

Philippian Ministries

# NEW BEGINNINGS

## A Special Thank You

To all who have prayed for and/or supported us during our  
40 years of serving Christ Jesus.

Just a reminder of the miracle God calls Philippian Ministries. For those who don't know, after I took the first 8 women through emotional healing prayer, we began to meet for a time of prayer with each other.

In time, the Lord spoke to my heart saying, "The name of this group is called Philippian Ministries." I shared that with this first room of ladies and we all

wondered why we would need a name. Little did we know that He was creating a ministry that would last for many years to come and that eventually would reach to the Middle East.

We are a small ministry but God certainly has known how to keep us busy.

How we thank and bless you for your prayers and the gifts you have given as you are able...in order to keep us viable in God's hands. Please celebrate with us the wonderful 40 years of His faithfulness and your kindness to Philippian Ministries.



Loving someone is a leap of faith, especially when that someone is a stranger. It is amazing how quickly God fills our hearts with love for those who come for prayer. We will never regret making that leap for each of you who have experienced emotional healing prayer with us or have made it possible for others.

# God has given us a love for Middle Eastern women, and the joy of walking with Him as He brings heart-healing half way around the world....

The years have shown God to be amazingly faithful to Philippian Ministries. He has met each need as it arises. Yes, we are a small ministry and yet God has provided and surprised us with adventure as we have followed Him from one surprise to another.

Lana felt that one day our book, then called *God's Crippled Children*, might one day be translated into Spanish. A number of years into the ministry she believed God interrupted her prayer time to say, "Many come to me on behalf of the sons of Sarah, but who will come on

behalf of the sons of Hagar?" She was stunned by His words. She didn't know a single Arabic person and had never actually thought about those of the Middle East. It was 15 to 20 years later when a friend invited her to go on a mission trip to Lebanon.

It was on that trip when she fell in love with the Muslim Arabic women and began to long for their salvation and emotional healing. That was 9 years ago and she has returned to the Middle East every year since. Her heart was broken for these terribly abused women who need to meet

Jesus, the only true healer and then to experience His healing touch after terrible childhood sexual abuse (some 90%) and ongoing physical abuse in their marriages.

God opened doors for *God's Crippled Children* to be translated into Arabic under the title of *Help For Hurting Hearts* and a new branch of Philippian Ministries was born. Now Lana travels and speaks throughout the Middle East sharing salvation and emotional healing with those who have lived in a painful hopeless darkness!!



## Dallas PM Training Seminar

**Lana taught her first small PM training seminar in Dallas this year. It was such a joy as a small group can genuinely bond and really get to know each other.**



**Mechelle Bryant, Weatherford, TX with Lana Bateman. R: Lana with gift of roses from this group!**



**L: Barbara Bertch, Weatherford, TX, Mechelle Bryant, Weatherford, TX, Lana Bateman, Dallas, TX, Diane Tatum, El Paso, Tx.**



**With a need for help and encouragement for Lana, we held a small training in Dallas.**

# Sharing Our Walk...

**Meet Mechelle Bryant from Weatherford, TX who was trained this year and has become a prayer director with Philippian Ministries.**



God used Philippian Ministries and Lana to open up a new revelation of His love for me. I've been a Christian for many years. I loved God and served him. I knew in my head that He loved me. But somehow, I'd never really accepted or allowed myself to receive the overwhelming depth of His amazing love at a heart level.

Through a series of events I picked up Lana's book Help for Hurting Hearts and began to read. I could not put it down. It touched a place in me that I didn't even know existed. In the book Lana put into words my feelings better than I could. I had a tendency to stuff them inside, put a smile on my face and do the next thing.

Having had much success working through hard things in my life with a Christian counselor, I wasn't sure that the emotionally healing prayer could do more than that. I reached out to the Philippian Ministries website and began to email with Lana. Eventually we met and began the process that would bring me to my two days of emotionally healing prayer time.

Those days absolutely, radically changed my perception

of the way I see every thing and every person in my life. God was present every step as Lana led, and I followed as we walked back through each year of my life. There were people in my past who I needed to forgive; there were people I needed to ask to forgive me. As each year passed and the prayer continued, I began to be free of emotions that I had harbored without even realizing it.

My words cannot adequately do justice to this beautiful time of prayer. We went back for the little girl inside of me that had stopped growing emotionally at some point; we reconciled her with the grown-up woman, in a divinely orchestrated way. It was exhausting and healing and wholesome.

The next morning as I was getting ready for church, I was listening to Sandi Patty sing Blessed Assurance. She sang ... "watching and waiting looking above filled with His goodness and lost in His love... This is my Story!!!" That line in the song perfectly described how I felt at that time and to this day. I do feel filled with His goodness and

I sense His presence in my life in a way that I never have before. He was always there; He never let me out of His sight. Until this prayer time I wasn't aware of how very much He loves me and that He always has.

I thank God every day for opening my eyes to His Love. I want to spend the rest of my life helping broken people find healing and wholeness that only comes from our Father. Thank You God! Thank you, Philippian Ministries! Thank you, Lana Bateman for being persistent in helping hurting hearts...one person at a time.

*We are so happy to welcome Mechelle to Philippian Ministries. She is the mother of three sons, one of which just graduated from seminary. She resides in Weatherford, TX where she manages The Bryant Real Estate Office and is active in her church and a precious ministry among the elderly.*



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