



# MINISTRYUPDATE

*Liz Beck, President*

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We were invited to serve on the **Chandler Gilbert Coalition for Substance Use** and have participated in several community events in association with the Coalition.

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We hosted **three leadership training sessions** this year. Two Redeemed2Repeat specific and one including Teen Challenge of Arizona staff.

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We have been talking/meeting with **three churches** across Arizona interested in partnership.

Another part time staff member was added, giving two part-time staff in addition to my full-time position.

The **Gilbert group has new leadership**, allowing me to focus on training and expansion.

In May, we began a "Milestone Meeting" honoring sobriety dates, with a focus on God's faithfulness. Since May we celebrated four people in the Gilbert group (two with one year and two with two years sobriety).

We developed a **formal discipleship program** for those wanting more in depth and intentional accountability and growth in the Lord. We currently have three ladies officially engaged in this discipleship.

A **teen meeting for girls** began meeting in July. This monthly meeting is for teens with a family member that has struggled with addiction. We discuss biblical truths about God and His love for them in the midst of very dark situations. This is a safe place for them to begin to talk about the devastation of addiction in their lives and how God can heal their broken hearts. One of the girls said this meeting is the most helpful activity in her life and wants to meet every night.

The most exciting thing accomplished this year is **more than 135 people interacted with Redeemed2Repeat** in a significant way, all of whom heard the gospel message.

In just three short years, God has done a remarkable work! More people are learning about how Christ's work at the cross brings transformation. One of our ladies recently told me, "What you are doing is special." Another said, "There is nothing like this... I've looked. Redeemed2Repeat is what I have been praying for." **Thank you for standing with us and bringing hope to people who desire to be free.** As we look forward to 2017, we anticipate continuing the activities of 2016 as well as growing in the areas of discipleship, training, expansion and church partnerships.

Thank you for joining us in our mission to help people overcome addictions through the transforming power of grace as they interact with the Savior and become invested in the local church for ongoing discipleship, biblical teaching and community. Your continued partnership and prayers will help us reach more people with the message of hope, help us equip more churches and serve more people in their journey to new life and freedom from addiction.

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