". I didn't keep my eyes on the truth of who I am in Christ. Instead I listened to the old tapes running through my mind and my feelings. I met Jill at my 8th DUI, and Darlene at my 9th. God's provision has always been there for me. I may not have liked my accommodations but He has always provided for me. I was reminded by the Holy Spirit that I'm the beloved daughter. He has better provision for me. My victim mind-set that I thought I got rid of, has always followed me like the dust from Linus' blanket on Charlie Brown. God asked me to let go of self-sufficiency and all of the things in the dust and walk in the Truth. He provided this weekend, these beautiful women and my new friend and "Butt" sister. Love you guys. Thank you for your perseverance of the lost and hurting. I want to persevere along with you.--Deborah S.

Such an awesome time here at Women Aglow Retreat June 23-25. Thank you all so much. May you all be blessed abundantly in the name of Jesus Christ. --Darlene K.

I had been struggling with stress and feeling like I had been backsliding and God was tired of me and my insecurities; backsliding and holding onto the things of the flesh. At this Retreat I was reminded that I'm a work in progress. God will never give up on me and I may not feel beautiful but with God's help I'll realize how beautiful I truly am because I'm created in His image! Thanks to all the women at the Retreat, I now believe God loves me and wants me no matter what. --Brenda A.

The Lord met me in a special way here at the Retreat. There was healing, deliverance and emotional healing that God has done for me. I am healed today, praise God. I have been redeemed and overflowing with the bubble bath of joy. --Verna B.

This was a great blessing to hear how we are all alike. I have a big lump within how I am the most unworthy to be loved by God. I loved to hear Darlene's testimony. It was a build in my inner self. Another was Veronica's testimony---the inner power it brought me. She is so on fire with God's fire. To hear and meet Susan was just great. The love she has for God and the forgiveness and carrying of others after all she's been through is a great work of God. Thank you Women Aglow Prison Ministry. --God Bless, Hope Angel Y-S.

I feel I am being cleansed of impurities, physically. I've met many wonderful, nice ladies. I am sick but was prayed over. It was very nice.--Vicky J.

I had a scratchy sore throat; it was relentless and continued to get worse. I got prayer on Saturday evening. I woke up with NO sore throat. Praise God! I also am learning how to fellowship with God. Before I read a novel or magazine, I am going to read my Word first. Also I learned to "lay still" and wait for Him to speak to me. -- Anonymous

I met Him in 2001 at Sandy Mush jail through the Women Aglow—Chaplain Sandy, Rachel B., Allison B., Mother Earlene, Sue, Jan—which continued in Valley State Prison for Women with many more: Jill, Patty, Jan, Jewels, Gloria, Linda, etc. They all poured into my life, taught and showed me God's love and that I was loved. Then, in exchange, I am able to love hurting and broken women like I was! I enjoyed it all the Retreat because each year I get refilled, strengthened, encouraged and loved. I have been blessed by Women Aglow for 16 years and continuing! I was shown how to be a woman after God's own heart. --Viola Louise A.

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From our hearts to yours in Christ's love!

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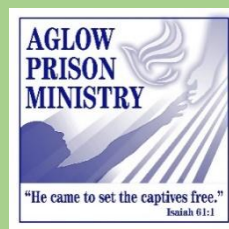
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