

Living Water Christian Retreats

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God's Love Evident in Continued Expansion

God's love is pouring out for hurting women all over the U.S. as He leads in the continued expansion of Living Water Christian Retreats. Co-founder Debra Leewaye says, "The Lord is bringing laborers together from everywhere and putting the expansion of this ministry together piece by piece." It is so very exciting to watch how God is moving on behalf of women!

In 2011, two retreats were held. One in CA, and God led for more expansion and opened TX. God has moved mightily in all of Living Water Christian Retreats and brought restoration, hope, forgiveness, and deliverance to all the participants. The participants came from all over the US. Some responded to an invitation from a friend or relative while others found LWCR when looking for help on the Internet. As of this writing, women from CO, NC, MD, VA, CA, FL, NY, TX, MI, MO, WY and Canada have participated at LWCR trauma retreats.

Debra says, "Now these women will have a real opportunity to live the life they were created for. The Lord took their wounds of bitterness, unforgiveness and anger and replaced them with the love and healing power of Jesus Christ."

Many expansion plans have come as a result of retreat participants giving back. 2011 also saw the expansion of the Grief retreats as The CO team worked with the local mission so women in a transitional housing program could experience the love of God and healing from grief.

April 2012 LWCR is scheduled to return to The Pine Lodge at beautiful San Isabel Lake in CO where it all began in 2007. May 2012 LWCR will follow God's prompting and open another new area near Lynchburg, VA.



**Heart and Soul
Renewal...
Come and experience
God's Love!**

*May the God of hope
fill you with all joy
and peace, as you
trust Him, so that you
may overflow with
hope by the power of
the Holy Spirit.*

Romans 15:13



"I lift up my eyes to the mountains— where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth."- Psalm 121

A Real Life Cinderella Story

Princess Anne Marries Prince Charming!!!

The first thing you notice about Anne Archuleta is there is nothing plastic about her love for the Lord. There are no glass slippers in her testimony either. What you will hear is just authentic trust that if you delight in the Lord He will give you the desires of your heart...

That is just what happened to Anne shortly after returning home from the 2010 Colorado Trauma retreat.

God brought Tom, a recently widowed and wonderful man of God, into Anne's life. He had been grieving his wife's passing after 39 years of marriage. It had been a full year of loneliness when he attended a Bible Study Anne was leading.

Anne openly shares her testimony. "Before participating in the Living Water Christian Trauma Retreat in November of 2010 I was in counseling for five years dealing with childhood trauma and I was still suffering from many past hurts."

"I knew that during the retreat I was receiving healing. Even more than a year later I'm still discovering more healing benefits from the retreat. I praise God for the work He did and continues to do because of the retreat."

"God works all things for our good if we let him."

Tom and Anne enjoyed a glorious Thanksgiving and Christmas as Anne got to know and was welcomed into his family. After 20 years of her being single Anne and Tom's joyous wedding was celebrated in March 2011 just three days after Anne's 51st birthday.

Anne explains "We are so in love and I'm having the time of my life. God's timing was perfect!"

Their 14-day honeymoon cruise to the Western Caribbean was an awesome trip of a lifetime! Together they enjoyed the tropical beauty in Key West, Roatan, Belize, Costa Maya, Jamaica, Grand Cayman and Cozumel.

Upon returning they moved into their new patio home.

Anne feels she is now being called by God to practice reciprocity and to give back to the LWCR ministry and help other women. "I cannot begin to pay back all that God has done for me through this retreat ministry, but I can reach out and be a vessel to help others. I would encourage anyone who is hurting and seriously seeking God and healing to come to a LWCR retreat and experience a powerful work of the Lord"



Prayer Needs

- Pray for the upcoming retreats and ongoing expansion in 2012.
- Traveling mercies for all those attending each event.
- God's perfect will in every detail of every event.
- For all hearts to be ready and for God to have His perfect way in each of the retreats.
- God's favor on all women who are seeking freedom from strongholds in their lives.
- God's call on the hearts of women who should attend and prompt them to contact this ministry.
- Pray for more laborers to help with Living Water Christian Retreats.
- Pray for the women to walk in their victory after God gives it.
- Praise God for all the provision He has made for these retreats.
- The Lord's protection in spiritual battles
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Another Friend of the Ministry

This amazing story began not so long ago, when a criminal addict offender sat in a lonely prison cell all alone with only a book to keep her company. With that book in her hand, she thoughtfully and prayerfully pondered over the Chuck Colson story of transformation.

It was at that moment, that she was inspired with the hope of a future and the vision of a home for women, a transitional housing ministry to help ex-offenders, who are hurting, wounded, homeless and addicted, to be reconciled to themselves, their loved ones and their community with a meaning and a purpose.

The birth of the vision took place as Deborah realized that she, too, could experience the transformation from destruction to full freedom and wholeness. Her challenging life of difficulty would inspire others toward new beginnings. One day the prison door opened and this captive was set free.

Perhaps the parole officer she faced thought her vision was impossible and grandiose; that she was just one more convict talking the talk as Deborah detailed to him what she believed she was being led to do.

While in the stage of determination to take action, Deborah began to connect with those who would contribute to the reality of her own transformation. She was given a job working with women in a transitional housing program. She was blessed with an 80% scholarship to finish her BA degree. She also had the opportunity to return to utilizing her certified addictions counselor (CAC) degree in the field of addictions.

God gave her a husband and a home. Together they volunteered for prison ministry and Deborah became the coordinator of the community re-entry team for Prison Fellowship. Deborah never lost sight of the vision of a re-entry home. Her own transformation is more proof that a life can be changed.

In 2009 Deborah registered and attended the Living Water Christian Trauma Retreat in Northern CA. Deborah explains the result, "After a year of the focused healing work and really understanding strong holds and the deliverance process the retreat brought everything together to wholeness and solidified the child work I needed to do."



Since attending the retreat the Lord has continued to bless Deborah and expand her territory in amazing ways. She participated regularly in her church and went on to complete her clinical pastoral education, which brought her to certification as a chaplain, and she was granted endorsement and ordination as a minister through her church. Deborah continued to find herself being orchestrated to meet many special people who have encouraged her, including Chuck Colson, himself, the founder of Prison Fellowship and the individuals who make up the board, volunteers and consultants. **THE VISION HAS REACHED FRUITION.**

The ribbon cutting for the transitional home was held October 9, 2011 and the first resident moved in the beginning of November. Deborah is now known as Chaplin Winans continues to support LWCR. She is on the onsite ministry team. She recommends others to attend because "The retreat is a life changing experience, learning to trust God as you step out in faith and believe if you go before the Lord He will heal all things."

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*Ministering to your spirit and
wounded heart*

Scripture Prescription

God's Love for You...

Deuteronomy 7:9—God keeps His covenant of love with us

Psalm 90:14—God's unfailing love

Psalm 33:19—God's eye is on those He loves

Psalm 63:3—God's love is better than life

Psalm 136—God's love endures forever

Psalm 147:11—The Lord delights Himself in us

Song of Solomon 8:7—True love cannot be quenched

John 3:16—God's greatest act of love

John 13:1—Jesus loved us as He faced death

John 14:20—Jesus promises to always love us

Romans 5:5—God's love has been poured out in our hearts

Romans 8:39—Nothing can separate us from God's love

I John 3:1—God has lavished His love upon us