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NEW CREATION CAFÉ

Women of Courage
There's a better life.

Growing & Strengthening Our Stakes

God is doing wonderful things in the Alliance community, bringing ministries, nonprofits, and businesses together to serve others. We are seeing that growth at RAM Ministries as well.
This past year has stretched us in ways we never imagined. The New Creation Café has been incredibly busy, and our trainees have stepped up to the challenge. Women of different ages, backgrounds, and struggles are working together, developing confidence, taking pride in their accomplishments, and finding purpose in serving their community.
As the café continues to grow, we recognize the need to strengthen what God has already begun. Isaiah 54:2 reminds us to "Enlarge the place of your tent" and "Lengthen your cords, And strengthen your stakes."
That is exactly what we are working toward! We are refreshing our newsletter and branding, updating our website, and finding new ways to share our story. Internally, we are developing stronger procedures for the café and our other programs to ensure we are providing the best possible training and support.
We are also reaching out to local businesses to build partnerships and create employment opportunities for our graduates. Our prayer is that these women will leave RAM with valuable skills, strong relationships with Jesus, and transformed lives that shine His light wherever they go.

Director of Ministry Development

Hello, I am Mackenzie! The Lord has lovingly and patiently led me to RAM Ministries to take on a new role as Director of Ministry Development. I say that because I came from Almost Heaven Ice Cream which you can all imagine was the sweetest job ever. I had been with Almost Heaven for 12 years. I caught the vision for growth and an ice cream factory when I graduated from the University of Mount Union. Now with multiple locations and a strong team of leaders, things are in motion for the factory to open next summer! It is an amazing family and company and was a very hard decision. However, it was very much the Lords timing and leading! My first week at RAM was encouraging. It feels like the Lord plucked me from my comfort zone and placed me right where I needed to be next to grow and advance his kingdom. When I first heard the story from RAM and a few testimonies, tears started flowing. I thought oh no, this is so on my heart and I didn't even know it. I have caught the vision for RAM. I see the strong foundation already built and I am excited to be a part of the expansion and major impact for the Alliance community. Please don't hesitate to reach out and introduce yourself. Manderson@ramministries..org as I am excited to connect and meet everyone that makes this ministry possible.

A Special Thank You

To The Greater Alliance Foundation for granting us $5,000 from the Give Alliance 365 Fund to help us with food and carryout supplies for our New Creation Cafe! Yesterday we were notified that the remaming $5000 we requested has also been granted! We are truly grateful for their support and so thankful to all those who made it possible.

A Season of Giving and Thanksgiving

RAM Ministries will once again be serving Thanksgiving dinner to our community! We are asking for donations and volunteers to help make this special meal possible. For information call or text Laura Sams at 330-206-0272.
As we enter this season of giving, we also ask that you prayerfully consider supporting RAM Ministries financially. With the continued growth of the New Creation Café and our other programs, your generosity is needed to help sustain the ministry and allow us to continue sharing the love of Christ with those we serve. Every gift, big or small, makes a difference!

Believe

October 22 was already one year since the day my grandson was born 3 months early. I wrote a "believe" story last year describing all the miracles that had taken place that brought him into this world. God's fingerprints were all over everything that happened that day and the weeks prior, the strange series of events and frustrating cancellations that eventually led to my daughter being at the exact right place at the exact right time to save his life. Little Joshua was named long before all of this, in honor of my daughter's favorite bible verse, Joshua 1:9; "Be Strong and Courageous, do not be discouraged, do not be afraid, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. "Boy did he live up to that name. That child fought so hard for his life. So many hard nights through that time, not only for his parents, but for all of us. Daily trips to the hospital for months and months, life almost completely on hold for their family of 6. I don't know how anyone that doesn't believe in God could ever make it through these things without going into a very dark place...they are too hard. Little Joshua is a constant reminder of how close the Lord is to us and the awesome power of prayer.

Today, he is perfect in every way. He is the most pleasant baby and pacifies himself so easily if anything upsets him. He went through such a long time in the NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit) when no one could hold him because he was in his incubator with his ventilator to help him breathe and all the sensors and needles in him helping him stay alive. Anything even slightly comfortable would be a pleasant situation for him now because he is in the loving arms of his parents and surrounded by his brothers and sisters whom he adores, and all of our family that love and care for him every single day. This past weekend we had a party to celebrate his life, the goodness of God, and the answer to prayer. The prayer that went up for that child is incredible. There were so many people praying for him every single day! What a true blessing it is to be associated with so many wonderful praying people. It still makes me cry when I think about it.
But then there's the flip side of all of this. The people I come in to contact with on a daily basis that have absolutely no one praying for them. No one that cares whether they live or die. No one that comes to comfort them when they are hurting. They are drowning, but no one is there to pull them above water so they can breathe again. So many young people out there that have no God in their home, or in their lives at all.They live with no hope for anything better than the mess they are in, and then grow up and become suicidal, living in constant fear and anxiety, and eventually become addicts and criminals, and we wonder why. This is why we believe that what we do here at RAM Ministries is so important. We are that lifeline for them. We are that prayer that may have never been said. We are the ones here to grab their hand and pull them out of the water to help them breathe. We are the ones that help lead them into relationship with Jesus Christ so that he can save them and wrap them in his loving arms giving them the comfort they never had. We are their VICU (VICTORY Intensive Care Unit) providing intensive care, support, and love that people need to move from crisis to victory through Jesus Christ.

This one little life, Joshua, who means so much to so many people, and then so many people that mean nothing to anyone. It's a very sad reality. One of the women that was in our program at the jail who experienced this kind of life I am describing, sent me a message recently. In part, this is what she said: "At this point, you were the only person in the whole world that was ready to help me and was willing to help me. You were the only person that cared, God sent me an angel." She is more than 2 years clean from drugs now and has completely transformed her life and loves the Lord with all her heart. She now spends her life giving back, spreading the Word of God, and doing the best she can with every single day .This is the amazing power of prayer! We can all pray. Please pray for this ministry that we will be able to continue making a way for those that need a VICU. We are so very grateful to be able to answer God's call. God bless all of you that have answered God's call to support us, we could not do it without your support. *"I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance." Luke 15:7*

Believe stories are written by Laura Sams, Founder/Executive Director of RAM Ministries