

# Syndeo Ministries

"Remember those in prison as if you were bound with them!"

Hebrews 13:3

SYNDEO (Greek) Bound with them. This word has two meanings:

1. bound in chains; to a prisoner, as a prisoner
2. bound, connected in heart, as all believers should be



*Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.* ~James 1:17 NIV

Our God is a God who loves to give us good and perfect gifts! This June we will be welcoming a new bundle of joy into our lives! Please be in prayer with us for a healthy pregnancy and delivery. As many of you know, I was taken from my children when they were young. My youngest child, Emma, was only 7 months old. I deeply yearned to have another baby. Shortly after proving my innocence and gaining my freedom, I became pregnant. Sadly, a few days later, while speaking at a women's conference, I had a miscarriage. God used the miscarriage for His glory, but it was very difficult to experience yet another loss. It wasn't long until I became pregnant again, only to find out my body wasn't producing enough progesterone to support a baby. The constant state of fight or flight in prison had depleted the necessary hormones. My doctors prescribed hormones to supplement those that were low and put me on complete bed rest, in hopes that this baby would make it. Unfortunately, a month later, I miscarried again. We all experienced God's strength, as we trusted His plans in our pain.

As we moved forward, I received treatment for some of the health issues that my time in prison had caused, and worked on getting healthier. I came to the point where I gave up my dream of having another baby. Maybe I was too broken? But Psalms 147:3 says, "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." Shortly after having "given up" on having a baby, God surprised us with a beautiful answer to our prayers. I'm currently halfway through my pregnancy, and God has provided some of the best doctors to care for me and my baby. We are so thankful and very, very happy to say that our baby is growing perfectly! We are excitedly looking forward to her arrival!!

## Syndeo Discipleship School Bunkhouse

We are so excited about all of the progress that's been made on the bunkhouse. A youth group from El Paso came on a missions outreach to Syndeo Ranch over the summer. They actually began the work on the bunkhouse, by digging and pouring the pillars for the foundation. They also prayerfully and lovingly wrote scripture verses of promises for the women who will someday live in the building. Since then, we have had multiple amazing groups come and help us build a their future home. We now have all of the framing done and the building has the wrapping for weather proofing. Thank God!

We no longer have to stress so much about the rain (and snow:) ruining the work that had been completed. We are so grateful for all of the people who have provided labor and time for this project. We can't wait until this home is complete, moving us closer to opening up Syndeo Discipleship School for up to 25 ladies! So many hearts have been poured into providing



this safe place for ladies to come and grow in the Lord, as they walk through the transitional period from inside prison walls, to outside in the "free world" again. The ladies who will come here have been prayed for and are already loved so much. We will keep you guys posted as things move along. We are working on curriculum and looking forward to the day this will open. Please continue to pray for the finances and laborers to get everything done. We still have lots and lots of work to do!



It's finally time for our next Bible study, which is called:  
"The Holy Spirit" by Denise Coburn.  
If you would like to join us and participate in this study, please write us at:  
Syndeo Ministries  
P.O. Box 60101  
Corpus Christi, TX 78466  
You will receive a copy of this Bible study book and after you complete that study, a certificate of completion will be sent for both the parole board and for you to keep. If you signed up to receive studies this year already, there is no need to reorder,  
Your study will be sent automatically.

## A Word from Larry



*"After this the Lord appointed seventy-two and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field'."*  
~ Luke 10:2

I was so blessed this past year to have the opportunity to take two of my children to Peru on a mission's trip, where we served with the Dujay family, missionary leaders of Calvary Chapel Cusco. We were able to meet the local people and to get a glimpse of the culture. We saw the need for Christ in a place that is not our home country. For many years, when our children were small, we spent our vacation time as a family, taking missions trips to Mexico City. I had looked forward to the time when I would once again be able to take my children on a missions trip, encouraging in their hearts, the desire to serve others with Christ's love. It took ten years, but now, once again, we had this great opportunity; making friends in a new country, and serving along side of one another for the glory of God. Not that Christ doesn't call us to serve Him wherever we are! There's just something about being willing to set aside the comfortableness of what we know, and leaving and going to the harvest fields in short-term missions trips to another country. God uses that!

Not everyone is called to live in Peru or Mexico City, or even to pastor a church for those in prison like we are. But every Christian is called to demonstrate the love of Christ, and I am confident that God will give you every opportunity to serve Him in ways that will stretch you and bless you.

*It is only by the prayers of many that this ministry not only came about, but continues. Please pray that we show God's love to those we meet, touch, speak with, write to, and visit with. And that the words we say and write will make everlasting changes. Please also continue to pray for the ladies inside, as they grow in His love.*

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