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JOY IN OUR TOWN:

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Abuse Recovery Ministry & Services

CRIME: Domestic violence is a set of patterns used to gain power and control over another person through physical force, verbal and psychological tactics. The rate of domestic violence among Christians is no different than in the secular world but it has taken years for the Church to recognize and begin to address the issue. Domestic violence affects the family and community. Men must love their wives as Christ loved the Church and lay their life down as He did.

HEALTH: People of faith can use scripture and God to justify their use of abusive behavior, which is very confusing for victims. When we are in a stressful situation, the continual release of cortisol is very harmful to our body. Physical wounds heal quickly, but a damaged soul devalues self-worth. Some victims love God but hate church because they feel the people in the church are spiritually abusive. God is the only One who can restore our soul.

FAMILY: Secondary aggressors use abusive behaviors but do not gain control by them. Most often it is women who are secondary aggressors which teaches children the wrong way to deal with conflict. Emotional abuse damages the soul causing the whole family to be affected. You cannot pray abuse away because God doesn't heal free will. Jesus is the example of all ARMS programs in how He modeled healthy relationships. We must become more Christ like in a daily, practical setting.

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HOMELESS: Homeless people are marginalized and socially disconnected. The Last Supper was about relationship, which should be the core of any ministry because it is supposed to reconcile God to us. Homelessness is a condition of the heart, as well as the body. Empathy opens people up to relationship. Get in the game and allow God to guide us to where He wants us to be.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE: There are many paths to addiction. People can overcome the prison of addiction, but some damage may remain. The opposite of addiction is not sobriety, it is connection. God is a defender of the fatherless and widows; He places the solitary in families. Eternal life brings us out from the margins into connection with Him. The 12 Step program is a concept; having Jesus is a relationship which is eternal life.

OUTREACH:

Joy In Our Town host, Cathy Rhodes and KNMT Station Manager Bonnie Goulding attended a benefit banquet for A.R.M.S. (Abuse Recovery Ministry and Services). The theme was "Happy Endings". Several people gave testimonies of their lives changing because of God and the ministry of ARMS.



LETTERS:

"I am so grateful for having you in my life and having your channels; is like church in the cell and is healthy and positive. Thank you for being part of my life, physically and spiritually...."

"I want to say how much I really appreciate the ministry of all the TBN stations and programs....I now am in prison for 22 more years. Many of the ministries have had a large part in shaping me to be the servant I am today...I can't tell you how much I and others appreciate TBN..."

"I have to write to thank you for so many wonderful years of Christian Godly teaching...There just aren't adequate words to describe the blessing your network has been for me..."

"Thank you TBN and the many hour you spend to bring the gospel-the good news to all the world. You are a blessing to my husband and myself. Thank you for all the times that TBN was my church..."

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