



# Arising Hope

April, 2012  
Newsletter

**24-Hour Crisis Line:  
303-280-3180**

## There is **POWER** in the Name By Angela McMahan

*"Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit." Ephesians 2:19-22 (NKJV)*

Have you ever noticed how much power there is in a name? If I walked into an agency and said "I am on special assignment from Angela McMahan," no one would much notice or care. But if I walked into that same agency and said "I am here on the orders of the President of the United States of America," I might get a little bit more attention.

If you were to do a quick Google search and look up the meaning of your name, chances are you would have much in common with the characteristic listed. Our name is our first identity. Many times our last name will indicate information about our family of origin and the history of our kin. Many cultures and nations see a name as being so important that there is ritual and ceremony around it when a baby is born into the tribe or community.

Even in the Bible, many times God changed a person's name because it no longer fit them or suited their circumstances any longer. I am thinking particularly about Abraham and Sarah. When God was getting ready to move (promote) them He changed their names.

I learned very quickly in my recovery, that on my own, I am able to do nothing. *"God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble." Psalms 46:1* I had no idea how to get off drugs, start a nonprofit, or heal my brokenness of a failed marriage. I have been approached to write a book about "How to Get Clean from Drugs." But truly I still can't quite figure it out myself. All I know is that when my ex left, my cravings for doing cocaine left with him. It was a sudden deliverance. I know longer had the hurt, pain and shame of living with daily abuse. Therefore, there was no longer a reason for me to want to "tune out" or "get numb!" Really it became the exact opposite.

I now wanted to live; to feel alive and experience everything this life had to offer. I will be the first to admit that life can get you down, and it can hurt so bad at times you think you will die. But if I numb and tune that out then I also will miss those times that are so incredible and filled with so much joy. And the truth is, it's not worth it to miss those times any longer. The good days in life will by far outnumber the bad ones and I don't want to miss a single minute of it.

It wasn't in my name, or my strength that I was able to accomplish all that I have these past several years but God's. *"He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength" Isaiah 40:2.9* As I started to make better choices and hang around individuals who wanted the best for me. Who edified and uplifted me instead of tearing me down; I started to see the power of God working in my life. I could now look back and realize that God had truly been with me all along. Like the famous Footprints Poem says, When I was weak He carried me! As my life improved then I wanted to give back and help others to do the same. *"When the emotions of man manifest in response to the Word of God, they have the power to influence the course of any and all events in the world."*



## Memory Verse

**"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;." 1 Peter 2:9 (NKJV)**

## TESTAMONIALS

### Juanita: My Testimony

Ever since I can remember, I was always a child who was sick. It seemed like I always had tonsillitis, a cold, the flu, or something that kept me under the weather. Even as a teenager, I had cramps worse than anyone else I knew. So it was not a big surprise when, at the age of twenty (20) years old I was diagnosed with "Systemic Lupus Erythematosus" and as the name states, it wreaked havoc with all of my systems. It seems as though the reason I had been so severely sick and so often had to do with this diagnosis. For many years I would go to the doctor's office just to have him tell me that it was either "Rheumatoid Arthritis" or "Systemic Lupus Erythematosus." Finally, I got tired of hearing the same thing every time so I told the doctor I could not keep paying him to tell me that I had this or that. Shortly after making that statement, I was admitted to the hospital for definitive test. The doctor's made the decision that what I had was indeed Systemic Lupus Erythematosus. As this diagnosis manifested itself in many different ways I began to think that this was what all the different ailments were all about.

Once this determination was made, there was a course of action taken. I began taking the drug Prednisone on a daily basis. I had gotten up to 150 milligrams per day along with other medications. It actually was so bad that I was taking the medication in two handfuls because there was so much. This disease had taken over my entire life and on occasion tried to destroy and take my life away. At one point I spent a total of nine months out of the year (getting passes to go home for holidays) in the hospital. The hospital room I was assigned became like a second home to me.

Now here I am all delivered from this dreadful disease, only by the grace and mercy of God and suddenly I get hit not by one but by two different cars from the rear. In my attempt to manage the pain levels the doctors want to give me a Facet Injection (an injection in my neck to block the sensation of pain for a period of time). I agreed to it but something terrible went wrong and I found myself dead for a short period of time.

At this point, I know without a shadow of a doubt that the enemy has been trying to take me out probably even before I was born. Unfortunately, for him, God had a whole different plan for my life. As I seek His face, I see His hand moving in my life and I now have such peace and freedom because I know for sure that He lives.

### Michele

I want to thank you for sharing your journey and life experiences. The encouragement, strength, hope and being truthful; to my own struggles

pain, and doubt. In 2002, My dad sexually assaulted my twelve year old

niece. IT destroyed my family and hasn't been the same. I practiced my faith of being a catholic for 25 years. I was so ashamed and angry that I was a daughter of a sex offender. I left the catholic church forever. I told Jesus "how could you allow this to happen in my family?". I lost my faith, hope and believe that GOD existed. I thought if there is a GOD. Why is there so much pain, violence and families dealing with addictions and single parent households. I believe and have a love for Jesus Christ. I am glad to return to church once again. I am grateful.

### Lidya

When I went to an Ethiopian Restaurant I saw my friend and she told me about this ministry and so I came...this is my first night.

## Volunteers Needed!

**We are in need of individuals to help us work various craft fairs, events, farmers markets, thrift stores and markets throughout the Denver metro area. Youth and community service volunteers are welcome and appreciated!**



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## Wish List:

Monthly Wish List:  
We are in desperate need of the following items this month; little boy clothing (ages 0 - 18), kids toys, games stuffed animals, all household and kitchen items, dishes, pots and pans.

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## Donation Pick-Up Day

Tuesday, April 10, 2012

Call 303-280-3180 to schedule a pick up!

# Arising Hope April 2012 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 MILE HIGH FLEA MARKET	2 6:30 - 8:30 pm ROAD TO FREEDOM	3	4 8-10 am ROAD TO FREEDOM-ACDF	5	6 MILE HIGH FLEA MARKET 9 am - 12 pm 4th ANNUAL COMMUNITY FAIR - ST JOSEPH HOSPITAL	7 MILE HIGH FLEA MARKET
8 MILE HIGH FLEA MARKET  <b>Easter!</b>	9 6:30 - 8:30 pm ROAD TO FREEDOM	10 DONATION PICK UP DAY	11 8-10 am ROAD TO FREEDOM-ACDF	12 9am-2 pm DEEP SPRING CRAFT FAIR	13 MILE HIGH FLEA MARKET 9 am - 2 pm DEEP SPRING CRAFT FAIR	14 MILE HIGH FLEA MARKET
15 MILE HIGH FLEA MARKET 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm ROAD TO FREEDOM LEADERSHIP MEETING	16 6:30 - 8:30 pm ROAD TO FREEDOM	17	18 7 am - 3 pm SPRING FLING EVENT -AURARIA CAMPUS 8-10 am ROAD TO FREEDOM-ACDF	19 7 am - 3 pm SPRING FLING EVENT - AURARIA CAMPUS	20 MILE HIGH FLEA MARKET 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS:VOLUNTEER TRAINING	21 MILE HIGH FLEA MARKET 9 am - 4:30 pm CROWNED VICTORIOUS DAUGHTERS OF THE KING CONFERENCE
22 MILE HIGH FLEA MARKET	23 6:30 - 8:30 pm ROAD TO FREEDOM	24	25 8-10 am ROAD TO FREEDOM-ACDF	26	27 MILE HIGH FLEA MARKET	28 MILE HIGH FLEA MARKET 9 am - 4 pm CORONADO HIGH SCHOOL CRAFT FAIR
29 MILE HIGH FLEA MARKET	30 6:30 - 8:30 pm ROAD TO FREEDOM					

## HAPPY EASTER!!

