



Serving at Love & Care Ministries

Behind the Walls

In January, Randa Russell and I made a trip to the Lane Murray Unit in Gatesville.

This was the unit where Randa was once in bondage. It was beautiful for some of the women at the unit who knew Randa to see the transformation as she continues to walk in freedom.

While I was there, the Lord spoke to me, telling me that NBBC must do more to help these women still incarcerated.

I am taking Emily Whitten and Lori Mellinger to the Bridgeport Unit on March 18, where we will be part of a housing forum for the ladies there.



Pray that we touch the lives of some of these women who are hungry for change.

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Romans 8:28

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

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We are almost to that time of year! Our New Beginnings-Big Country garage sale is on the horizon and we are eagerly seeking donations to raise money to offset costs throughout the year.

We prayerfully ask you all to reach out – to your friends, family, churches, life groups, women's groups and even your own storage to help us out.

You are always so faithful in your support of these precious women; I believe you will continue to be so.

I cannot thank you enough for serving in obedience to Jesus and our ministry.

Were it not for all of you doing the Lord's work, these women could still be in bondage.

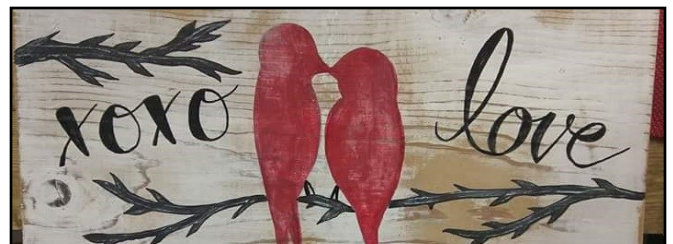
This year, we decided to have just the ONE garage sale in the spring. So mark your calendars for April 18-22. Anyone who wants to volunteer during this time is so appreciated, too. It's a very special bonding time that you won't want to miss.



InnerCreations

After some slow months at InnerCreations, business is beginning to pick back up!

Come see us at the store, 2252 S. 14th, between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday thru Friday, or 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturdays.



What NBBC means to me:

It means exactly that: A new beginning. When the feds finally came banging on my door with indictments, I was so lost and hopeless. After trying to talk my way out of a federal warrant, one of the marshal's said to me: "Hutchison, you are going to go in there, do a few years and come out with a whole new life."

Going to prison saved my life. Physically, emotionally and spiritually. Towards the end of my incarcerations, like 6 weeks from the door, I came to the realization that I had nowhere to go but back to where I came from.

God had brought me so far, and he wasn't done with me. Some things came up and my aunt sent me Missy's phone number and wished me luck. All doors had been closed that led to Del Rio.

After a long weekend spent crying, God shut the doors to open the ones here to New Beginnings. I am not sure I can put into words what this program means to me, but I will try.

I used to pray to have time to pull myself together. I would pray for God to help me get a job. I used to pray to help me find some people who "get" me.

All these deep, lost, heartfelt prayers that I prayed when I was so bound in my addiction, he blessed me with. I was able to come out of prison and blessed with 2 weeks to just adjust.

I just got my first legal job in 10 years, with the help of this program. I am an only child who is surrounded by sisters who I think genuinely love me and who are happy to see me take even the smallest of steps forward. I have never had that, but God knew I needed it.

These are things that essential to me and my walk forward and God knew this. I am so very grateful to this program and to Missy. I have made short-term goals: a job, learning to live sober. My long-term ones would be to bring my kids here.

My spiritual goals are to become more sure in my walk. I want to be more sure of myself when I hear God's voice. More obedient. I want someone to look at me and see what God has done in my life.

I hope to open up more and share God. I think God is calling me into service. I am not sure how, but I am in no hurry. I am learning that it is about His time and not mine.

- Leslie Hutchison



Missy, Tracy and Aurelia as the girls began FaithWorks.



Left, Cato gives us a donation of clothes for the ladies. Below, hard at work cooking and serving at Love & Care in January.

