



Newsletter

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Establish my footsteps in your Word... Psalm 119:133

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WOMEN'S VBS
Vacation in God's Word
Concert by *Mandisa*
Nightly Message *Sharon Thomas*
JULY 16 - 19, 2008
YORKTOWN, VIRGINIA
For event information or to purchase concert tickets visit:
www.establishedfootsteps.com
(Tickets required for concert only!)

Women's VBS in July! Mandisa Concert and More...!

Our second women's VBS, "Only the World" is right around the corner and we are busy, so very busy, getting ready for what we are anticipating is going to be an awesome time with the Lord for many women this summer. We sure hope you are planning to join us for this vacation time in God's Word. God has done amazing things in preparing for this time together.

We are so looking forward to Mandisa being with us in concert on our first night. We have stood in awe as God has brought this opportunity into our midst. Her concert is just the beginning though. So much more is being planned. Each night we will have an incredible mission opportunity that you can participate in, great worship, Bible teaching, drama and more. Come yourself, invite your friends, tell your church, bring your teen daughters along and anyone else you can find. You don't want to miss this great time with women this summer. Need concert tickets or information. Please visit us at www.establishedfootsteps.com We'll see you there!

Helpers Still Needed for Women's VBS

We still need helpers for our Women's VBS in many different areas. If you are interested please contact us through our website at www.establishedfootsteps.com

Established Footsteps Ministry Celebrates Two Year Anniversary

It is hard to believe that it has been two years since we began Established Footsteps Ministry. Back then I would never have dreamed God would do all that He has done. One day I will learn He always does immeasurably more than we can imagine! We have just come off of a very busy spring season of retreats and women's events and now are on the verge of heading to the North American Christian Convention, hosting our second VBS and then off to Romania to minister there. Last week I took a week of vacation to catch my breath, but there is so much to do. We live in a culture where Truth doesn't reign. But... I have seen the life change first hand when women invite that Truth into their lives by daily being in God's Word. That is why we exist! For those who have supported in any way, please know you are a part of that mission and life change. We continue to need your support and are so grateful for it. May God bless you richly as you have been a blessing to us!

Sharon

What are You Doing To Establish Your Footsteps This Summer?



Summertime and the living is easy. Well I don't know if that is true or not but we do know that summer changes the pace of life a bit. Many times as the pace changes we can find it difficult to keep up with our steps in God's Word too. I want to encourage you to take advantage of these times, not set them aside as a time to take a break in God's Word, but use them as a time to step deeper. This month I am personally reading through Psalms and I Samuel. I am also doing some challenging memory work in the book of Hebrews. I am in a critical time right now, where I need God to speak to me, and I find as I draw near, He does, and He plants my feet deeper in His Truth. And so... I encourage you, make a plan for your summer. Of course one thing you can plan on is being at VBS, that is a great plan, but make a daily plan too. I know you will be glad you did!

Christian Wisdom

If you plant for a year, plant grain. If you plant for ten years, plant trees. If you plant for a 100 years, plant men. If you plant for eternity, plant the Word.

Unknown

That is our mission!

A Special Goodbye

Our ministry along with many others is saddened by the death of our friend and partner, Paul Tucker. Paul passed away unexpectedly on May 15th, leaving a wonderful family and ministry behind. Since his arrival here in VA last year, he has embraced our ministry and efforts to point women to be in the Word. Paul has served through music, video, graphic design and just wonderful affirmation and encouragement to our team of workers. We miss him in so many ways, more than words can say. However, in this time, we stand on Truth that we find in the Word. We know that Paul is with the Lord and so even in our pain, we are rejoicing that Paul is with Jesus, at home in heaven, worshipping as he so loved to do. We miss you Paul, thank you for all of your service.

Thank you Becky!

When God began EF three years ago, a wonderful sister and friend joined hands with us. Becky Reichart is a woman who walks with her feet in the Word and she has a heart for women to do the same. She has served with diligence and heart and we are so thankful. This summer Becky is moving to SC and will be sorely missed. She is committed to continuing to pray for EF and provide that encouragement that so wonderfully flows from her energetic spirit. We just wanted to say a big Thank You to her and wish her all of God's richest blessings in SC.

Please Pray—Beyond What We Can Imagine!

God has challenged us this summer with Ephesians 4:20, to believe that He can do far above what we can imagine. Would you pray in faith with us?

Women's VBS Leadership Team—God would continue to enable us beyond our abilities and provide for us beyond our resources, beyond what we can imagine

VBS Attendance—God would draw many women each night for the concert and the VBS - incredible attendance beyond what we can imagine

VBS Mission—God would motivate our hearts to pour out our resources in this mission endeavor and provide for it far above what we can imagine

VBS Fruit—God would pour out His Spirit and His ministry on the women that attend, in ways beyond what they can imagine

NACC Trip—God would make our way smooth, allowing us to connect with ministry opportunities while we are there, beyond what we can imagine

Romania Trip—God would prepare our hearts and use us in incredible ways, beyond what we and those we minister to can imagine

Fall Memorization Project—God would bring the details of this project together and draw many to memorize with us, beyond what we can imagine

Opportunities for Ministry—God would give us many opportunities to speak and teach and minister to women, beyond what we can imagine

Financial Resources—God would pour these out to us so that we can move forward in some much needed ways, beyond what we can imagine

Worldwide Impact



God's ways are so much higher than our own. He has great ideas and plans. We marvel at what He is doing and how He purposes to do it. Although we are still a new and fairly small ministry God is already using our efforts to reach into the world! Take a look:

Last fall we saw several teams from different countries join us in our memory work of Romans 12.

A missionary in Kosovo is using our Bible Study, "Loving Life". The translator of it, Bah, is not a Christian and yet God is planting His Word in her through this work. Please pray for Bah to come to know Christ.

This summer our women's VBS will be reaching into Romania and an Asian country in creative ways to share the gospel with gypsy women and those being trafficked in the human slave trade.

God's Word teaches us to be faithful in the small things. These are small projects but God has shown us they have great rewards. Please pray that God would make great impact with our efforts and please pray about how you can partner with us in them. Thank you!