

Testimony

by Rhonda Osburn,

A follower of Jesus

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*When I think about the appointed time,
You drew me into Your light.
My shattered heart and spirit so bruised,
Mercy's Love I came to find.
For in Your eyes each child is Yours,
so precious in Your sight
and I believe Your heart so breaks,
as we struggle our way to find.
My deepest hurt was Your tenderest Love,
that brought me the way through
that I could offer the sacrifice
of my life to You.
I love You Father with all my strength,
none other could take your place,
and of the sorrows of my heart,
I lift to You in praise.*



I had just completed three years of parole at the time this was written. My journey with God is poetry. He inspires my heart and love. I have never met such unconditional Love in my entire life.

The women of Aglow Prison Ministry have been hand-picked by the Father to carry and give the Love of His Son to those of a broken heart in incarceration.

We are a common people, no different than a neighbor or someone at church. We have the same hurts and challenges as anyone else. What we share is an incredible love for Jesus. This ministry is one of action and dedication to our Lord. It is commitment to what God has entrusted us with and each other.

I have been involved with the Women's Aglow Prison Ministry since September 1999. I met with team members in 1994 while incarcerated. The seed was planted in my heart at that time and through the years God nurtured it with all His Love and many helping hands and hearts from the APM ministry.

I am currently (2016) the Field Coordinator of Greater San Diego Area, but will be moving to Chino, Arizona where God is now calling myself and my husband to. There is an Aglow Lighthouse in the nearby town of Prescott that I have been in contact with. During our conversation, APM was mentioned and "Wow" did it all connect! The person I happened to call is the Aglow President of Prescott, Arizona and they have been praying to start up an APM there in their town! God sees the end from the beginning. We say, "Yes, Lord" and He perfectly brings it together. He is Faithful. We have to trust that no matter how the difficulties will come for we are tried to reveal the True.

What I have been seeing is a convergence of California and Arizona APM. I see increase and enlargement. We know God is forming something new in many of the APM board member's hearts. They, too, are sensing a birth of something new that will expand to reach out in a radical way with maybe new territory for all of us in more ways than one! This is God's ministry and the Lord is moving and we are being moved!

This is a powerful ministry and a very humble one as well. Please pray for all of us that we get the vision right.

A little update, as of now, 10/05/2016 we are praying for the ones God will be sending to be a part of the APM here in Prescott AZ. I know He is moving in the hearts of those He has handpicked and stirring that desire to answer **His call** to, "come." Once we all gather then we pray together as a team for the open doors into the local facilities. God is a God of order and timing, we wait on Him and He waits on us. If God is wooing your heart to join or start an APM ministry He will wait until you come! Believe me, the rewards are far greater than you can imagine. He came to set the captives free!

2 Corinthians 1:21-23 *New American Standard 1977*

For as many as may be the promises of God, in Him they are yes; wherefore also by Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us.

20 For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

21 Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God,

22 who also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Dear Friends of CA Aglow Prison Ministry,

Since our National Conference is in San Diego this year, please keep the Aglow Prison Ministry in the San Diego area in prayers. Right now the teams are going into 3 Facilities: Rainbow Conservation Camp, GEO Detention Facility and Las Colinas Chapel and Dorms! There is expansion in San Diego! Praise to God!

Our new Field Coordinator Carolyn Montes wrote the following report. God is on the move!

Hello, I want to keep you updated in APM San Diego. Las Colinas has opened the doors for us to go in every Saturday. They have opened the Chapel, so we are now going to minister there as well as the dorms. It is exciting to see and know these women are hearing the Word and love Jesus! They have been asking for APM information instead of us always inviting them. Carol has gone in with me for training for 6 weeks, she is ready to be able to go in with Gerri as a team soon. I am excited to see what the Lord is doing! These are new ladies who are *Called!*

I went to the Alpine Aglow Lighthouse meeting on September 8th and spoke there to the members about APM. They were touched. I was received well and was asked to come back again. I introduced APM and mention that we are recruiting not only women but are also inviting couples that the Lord is *calling* and leading to go into facilities. I do hope that other lighthouses will accept me to speak there. We are trying to recruit to go into the other facilities around San Diego. Our doors are still open as the Lord leads us into these other facilities and meetings, Praise Jesus! Our steps are ordered by Him, through Him, I am willing to go, as He leads.

Keeping my eyes and ears on His guidance. Busy in Jesus' business.

Carolyn Montes

Greater San Diego Area

For those of you attending this year's National Conference 'The Called' please visit our Aglow Prison Ministry table! Kathy Johnston, the Resource Person for Aglow International will have lots of information on how to start an Aglow Prison Ministry in your area. Many of our teams will be manning the table including me! Hope to see you there!

If you feel God is Calling you to serve in the jails, prisons, youth authorities, women's homes, outreach as the women get out, pen-pal, interceding or giving of financial gifts so the women can go to our annual Retreat, please contact me or go online to our web-site www.aglow-prisonministry.org.

***And by the way! We are working on a New Updated Web-Page!! Look for a special email once that is up and running so you can check it out!!*

May the Lord Bless each one of you as we press on together reaching the Lost.

Love in Christ!

Jill Meskimen

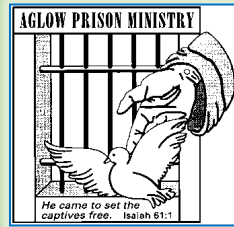
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