



The Storey Story

May 2014

Meet “Winona”

Dear friends,

On April 24, we saw our first NightLight girl come to know Jesus! We'll call her "Winona." Let me share a little of her story.

We met Winona last fall at a local strip club. We actually met her by accident. A couple of us dropped by this club on a non-outreach night to say hello to the bartender there (who is a believer and ministers to the girls who works there on a regular basis!). As we sat and talked with the bartender, this girl sitting next to us jumped in on the conversation. Turned out she was a dancer there. She was taking classes at a local college. She went to a local church. And she really wanted to hang out.

So one of our team members began to invest in her. They began texting frequently. They started spending time together. We started learning a little more about Winona. She had worked in prostitution and pornography. She has a son that she doesn't have custody of. (Her former pimp does.) Honestly, I rarely heard about the relationship, except the occasional "yeah, we're still hanging out" and "yeah, she sometimes still goes to church" from our team member.

But then in April, we invited Winona to a women's rally at a church in town. We always invite girls we're mentoring to these rallies, but this was the first time any of them came. Winona was one of them, and at the end of the rally, she went forward to surrender her life to Jesus. In fact, our team member was on altar call duty that night, and got to be the one to lead her in prayer!

The following Sunday, Winona got baptized. I have to admit...any time something like this happens with someone like Winona, I'm a little cautious. A little skeptical. A little unsure of the sincerity and a little inclined to wait and see if transformation really happens.

Let me tell you...transformation is happening in Winona's life. The week after her baptism, she began searching voraciously for other work. She began reading her Bible like crazy, attending a new believers' class at her church, and just simply *going for it*. She's even had some conversations with our team member about the steps she might need to take to get her son back.

So here's the deal. God is working in Winona's life. In fact, God was working in her life from the first time we met her. Shoot, He was working in her life from *before* we met

her. And He was working in her life for 6 months after we met her...even when it didn't *look* like He was working. It didn't look glamorous or sensational, or even all that productive. But our team member was faithful and obedient to God's call on her life to be in relationship with this girl. And wow! What a sweet reward!

So how about you and me? What relationship is God calling us to be faithful to? Intentional toward? Are we feeling unproductive? Are we not seeing any fruit?

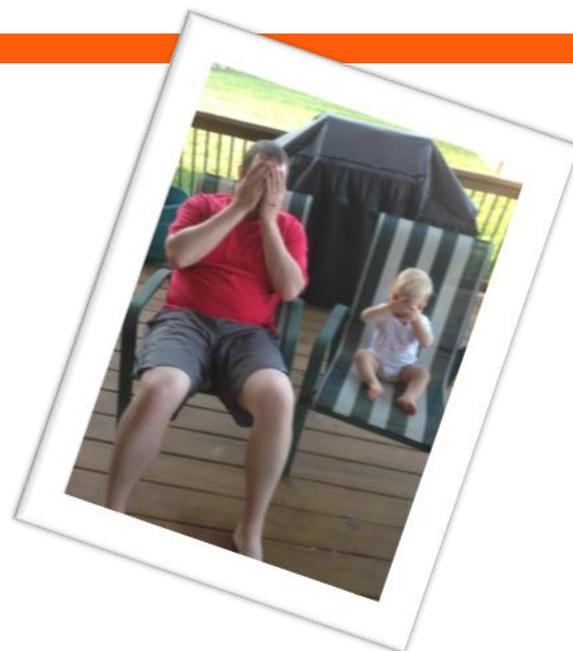
Winona's story is a powerful encouragement to me. If we will just continue to be obedient, continue to be faithful, continue to pray and trust the Lord to work...wow! He comes through. We may not see it yet; we may never see it on this side of eternity. But He IS working.

So let's keep pressing in and pressing on. Let's continue investing, and leaning in to that hunger for God to work a miracle in someone's life. In many people's lives. Because that's what God does. It's who He is. And it's what He will do.

I'm praising God for that!



(Above) Some of our new jewelry is pretty gorgeous. Shop at www.nightlightinternational.com. (Right) My boys. We're playing "hide away."



We Need Your Prayer

This month, I would just love it if you prayed for us. Here are a few specifics to pray for...

- **Pray for us next week as we go to the international ICAP conference.** We'll be spending a week in Wisconsin with other ministries from around the world who are working with women in prostitution and with all angles of the sex industry. Pray for us, that God would work in us during this week—that we'd receive vision, correction, teaching, and some beautiful time with God and fellow practitioners in this field.
- **Pray for wisdom and productivity as we build our restoration programming in the coming months.** We've spent some focused time this month defining work that needs to be done to really build our restoration programming—that is, the programs/resources that will guide our interactions and services with women we meet on outreach (or who are referred to us). We need focus and favor as we begin to execute on the work in the next few months. There is a LOT of work for us to do, and it needs to be done well.

- **Pray for God to bring us men.** We need men who love God, have a heart for protecting and honoring women, and have a heart to see men brought to freedom from pornography and sex addiction. We need men who will become faithful members of our outreach team, and who have a heart to see men in our churches and community transformed. We need men!
- **Pray for our location's hiring efforts.** We just hired a Volunteer Coordinator and are about to hire another general staff member! Now we need an Intervention Coordinator and Restoration Coordinator. Pray for the right candidates to come our way, and for support raising to move quickly. Pray for wisdom in who to hire, and how to build a new staff team.
- **Pray for "Melanie."** I shared about Melanie in my last newsletter. Like Winona, she came with us to the women's rally in April. By the end of the rally, she was in tears. A part of her longs

to know and be loved by God and to follow Him, but a part of her does not. Pray that God would speak to the depths of her soul in the coming month. That He would speak against any fears and lies she is believing about Him or herself. Pray also for her as she works to get away from dancing and back on her feet. She's in the process of signing up for summer classes at OTC!

If you're ever interested in praying for us and for this ministry in person, we have a monthly intercession/outreach night that anyone is welcome to participate in. This night lasts from 6-9pm on one Friday evening each month. It's like a mini-outreach night, where a small team goes to the clubs and the rest of the team stays behind and prays. If you're interested in checking it out, email, call, or text me! Contact info is below.

Thank You

As always, I am grateful for you. Thank you for taking the time to read these updates, to pray, and to partner with me. What a blessing to our ministry when others can bear witness to our vision, our successes, and even our failures. And what a blessing to me, personally.



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