



# Restoration Ministries

Spring 2013

## Upcoming Events:

- Spring Benefit Concert, Fri March 15 at Ebenzers Coffee House
- Become an Ambassador of Restoration, monthly small groups September– May, info@restoration-ministriesdc.org
- Provide an Easter gift bag \$20
- ICAP Board Meeting, Amsterdam, April 22-29
- Christian Medical & Dental Conference, presentation Asheville, NC, May 2-5
- May 25, National Day of Missing & Exploited Children, RM event TBA
- ICAP– NA, Seattle, June 12-16

## Ambassadors of Restoration

The Ambassador of Restoration Program (ARP) is a local group (created in your region) that meets one time per month, in order to learn about domestic minor sex trafficking. It is an opportunity to take your heart out of the shallow waters of merely watching a trafficking movie and begin to understand the injustice in a deeper way, and respond with appropriate action.

I want to tell you that leading an Ambassador group has been vital for me personally in my search to understand the issue. The meeting is designed to be interactive where people can find a place of safety and accountability in their individual quests for knowledge about joining this fight.

Many Christians tend to think that simply because they are Christians, they are emotionally and mentally prepared to counsel or physically rescue young women, girls, or boys who have been caught in the snares of sex-trafficking. But, the truth is that most lay-people are not nearly in-



*Ambassador Leader Rachel Moberly making Valentine's Day cards for the girls at the detention center and psych hospital.*

formed enough on this subject to be helpful to sex-trafficking survivors. And

most would even find the journey damaging to their own faith because of personal issues that come up along the way; perhaps sexual abuse of the past that they had not taken the time to

process through for healing, seeds of perversion or lust, or emotional immaturity regarding sex, prostitution, and the world around them.

This is where the ARP is relevant and significant. In this environment we build trusting relationships with

## Spring Annual Benefit Concert

It is time once again for our annual spring benefit concert at Ebenzers Coffee House on Friday, March 15th @ 7:30 PM. This year we have bands from The District Church and National Community Church as our guest artists. As always, it is a free event with a love offering

taken at intermission.

If you have been curious to know if sex trafficking really does exist in D.C., this is an opportunity for you to meet the founder, Candace Wheeler, and other members of her team. They will share with you how Restoration Ministries weekly combs

through the youth detention center and psychiatric hospital looking for those who have been trafficked (Luke 15) and how they bring healing and hope to those who are suffering.

An average of 500 girls between the ages of 11-21 participate in RM's programs each year.





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- other members and we form
- accountability regarding our own
- sexual history, temptations, and
- life-struggles.
- Anyone can attend a one-
- day seminar about injustice or
- sex-trafficking. And yes, those
- are oftentimes used as catalysts
- for deeper levels of engage-
- ment. But, in and of themselves
- they do not produce prepared
- partners for anti-human traffick-
- ing organizations. This is the
- reason for our ARP.
- Ministry starts and ends at
- the heart level. Therefore it is
- the heart that must be tilled and
- cultivated in order for quality
- fruit for ministry to emerge. My
- group members and I have
- come together each month with
- a deeper understanding of 1.
- The facts surrounding sex-
- trafficking, statistics, and legal
- matters, 2. our own weaknes-
- ses, convictions ,or lack-thereof
- regarding sexual immorality and
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healthy sexuality, and 3. their need for a deeper, more honest relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ, to sustain them and make them holy before Him in order to be an effective minister of His love, empathy, and sensitivity to those who have been sexually exploited.

Each of these three areas takes significant time to adequately address and take root in the heart. This is why having our ARP extend throughout the school year is foundational for raising up prepared ministry partners. We come together each month after having spent several weeks investing in personal and required readings on different aspects of sex-trafficking. When we do we are sharpened, and consistently provoked to go deeper. In the midst of the shock-and horror-factor, we are able to discover solid ground for ourselves and for others. *Rachel Moberly*

# The Wailing Wall

Every week when RM team members meet with girls, they are asked to write down the things that are too heavy for them to carry alone. When they have traced their hands and written down their prayer requests, we bring them back to the drop-in center and put them on our Wailing Wall. Every day when we see the deep heart cries of these daughters, we can lift them in prayer to their Heavenly Father. We've printed some of them here so that you can pray for them as well.

Prayer Request  
 Court on Wednesday

Pray that I reach my goals in life and grow to be strong and independent for my daughter!

Dear God,  
 Just praying for my mother and sister while I'm not home to just keep them in good hands and stuff like that.

Prayer Request  
 Family, good health and me leaving soon.

For my life to get better so I can go home.