

LOOK WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE!

Sometimes the greatest
miracles happen
through celebration.

Sometimes they happen
through heartbreak.



Over the last 15 months, there have been days of celebration and days of tears. Usually, I share the days of celebration and want to shout, “Look what the Lord has done!” But this time, I want to give you a glimpse into the days of tears.

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As you can imagine, as staff we hear many difficult stories. Often, we find ourselves asking, “*Why?*” Why would a family member do this to their daughter, sister, granddaughter, or loved one? There are days when a resident needs to leave our program, and we again ask, “*Why?*” Those days are hard.

Then there are the days when we interview survivors who are interested in coming to Project 2 Restore ministry and, as a team, we say, “*Yes, we believe you would be a great fit for our program, and we are so excited to welcome you.*”

Recently, one precious survivor shared her story with us.

In just a few short hours, we listened, prayed, spoke truth over her, and reminded her that she was worthy, loved, and created for more. We were thrilled at the possibility of welcoming her into our program.

Then came the heartbreaking news: she had decided not to come.

Instead, she chose to remain homeless.

My heart immediately cried out,

“Why, Lord? Why?”

Why would someone choose homelessness over safety, support, and a place where she could begin to heal?

I couldn't understand it. I wanted us to love her, serve her, and walk alongside her. I wanted her to know the freedom and restoration that are possible through Christ.

As I write this, I am the one crying out:

“Lord, I wanted us to serve and love on this precious one. Why? I don't understand.”



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The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners...

Isaiah 6:1

Save The Date

Quarterly Project 2 Restore Orientation: Understanding Trafficking and Restoration

September 1 & November 3

Email Kathy@theproject2restore.org.

Monthly Prayer Gathering

The last Thursday of August,
September and October at 8:30 AM.
FBC Family Room (enter through
Dialogue Coffee House).

Welcome New Staff!

God often shows up in unexpected ways, and this season has been a beautiful reminder of His faithfulness. As we faced open positions, the Lord provided just the right people at just the right time. We are excited to welcome **Darlene Morgan, Kathy Hawkins, Maggie Harris, and Sarah Sanders** to the Project 2 Restore team. Their gifts, experience, and hearts for ministry are already strengthening our mission as we continue to bring hope, healing, and restoration to those we serve. We are grateful for God's provision and excited to see how He will use them to impact His Kingdom.

And then I heard in my spirit:

“ You and your team did and will do what I need you to do for My precious daughter.

"What?" I asked.

"In those few hours you spent with her, you shared My love. You let her know that she is worthy and that she can dream. Don't forget all the prayers that have been prayed for her—those prayers are still alive and active. Most importantly, I broke your heart for My precious one. Even though her choice was not to come, you will still be serving her in the days and years ahead when I bring her to your heart and mind to pray and cry out for her."

As I reflected on that moment, I realized the Lord was showing me something deeper. Project 2 Restore is not impacting the Kingdom only through the women who enter our program. We are impacting the Kingdom every time His love is shared, every time truth is spoken over someone, every time hope is offered, and every time a prayer is lifted on behalf of one of His daughters. Even when a survivor never walks through our doors, God will use those conversations, those prayers, and those moments of connection as seeds planted for His purposes.

Then, in the middle of July, leadership attended the Abolition Summit in Houston. There, speaker Jackie Pullinger shared a statement that felt like confirmation from the Lord Himself: ***“It's the broken heart that keeps you going. When you have a broken heart, you get His.”***

Those words resonated deeply with me. The Lord was helping me understand that the heartbreak we feel is not a sign of failure; it is evidence that He is giving us His heart. He has broken our hearts for those in our program, for those who leave, and even for those who never come. What a privilege it is to carry His heart and continue praying for the precious ones He places before us, trusting that He is working even when we cannot see the outcome.

So today, I quietly say, “Look what the Lord has done.” Not only in the lives of the women we serve, but also in us. He has given us His heart for His precious daughters. He is teaching us to love more deeply, pray more faithfully, and trust Him more completely. What I once saw as heartbreak, He revealed as Kingdom impact. What I thought was a closed door, He showed me was an opportunity to plant seeds of hope, truth, and love that He alone can bring to fruition.

Project 2 Restore is more than a home for women who are survivors of sex trafficking. It is Jesus' Freedom Ministry, and He is raising up a group of warriors who will go to battle on their knees, with broken hearts, fighting for God's love, freedom, healing, and restoration in the lives of His daughters and sons.

And by His grace, that impact reaches far beyond the walls of our ministry. Every prayer prayed, every seed planted, every truth spoken, and every life touched is advancing His Kingdom—even when we cannot yet see the results.

When I see the celebrations, I say, “Look what the Lord has done.” When I experience the tears, I can now say the same thing:

Look what the Lord has done.

Blessings

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Together, we can serve, restore and empower lives.



AUGUST
22 2026



Project 2 Restore's **5th**
ANNUAL WALK/RUN
Lake Shawnee, Topeka KS



REGISTER NOW

A MONTH OF **HOPE.**
A PARTNERSHIP THAT
MAKES A **DIFFERENCE.**

We are partnering with Stacy Williams, author of *Hard to Love*, from July 30 - August 30. During this partnership, 100% of profits from apparel purchased from her store go to supporting Project 2 Restore survivors.

Hard to Love (the Lost Girls) follows a survivor's journey toward healing, hope, and the chance to be seen.



Scan the QR Code to
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partnership now
through August 30.



SUPPORT THE COLLECTION THROUGH AUGUST 30

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Join us



As God continues to move powerfully through this work, we invite you to say yes to partnering with us by becoming a faithful prayer partner, joining us at our prayer meeting, financial support, volunteering your time and gifts, or exploring whether God may be calling you to join our staff. **Together, we can serve, restore, and empower lives—one at a time.**

If you feel God calling you to partner with Project 2 Restore through volunteering, or serving, we invite you to attend a P2R Orientation and Awareness Event. For more information, please contact Kathy Keck at **Kathy@theproject2restore.org**.

