

MINISTRYUPDATE

////// Liz Beck > Director

Things have been busy around R2R!! It has been almost two months since we sent a newsletter and so much has happened! It seems as though we are experiencing "warp speed" as we continue to grow and more people are learning about R2R.

Our event in April launched us into a new season. Not only was this a great boost in funding, but many people were exposed to the mission of R2R and we have already begun serving new people as a result of this exposure. You can watch the R2R presentation on our website, view the entire list of donors and enjoy all the photos.

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Thank you for your prayers for our leadership team and for the people who are receiving care. Thank you for your financial investment in people who are finding freedom and lasting change. God is truly moving! Here we are, eighteen months into our official launch and it is evident that this ministry is greatly needed and is helping people connect the truth of God's Word to the struggle of addiction and real life.

There are many things happening and I am excited to share more details in our next newsletter. I am incredibly thankful for your heart for the hurting and for standing with us as we press forward and continue to develop programs and curriculum.

Please pray for the Crossroads Metro team as they launch their meeting on July 10th (which is exactly one year to the day from the launch of the Crossroads Gilbert meeting).

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THE GAMECHANGER NEWSLETTER

Redeemed2Repeat. Our name has generated many questions and lots of dialogue. In short, we have been redeemed, set free, rescued by Christ because of His work on the cross and we are called to repeat this, sharing hope and walking with others (discipleship). A few months ago something happened that gave a visual image to the vision and the name. When we began our Crossroads weekly support group meeting in July 2014, a lady began coming, still using. A month later she entered detox and began her journey. The Crossroads meeting was an important part of her success. She received encouragement, tools and accountability. Fast forward nine months. Another lady in our group experienced a relapse. They began to meet using a relapse program that R2R developed. On a Sunday afternoon I stopped at Starbucks. As I approached, I saw these ladies sitting outside with their workbooks. It took me a couple of days to fully process what I had seen. This was a live example and representation of the purpose of Redeemed2Repeat.

This woman who had received help was now walking with another, helping her to know her Savior in a more intimate way and find true and lasting freedom. Both of these ladies are now working with a new lady as part of her accountability team. There are many ways that R2R brings application of this vision but this is why we are here and what your faithful giving has birthed. What a beautiful picture!

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Our first fundraising event on April 17th was a great success! There were over 160 people in attendance and \$8,300 was raised! Crosseyed Comedy kept us laughing with their improv. They were joined by Fox 10 weatherman, Cory McCloskey who caused quite a stir for our surprised guests. The food was the highlight of the evening with an all-homemade menu provided by Grano de Vida, Angel Morone and a number of friends. The silent auction was a hit with the favorite items being a Suite donated by the Arizona Diamondbacks, a skin care package from SkinScript and a diamond ring from Silver City Jewelers.



Introducing

CROSSROADS

A WEEKLY SUPPORT GROUP MEETING METRO

The weekly support group meeting in Gilbert continues to grow and new people are coming to see what this is all about. For many months we have been praying for other churches to partner with us and have had people from the west Phoenix area requesting a meeting. God has answered and after much dialog and training, we are excited to launch Crossroads Metro!! Trinity Bible Church has graciously embraced the vision and mission and has agreed to partner with us. Patrick and Candice McDonnell have been attending the Crossroads Gilbert meeting for a couple of months and are going to be leading the group in Phoenix. We are grateful for their heart, their love for the gospel and their desire to serve people who need hope in the midst of the darkness of addiction. This is a giant step of faith for this couple and for the church as the commitment required is great. In a recent launch meeting at Trinity, Patrick beautifully presented the heart of R2R... *"The difference is the gospel, instead of trying to provide a program that says if you apply this technique, or that set of steps, you will get this result. Jesus is not a formula and addicts are not problems to be solved or diseases to be cured. They are broken people, who need other broken people to show them we are all broken. But there is one who has made a way, and He promises that when we trust in Him we will one day be fixed. Recovery is not a one-size-fits-all solution to a single problem, it's a one Savior fixed all solution for every problem. We don't need to create sober dead people, we need to help create living disciples who in their obedience and love for Jesus mortify all sin. The world doesn't need another program. And the*

vision for R2R is not to be another program, but a gateway to the church, and the Kingdom of God here on earth where real and eternal transformation happens."

God has taken R2R to the next level of ministry over the past few months and we are excited to see the many lives that will be changed as a result.

Meet Patrick and Candice McDonnell



For thirteen years I was a drug dealer and addict. Fifteen years ago the Lord intervened in my life and I began the process of walking out of the darkness of drugs and into His light. Becoming sober came much easier than grasping the truth of the Gospel. Over the last few years I have grown in Christ and in proper doctrine. It is my desire to partner with Redeemed2Repeat in order to help those coming out of the dark to understand that there is freedom from addiction. Our only hope is in Christ. Once we understand who God is and who we are in Christ we will find the desire and power to walk victoriously. Although my wife has not struggled personally with addiction she has many family members who have. She has worked with other addiction programs and has a heart to love and nurture those who are struggling to be free. She also knows that without a proper understanding of God's amazing redemption we will be prone to continuous stumbling.

We look forward to seeing lives and families restored through the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

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The fruit of your giving

I have been a Christian for fifteen years. The first few years of my walk with Christ were new and exciting. I had gone from a life of darkness and living for myself to being a new creation, with a new awareness of my sin and previous separation from the very God who created me. In 2003 I had a neck injury, which required numerous procedures and monthly doctor visits. I eventually became dependent on narcotic pain medication. Through many trials with family and children, I began to run to and abuse the pain medication, desiring a mental, emotional and physical escape from the hardships. Instead of walking by faith I was walking by sight. This led to broken relationships, isolation and grave sinful behaviors.

From 2009 to August of 2014, I was at my worst. The Lord tells us, "if I am His, nothing can pluck me from His hand." He began to bring circumstances to my life that exposed my sin to everyone around me. They could see it, but I couldn't. One of the last things brought to my attention was an eye opener. Our first grandchild was born and after several gatherings with family, I had displayed behavior that brought great concern. My son let me know that I wasn't allowed to be around my granddaughter in this continued condition. The Lord helped me see that my choice to desire and abuse these medications was destroying my family and me.

With God's leading and grace I entered detox. Only after I was clean headed and off the drugs did I see my need and desire for Jesus and grace more than my desire and need for drugs. About the same time Redeemed2Repeat was starting to meet weekly. I began coming every week and knew right away that this is where I belong. I wasn't alone in this addiction. My faith is being restored. I'm able to share my struggles and am building relationships with people who were just like me. I recently began meeting with another woman and we are working through a book with God's Word once a week. I have been redeemed and now I can repeat my experience with others who struggle too. I'm so very grateful for this ministry.

- Tracy S.

Caroline was baptized this month and her testimony was inspiring! You can watch the baptism and hear her testimony on our website: www.redeemed2repeat.org/baptism

