

HEALING & MENDING MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

RESTORING BROKEN FAMILIES

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Abuse Rates Up During Holidays
- Important Phone Numbers

ABUSE RATES UP DURING HOLIDAYS

Angela has a Christmas tree with no presents underneath. She isn't expecting company this week, even though she decorated her small [apartment](#).

But the 50-year-old Lubbock woman said she feels blessed this holiday season. This Christmas, she won't live in fear of being hit or hurt by her boyfriend. *

Last Christmas was terrible," said Angela, which isn't her real name, in order to protect her. *She tried to make it a nice Christmas, putting up a tree, buying presents and making dinner, but the fear of abuse kept her in a constant state of stress as conditions worsened the more her boyfriend drank.

*Experts say the holidays are the worst times for [domestic violence](#) as cases spike and relationships get more abusive, but the silver lining is



that more victims also escape this time of year than at any other.

*And there may be even more instances this season because domestic violence cases have increased this year, which officials largely

attribute to the sour economy. *Angela escaped just after the holidays last year - after her boyfriend of 10 years kicked in the bathroom door to get to her and broke her phone while she was preparing to take a shower. *

December and January are the busiest months of the year for the local domestic violence shelter, which offers numerous free services to victims, including free transportation to a heavily secured facility.



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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

HOTLINE

Safe Connections 24 hour Crisis Help lines (confidential) (314)-531-2003
National Domestic Violence Hotline (800) 799-7233
Domestic Violence & Rape Crisis Line(314) 531-7273
MO. Coalition Against DV (573) 634-4161

COUNSELORS

Provident Inc. (314)371-6500
Empowering Voices Now(314)830-9970
Life Source Consultants(314) 524-4130
Woman's Place(314)645-4848
MOTEL PLACEMENTS
SAWERRA(314)435-3722
ALIVE(314)524-4130

COURT/LEGAL ADVOCACY.

LAAW Call Legal Helpline (314) 644-6699
Lasting Solutions/Legal Serv. (314)534-4200
SHELTERS. Kathy J. Weinman (314)423-1117
The Women's Safe House(314) 772-4535
St Martha's Hall(314)533-1313
Lydia's House(314)771-4411

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FROM THE DESK OF CEO

Is Christmas a holiday or holy day? How essential is this question to your Christmas joy?

A mother went Christmas shopping with her young child. Feeling a drag on her arm she saw that her child was stopping to look at a manger scene in a store window. Impatiently she snatched him away saying, "Will you come along, we don't have time for that." Christmas is meant to be a joyous time, "Behold I bring you good news of a great joy" Luke 2:10. The Bible gives us

the reason for Christmas joy, a Savior is born!

It is truly a Merry Christmas only to those who know the meaning of the manger. Without the story of Bethlehem, Christmas becomes a hollow day! As the carol expresses it, "Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day." My prayer for all of us is that in the busy rush of the Christmas Season, we remember this: "To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11. God gave Christmas,

good tidings of a great joy for all people. I pray that we can all slow down this season to really enjoy Christmas because it really is a Holy Day!

Enjoy the Journey



Blessing Pastor Francello McCoy



"Is Christmas a holiday or holy day?"

ORGANIZATION SUMMARY AND HISTORY

HM2 was founded as a Missouri base not for profit 501(c)3 organization. The Board of Trustees approved Francello McCoy to be the Executive Director. The nonprofit will serve female clients in need of transitional housing and life skills training. The goal of the organization is to provide interim housing and skill training so that clients

become empowered and independent individuals. HM2 services are unique in his female-only and children clientele, long-duration transitional housing, and comprehensive empowerment program. HM2 will make a significant impact on the St Louis community, in both short-term skill development and empowerment.

In February, 2010 a nonprofit organization name Healing & Mending Ministry was formed. Through HM2's building campaign, funds are pending to purchase our first location. Our vision is a dream that is about to become a reality.

VISION & MISSION



Vision: To increase awareness to family resources, support services that directly impact decreased rates of domestic violence towards women, children and families.

Mission: To provide outreach, advocacy, resources, life skill services, education, research and related activities to underserved populations of abuse women, children and families.



Restoring Broken Families

HM2 EVENTS / OUTREACH

TOO SAVED



A young woman is caught between a rock and a hard place, when her prayers come true. Her boyfriend accepts God and leaves behind the street life, but does he go too far?

Movie Night/
Fellowship Dec
10, 2011

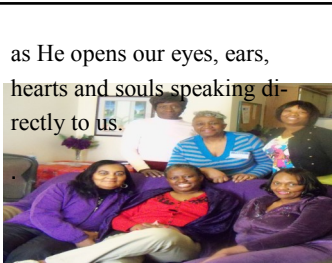


BOARD RETREAT JANUARY 27-29, 2012

Feed your spirit and
starve your flesh

We as Women of GOD, need to Draw closer to God. . . A relationship that assists us in sorting through our life situations, while aiding is to broaden and flourish. Moving forward, without looking back. Indulge, reflect and journal in comforting silence among God Fearing Women. One by one, exalting His name! HE shall be lifted up,

as He opens our eyes, ears, hearts and souls speaking directly to us.



Come to Me with purity of heart and exercise your childlike faith.

HOPEVILLE FEEDING THE HOMELESS-NOV 2011



Matthew 25:35 For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.

"Crown of Glory" Hat & Tea Luncheon Fashion Show Fundraiser-Aug 27, 2012



Event features lunch, fashion show, door prize, music by Rod Tate, Psalmists-Harvest, Praise Dancer-Divine Dance Ministry and special guest Katie Kearney-Miss Missouri USA 2012.



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Restoring Broken Men, Women & Families

Pastor Francello McCoy
CEO/Executive Director



D O N A T I O N

Healing & Mending Ministry is a not-for-profit 501 c3 organization funded by contributions and grants. If you would like to help us minister to hurting people through our educational materials, support groups, counseling, and financial assistance to victims of domestic violence, please send your gift to :

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or online at www.healmending.org.

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newsletter or in seminars, workshops, and support group meetings. You should always consult a professional for medical, psychological, legal, financial, or biblical advice.



Acts 20:35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.



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