

OUR HISTORY

In the beginning (2004) God Himself called the former director of a safe house and therapeutic community in Southern CO to use the lessons learned by her and others to continue to help hearts wounded by grief and trauma to be set free. It was in Colorado God called this ordinary woman (who had just finished reading *The Dream Giver*) to leadership over Living Water Christian Retreats and blessed her with the vision of anointed weekend retreats. Then in 2005 God brought along side a prayer partner and helper from NC, and together they researched and prayed earnestly, seeking Gods Perfect Will, about every detail of the retreat. In 2007 another woman from CO felt compelled to help start the retreats and also came a long side.

Finally in October of 2007 the vision became reality as the ministry was born and the first retreat was held near San Isabel Lake in the beautiful Colorado Mountains. At the first retreat another woman felt led to come along side the ministry team and became the first guest speaker. More and more women came along side and joined as prayer partners and ministry team members including two graduates and two former board members of the original safe house program. The vision caster eventually took on the role as director and the official responsibility of final decision maker in matters of controversy. Collaborative--shared servant leadership through Consultant/Advisors, prayer partners, and discernment gifts under the sole covering of Jesus Christ of Nazareth have made Living Water Christian Retreats into an amazing ministry for the kingdom. God's love and provision has been evident in continued expansion of the Living Water Christian Retreats. To date (2011) participants have come from CO, NC, MD, VA, CA, FL, NY, TX, MI, MO, and Canada.

God still calls His selected servant leaders to come along side and be a part as the territory of Living Water Christian Retreats continues to expand. Many former participants are now demonstrating reciprocity by giving back and helping in many ways. It is awesome to be a part of God's special work.