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Newsletter

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COOKING WITH LOVE PROVIDES FOOD FOR THE SOUL

Cooking has always been a favorite hobby of mine. There's just something special about it that brings people together; both the cooking and the food. There's a bonding that happens in the kitchen when people cook together, a special time to talk about the day or sometimes more important conversations. One of my favorite bible stories is in the Book of John when Jesus was cooking for Peter on the beach after Peter had denied Him 3 times. Peter was so full of shame for what he had done after bragging to Jesus about how he was ready to die for Him or go to prison with Him the night before His crucifixion. The risen Christ cooked a breakfast of fish and bread over the charcoal fire as He gave Peter the opportunity to redeem himself by affirming that he loved Jesus 3 times. I show my love for people through my cooking and often give gifts of baked goods to express my thanks to people.

Growing up, we always had home cooked meals and sat together as a family for dinner just about every night. I did the same when raising my own children and my kids still prefer my cooking over just about any restaurant. Many of the women in our Women of Courage program have never had the opportunity to experience any of this. Our cooking class is the last in the series of 8 classes, and always a wonderful time. The women inevitably always ask if they can come to another one. The class always starts out awkward when everyone meets for the first time, but the conversation begins over the slicing and dicing and everything changes. It was a heartwarming experience at the end of our last class when I found them all together exchanging phone numbers in order to support each other on their journey to a better life. One woman said it was the best time she could remember since she was a child. These small things can be life changing. When we are able to realize our full vision and Camp Ram becomes a reality, we will be able to provide experiences like this on a daily basis. Thank you so much to all of you that continue to support this ministry and make these things available to help women change their lives.

Wish List

The bible says, "You have not because you ask not." so I'm askin'.

- Regular monetary donations to help with the daily operations.
- New baby items for our baskets.
- Postage stamps
- Mentors for our women.
- New hygiene products.
- Truck for the ministry to haul furniture and other household items for the poor and when setting up new households for our women.



Check out our new website

www.ramministries.org

My nephew, Ray Benedetti re-did the whole thing for us and it's awesome!!

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Helping to change the lives of others is what we were put on this earth to do. Please consider making RAM Ministries part of your regular giving so that together we can continue making a difference.

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Many years ago, before I started RAM Ministries, my family suffered a major crisis. I was lied about, had my character attacked in a major way, lost my job, and underwent a major financial crisis with 6 children at home. It was a devastating time for all of us. I was sick to my stomach most of the time and couldn’t sleep at all most nights. I held a lot of anger and resentment towards the people that tried to destroy us. My mind was clogged with feelings of hatred, betrayal, and all kinds of hurt over the things that had been said about me. I was a broken person for quite some time, and felt completely forsaken by the God that I had always loved and served. I spent most of my time reading the bible looking for answers, and it seemed to be the only place I could find any comfort at all. I started listening to lots of great teachers of the Word and reading some awesome spiritual books. I found God in a whole new way and had a whole new and amazing understanding of what Jesus did for us and what is available to us as believers. Things started to change for me and God started dealing with me about forgiveness for the people that had done these things to me. I must admit that I fought Him on it. I didn’t want to forgive even though I knew I needed to for my own sake. It was Easter time that following year and I felt that God was directing me to bake one of my breads that I make for my family on holidays and take it to each of the people that I knew were involved, along with a note expressing my forgiveness to each of them for what they had done to me. I didn’t understand the whole bread part of it, but I felt it so strongly that I did it. It was hard for me to do for sure, but I was sure He was speaking to me about it. I baked the breads, wrote the notes, and took them to their houses on Saturday evening just before Easter Sunday. That night I slept all night for the first time since August 1st of the previous year. I woke up the next day and all of my sickness and anxiety were completely gone and I felt like I was completely at peace with all of it. That night I slept all night again, and the next and the next and the next and I remained in a state of complete peace every day after. Nothing had changed in our circumstances, yet I had no anxiety over any of it anymore, and still don’t, to this day, over anything. I have not even had a single pang of anxiety in over seven and a half years. I believe I was given the gift of “peace that surpasses all understanding” talked about in the bible, when I was able to forgive and was obedient to God. So what did the bread have to do with any of it? Why not just a note? I wondered that for a long time, and then one day it hit me. It’s just as I stated in the above article about our cooking class, I show my love to people through my cooking, and it was love that was needed in this situation in order to allow me to be able to forgive. The baking of the bread was the outward sign of this love. Not even necessarily my own love for the people that hurt me, but God’s love for them, shown through the Holy Spirit living inside me. We have had many supernatural experiences with God since then, and it was this crisis that lead me to start this ministry which has helped hundreds of people. Now I am thankful for it. What was intended for harm, God turned to good.

“And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:7