



Arising Hope

May, 2012
Newsletter

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

I Love You Always By Angela McMahon

“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails” 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 (NIV)

Those of y’all, who know me, know that I LOVE my dogs. Jessie and Jasmine are truly angels sent by God to protect me, love me unconditionally, make me laugh and smile throughout the day and bring me complete joy. I’m sure many of you reading this feel exactly the same way about your furry child as well.

So it was heart breaking last October when the large dog, Jasmine went down. No I didn’t have to put her down, thank God! When the Colorado weather got cold and snowy and her arthritis in her back hips became severe, she got to where she was unable to walk without assistance and became almost completely immobile. I had no idea how this event in her life would completely alter my life. I became her therapy coach, her legs when they wouldn’t work, her complete and total caregiver.

I’m very lucky thought because I learned how to care for her from watching my mom several years ago when my step dad Nick got sick. Oh I know this isn’t fashionable to say in this day and age, “if I don’t like it I’m out of here”, and “out with the old in with the new” society we live in today but Love doesn’t level. I was shocked at how many people spoke doom and gloom over Jasmine and I the past few months. Saying things like, “Will you get a new dog when you put her down?” “What, put her down? Are you kidding me? No one is going anywhere,” was my constant reply! *“Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” John 15:13 (NIV)*

Jasmine and I had to learn to trust one another all over again. She had to trust me to lift her legs (especially going up stairs, and to bring her food in the morning and make sure she got her pills three times a day- none of which was easy and required a great deal of sacrifice considering my crazy busy schedule) and I had to trust her not to go too fast that I ended up on my face. But I had decided that I would not leave her and that no matter what I was going to see her through this season in her life. You know, there have been times in my life that I gave those who loved me many opportunities to walk out and never look back and I am so glad that they stayed by my side and saw me through my hard times.

I am happy to report now with the weather warming up that Jasmine is doing GREAT! Last week she walked around the lake by my house all by herself with no assistance from me. She has also attempted swimming small distances in that same lake. We are tapering her off her medications and she should be completely off them next month. I’m so proud of her. There is gratitude in her eyes that I can hardly describe.

You see, that’s how God is with us. When we go down in life, hit a rough patch and can’t get up. He comes along beside us, carries us, lets us lean on Him. When we think we can’t go any further, He is our constant coach telling us, “You’re almost there now just a few more steps!” I know in those dark, cold and lonely moments it can seem like you are all alone. But I assure you He is there. *“How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings” Psalms 36:7 (NIV)*. Many times he sends an angel, someone to come along beside us and help us until we can do it on our own again. Many times he calls us to be that angel for someone else. *“Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it” Hebrews 13:2 (NIV)*.

God shows up in the world through you and me. Fulfilling God’s need is the highest act of love, and only through that love for God can you fulfill your love for others. Become the Love of God in the world for the protection of the world.

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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

Second Time: Ron

I was very depressed, lonely, no joy in my life. my marriage was going in the wrong direction. I was during drugs & drinking alot. Life didn't mean a whole lot to me. My life was a mess. I call a friend up to ask if the pills he was taking for depression was helping him, but before I call him, I got on my knees & pray to God. this is where Jesus steps in. My friend said no the pills are not helping him, they are making him more depressed so he quit taking the pills, he said do not take the pills. He told me to pray it had help him. I've been praying ever since. As of today no depression, not lonely anymore, no drugs, marriage is going in the right direction. This is my 2nd time with road to freedom, if you go thru the steps, do your lesson read your bible & pray every day, Jesus will handle the rest, you will be ok trust in the Lord. Thank you



Seema

This class has helped me to stand up for myself. I shine more and am more talkative. It got me closer to God. I started a Bible Study in my pod and I am trying to share Jesus with my fellow inmates. I completely repented of all my sins. I'm not so focused or thinking about my boyfriend anymore while I'm in jail (who he's with and what he's doing). I smile a lot more. I feel good and I love it when we sing in class - it's like God sent me a bird to sing beautiful songs just for me. God saved me and blessed me so much with this class. He's teaching me patience and so much more while I'm here.

Sonya

Last August I started my first Road to Freedom class. The week before, the Father of my children borrowed my vehicle to run to the store and never came back. He stayed gone for days with no call, no courtesy to me or his children, just gone. I had endured this type of abuse from the man I loved for 20 years. It changed me. I lost myself. I felt completely alone, with no where to turn. The next week I stumbled upon Angi's FB page and read about The Road to Freedom class. I decided to give it a try. I was already broken and felt I had nothing to lose. I sobbed my entire first class. I so badly needed kindness, warmth, friends that weren't out to hurt me, and a closer relationship with God. I found all those things and more at R2F. I found that I am a strong woman who loves God and my children. I found that it is okay to give a piece of my heart and my friendship to others without waiting for the day they run away with it and never come back. I'm learning to trust. I'm growing as a person more than I ever have and am proud to say that I am so very blessed to be part of the Road to Freedom family. I love you Angi, Jackie, Tracy, Robin, Grace, and all my R2F brothers and sisters. You all have become a part if my heart.

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:

We are in desperate need of the following items this month; kids toys, games stuffed animals, all household and kitchen items, dishes, pots and pans, black lawn trash bags, plastic grocery/shopping bags, water proof address labels (Size: 1"x2 5/8"), outside canopy (10x10 and 10x12), folding tables and chairs and mason jars.

Follow us on
Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?ref=home#!/pages/Arising-Hope-International/140849206907>



Family Thrift & Arising Hope

Partnering to help end the sting of domestic violence

Mother's Day Special

Beginning Mother's Day weekend and every 1st weekend of the month, Family Thrift will host a sale in which a percentage will go back to Arising Hope.

Arising Hope provides a safe place of love, healing and empowerment to victims of domestic violence. We give safe emergency shelter and housing; as well as, many other resources and services that assist women, their children and their domestic pets into a life free from fear and abuse. Arising Hope also provides educational presentations about the impact of domestic violence on the community.

FAMILY THRIFT

Family Thrift Store
12455 E Mississippi Ave
Aurora, CO 80012
303-360-0703

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Reminder: you can still get Discounted Elitch Tickets-Coaster for Caring Fundraiser is back. Tickets good now through May 31st. Call Angela at 720-436-1206 today!!!

Donation Pick-Up Day

Tuesday, May 8, 2012

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

Arising Hope May 2012 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		May 1	2	3	4	5
			8 - 10 am ROAD TO FREEDOM- ACDF		MILE HIGH FLEA MARKET 6 - 9 pm COFU BLUES & BBQ	MILE HIGH FLEA MARKET
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
MILE HIGH FLEA MARKET	6:30 - 8:30 pm ROAD TO FREEDOM		8 - 10 am ROAD TO FREEDOM- ACDF		MILE HIGH FLEA MARKET 5 - 8 pm ART ON THE FAX	MILE HIGH FLEA MARKET FAMILY THRIFT HUGE SALE
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Mother's Day MILE HIGH FLEA MARKET FAMILY THRIFT HUGE SALE	6:30 - 8:30 pm ROAD TO FREEDOM		8 - 10 am ROAD TO FREEDOM- ACDF		MILE HIGH FLEA MARKET	MILE HIGH FLEA MARKET 8 am - 1 pm SOUTHLAND FARMER'S MARKET- AURORA 10 am - 5 pm THORNTONFEST
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
MILE HIGH FLEA MARKET 9am - 2 pm ORCHARD FARMER'S MARKET	6:30 - 8:30 pm ROAD TO FREEDOM		8 - 10 am ROAD TO FREEDOM- ACDF		MILE HIGH FLEA MARKET	MILE HIGH FLEA MARKET 8 am - 1 pm SOUTHLAND FARMER'S MARKET- AURORA 8 am - 2 pm HEARDING CATS 5K RUN
27	28	29	30	31		
Pentecost MILE HIGH FLEA MARKET 9 am - 2 pm ORCHARD FARMER'S MARKET	Memorial Day		8 - 10 am ROAD TO FREEDOM- ACDF			

*HUGE THANK YOU to ALL the AmeriCorps
Volunteers!!!*

*Road to Freedom
classes starting May 7,
2012 at 6:30 PM at the
Potter's House Church
of Denver, 9495 E
Florida Ave, Denver.
Let's go to the higher
level together!!!*



New Partnerships:

*Boutique at Brighton
located at 20 N Main St,
Brighton, CO is now
carrying the Arising Hope
perfume oils, anointing
oils and salt scrubs.*

*Family Thrift Store located
12455 E Mississippi Ave,
Aurora, CO 80012 will host
a huge Mother's Day Sale
were a percentage of the
proceeds will go to Arising
Hope (See flyer for details)*

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!!!