

SUCCESS STORIES

A JAIL MINISTRY SUCCESS STORY

Boerne, Texas



My name is Chelsea. I am 37 and this is my journey. I was raised in a single parent household with a father that was drug addicted in and out of prison my whole life. I was always missing something and having dealt with a tremendous amount of trauma by the time I was in my adult years. I found myself latching on to unhealthy toxic relationships. I found myself being a single parent household with three children.

At the age of 30 I fell into an extremely abusive, narcissistic relationship. My life continued to spiral downward intertwining my life with the wrong people and being in the wrong places at the wrong times I found myself in County jail.

I remember walking into the tank and one of the girls were sitting at the table working on a workbook. She told me that she was in the Christian Women's Job Corps program, and I should sign up for the next round of classes. Thank God that I did.

Walking into that first class was the first step into my life being changed forever. Week after week, class after class I was being filled, my soul ignited with Scripture. I was gaining knowledge that gave me the power and courage to overcome my past. It was because of this program that within the walls of Kendall County jail I was healing.

When released I walked out with my head held high knowing that I was a child of God, that God has a plan for me, and I have a purpose to fulfill.

Since then, I have completed my High School Equivalency Diploma and I'm now working as a behavioral health associate.

Christian Women's Job Corps taught me that by having the faith of a tiny mustard seed you will say move to your mountain, and it will move and that nothing will be impossible for you. This is a Scripture that I share daily to my clients. Planting seeds of hope and faith and using my testimony to encourage the possibility of change. Just as the women of Christian Women's Job Corps and the program did for me.

Christian Women's Job Corps was a vital part of my journey and has forever changed my life. Thank you for all that you do for the broken and lost because of your light and guidance I now have found my purpose.



HEARTS & HANDS:

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S JOB CORPS



Lindale, Texas

"I was depressed while attending classes and most days struggled to attend. I didn't really think that I could grow and learn while in that state of mind. Now, I believe that God brought me back to Texas to be in the classes at Heart & Hands. I learned each week that my doubts and lack of faith were just lies that Satan had painted on the walls of my heart. I was reminded daily of how amazing God is and now I have faith in the fact that God loves me. Even though I can't see or imagine what His plans for my life may be that doesn't mean that He doesn't have one."

- Airenada

"When I came to Heart & Hands I lacked the confidence I needed to succeed in the workplace. I quickly began to see myself as a uniquely created child of God through our Bible study. I began to rise up with strength and confidence as I learned to trust God to direct my path. After graduating, I received my state insurance license and I am now working as an independent agent."

- Patricia



GOD'S STRENGTH GAVE ESTHER HOPE

Abilene, Texas

Esther was a student that had so much joy, it was contagious! She was studious and took to heart what our classes taught her. Towards the end of our semester, she realized her dream to become a CNA was possible!

God gave her strength to research her options and she was able to find a way to get her classes paid for in return for a commitment to working there for some time after she completed them. She did not waste any time! In fact, she started her CNA classes the day our classes at CWJC ended.

Sometime later that summer she stopped in my office to say hello and to pick up her graduation gifts. It was then that I learned that she completed her training and was going to become a nurse! I was elated!

It is always amazing to see how God strengthens us and makes our paths straight in the direction he leads.

Congratulations, Esther! Keep your heart open to all that God has in store for you!

–Sharon Maurer, Executive Director
CWJC Abilene



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Impacting Texas

40 communities in Texas host Christian Women's and Christian Men's Job Corps sites. Each site offers training unique to the needs of the residents of their community. These training opportunities equip people for careers, to grow in faith, and in their relationships .

Based on Biblical principles, prayer, volunteerism, and Christian community development practices our sites are congregational outreach ministries or 501c 3 organizations.

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Trainings offered vary by location and may include the following:

- Technology Training
- Financial Management Courses
- English as a Second Language
- High School Equivalency
- Trades apprentice training
- Transitional Housing
- Behind and Beyond the Bars Life Management Classes
- Entrepreneur Classes
- Bible Discovery
- Life Coaching/ Mentoring
- Job Readiness classes
- ...and More!