

...Looking Back, Looking Forward...

Dear Ministry Partners and Friends,

I am writing to you with a heart that is so full. We have had such a productive summer. As we rounded the corner of the new year last January, I remember thinking, "What in the world are we going to do this summer? I don't have anything booked and I don't have a clue what God would have us to do." Two Beautiful Girl Day Camp's and a Women's VBS Boot Camp later, all I can say is God had plenty in mind! In the last week we have finished out our Women's VBS and the second Beautiful Girls Camp and God has really been working!

As we are **looking back** we see 31 girls, ages 11-13, who completed our Beautiful Girls Day Camp this summer, learning how to let the Spirit rule, and being encouraged to totally give their hearts to Jesus. Praise the Lord for these young hearts intent on living for Christ and for the moms and dads we met that are cheering them on!

Looking back we saw so many women this summer who came to Boot Camp, longing to be all they can be in Christ! Over the 6 weeks about 250 different women experienced Boot Camp in some way. God was drawing women together from 20 different churches, different states and different age groups. We had teens all the way up to women in their 80's who came each week. How neat to see hungry hearts ready to find more in Christ. How neat to see the life changes that took place. How neat to see how God used our Boot Camp to encourage and help launch a new ministry in this area called Birthmother Ministries. Through our Boot Camp offering we were able to give \$1500 to this new ministry and also generate much interest and support. We are celebrating God's goodness here and no we can't end the summer without asking you to celebrate with us by looking back at what God did. So... make sure to view the pictures and testimonies on page 2!

Fall is on the horizon though and we are already **looking forward**! As of today we have 20 people who have indicated an interest in leading a group through our 12for12for12 Memorization Project this fall. I guess it now should be called 20for12for12! Many of them have already recruited a group and others still are still pulling theirs together but it is exciting to see God pull women (and men I might add) together to memorize Romans 12 in the coming 12 weeks. We have people joining us from all over, many from right here, but many from other places as well, Texas, Colorado, Canada, northern VA, Georgia, and even India! Our theme is "Imagine what God will do when women (and men) hide His Word in their hearts!" We can't wait to see. If you are not a part of this cheerleading effort to get us memorizing God's Word then I hope you will consider it today. Since the first day of our ministry, this has been a dream and it is so neat to see it happening. See more at www.establishedfootsteps.com

In addition to our big memorization project this fall, we are also **looking forward** to other things. First we need to regroup! We have been on full steam ahead since day one and need to catch our breath! September is going to be devoted to that cause. Then we have quite a few retreats and events coming up in the coming months to prepare for so there is much to do. We are devoted to holding the Word of God high in women's lives. Thank you so much for your friendship and partnership. It means more than you know! Blessings,

Sharon

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Testimonies from the The Christian Women's Boot



I quit smoking

God has shown Me that I am called to be a blessing and He brings the growth

The VBS has really given me a passion to learn more. I now spend 5 nights a week in His Word.

I am doing a lot more reading in my Bible and quietly waiting for God's instruction.

It was wonderfully encouraging to be with sisters in Christ from other churches focusing on God's word and worship and not things that are created by man that often divide us.

Four women that I went to high school with over 40 years ago were each individually there. We reconnected and found we are each walking with the Lord in a strong way!



God has taught me that He is in charge, period!

God has done tremendous work in my heart over the last 6 weeks. I realized how much I needed a makeover with God.

The ideas of boot camp, enlistment, graduation, etc. were such wonderful imaginary tools... I really got a sense of what it means to "sign up" with God. I felt tremendous growth take place in my heart over the last 6 weeks.

This was excellent. It really got me moving on in my relationship with God. I am focused now. The teaching was excellent, the worship and everything else you all did encouraged me to get into God's Word.

This has been the highlight of my summer. I don't know what I am going to do without this ministry on Tuesday nights.

It has helped me know what my real priorities are and made me think about putting worldly activities and possessions lower down on my spiritual list.

I needed this encouragement to get in the Word so much. I serve all the time but God has refreshed me this summer with Himself!

Prayer Needs

Pray for us as we catch our breath in September. As this ministry grows, we need wisdom in so many areas.

Pray for all the leaders and participants of the 12for12for12 project this fall. Pray that God would give them an "I Can" attitude and do wonderful things in their hearts as they memorize His Word.

Pray for the upcoming ministry speaking times that Sharon has. Pray for her preparation and for these times of ministering to women.

Pray for all that were blessed through the Boot Camp and Beautiful Girls Day Camps. Pray that God would continue to work in their lives, that they would be drawn to His Word.

Pray for the finances of Established Footsteps. Our financial needs continue and we are trusting God for His provision as we move forward in ministry.

Upcoming Events

12for12for12 begins on September 7th

Sharon speaks at MOPS in Yorktown VA on September 19th

Sharon leads "**Daughters of the King**" retreat in Mechanicsville VA on November 2-3

Established Footsteps hosts a **Women's Ministry Workshop at the Eastern Christian Convention** in Hershey, Pennsylvania on November 16-18th

12for12for12 Celebration Worship Service on November 30th

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