



## **Measuring Success one Life at a Time: A look at a few of our local *real-life* stories**

♥A mother and her four children fled from the abusive father/husband after he attacked the mom and the oldest boy (when he tried to help his Mom). They literally had nothing but the clothes on their backs, she called us, we responded...they are now in their own place in another town and the mom is being trained for a good job so she can support her family. He was jailed.

♥A young mother of three was beaten with a large metal flashlight, off-and-on, all night by her husband as he drove around in the country. He finally threw her out of the truck and she was able to walk to a farm house for help. He seriously injured her and she required extensive medical treatment. She testified at his trial, he was sent to prison. Today she and the children have a nice place of their own; she has a very good job and does volunteer work.

♥A woman, her two children and a friend walked into our office at 3pm the Friday before Memorial Day, she had been beaten by her husband. They had already been to an emergency room to have the gash on the back of her head stitched; however, her glasses had been broken into her face and her teeth knocked back into her mouth. We located a dentist who was willing to stay late to do emergency repairs and a local church paid for the woman to have a new pair of glasses made that night. We also helped her with a police report...he was arrested and jailed.

♥A woman was raped by her longtime live-in boyfriend who then literally threw her out in the snow. Somehow she managed to walk to a hospital through the 3-4 foot drifts and had the hospital call us. Only the main highways had been cleared and travel was nearly impossible but, we found a willing driver and a 4-

wheel drive truck so we were able to pick her up, take her to a hotel and get her a hot meal. Christmas was only two days away so the thought of her stuck in a hotel alone was unacceptable. We called law enforcement to see if they had any ideas (her family lived 50 miles away). They located an off-duty EMT who had some kind of super 4-wheel drive and was willing to make the trip to get her home. It took him 3 hours each way, but they made it.

♥Two sisters were molested (raped) by their mother's boyfriend, they told their mother, who reported to law enforcement and then the mom called us. They all came for counseling every week until his trial date. The girls and their mom refused to accept his first offer of a plea and held out until he agreed to accept a 30-year-sentence. The oldest sister brought her prom dress in to show us, but the beautiful dress didn't hold a candle to their smiles.

♥A policeman delivered a mother in her pajamas and no shoes, with a baby in her arms, to our door for help...we helped.

♥A 6<sup>th</sup> grade student disclosed her father's molestation of her, *for the first time*, after a CCI school presentation...she received help.

♥After a Scout presentation on "Staying Safe," a Scout disclosed, *for the first time*, that both she and her sibling had been molested by their father...they received help.

♥A mother and her two children walked to a phone booth and called us for help after her husband had beaten her in front of the children...we helped.

♥A survivor of years of physical, sexual and emotional abuse gathered the courage and asked for help. She is now divorced from her abusive husband (who was jailed for his crimes), raising her four children (who are doing very well now) and she is *going to college*.

♥We asked our Moms what they would like for Christmas. Nearly all said nothing, but when pressed some said soap, shampoo, and maybe some underwear...they always put their children first...we made sure they got the underwear *and jeans, and shirts and shoes*.

♥A young woman wanted to flee from her abusive boyfriend and return to her out-of-state family, but she had no money. We bought a bus ticket, packed a

picnic basket with food and drinks, and delivered her to the bus station in Evansville. She called when she arrived and she and her family profusely thanked us for caring...we do.

♥A young Mom of two tiny children was raped and beaten at gunpoint *by her ex-husband*. She stuck with the “system” for two *long* years... he was convicted on four felonies and is now in prison. She returned to college and has maintained a 4.0 GPA.

♥A woman was kidnapped, forced at gunpoint to drive across two state lines and then raped by her ex-boyfriend. He was convicted on two felonies, but requested and was granted a parole hearing *one year later*. She and her 80 year old Mom traveled to the state where the rape was committed and testified at his parole hearing. The parole board “flattened” his sentence as a direct result of her courageous testimony: he was told that he will not be allowed to request another hearing for a *minimum of 12 years*.

**Now, all of these women and children are living...**

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