

MILITARY FAMILY MINISTRIES....

“That the generation to come might know, even the children yet to be born that they may arise and tell them to their children, that they should put their confidence in God and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments...” Psalm 78: 6-7



Dear Family and Friends,

May your 2015 New Year be filled with “remembrance stones” of God’s faithful and relentless Love. May He encourage your heart, knowing He is with us always ~ Immanuel.

I’m writing to invite you to become an integral part of Military Family Ministries (MFM). Please join me in praying, and please consider partnering with me in reaching military wives and families with the hope and joy of the Gospel.

Our nation is engaged in numerous wars. Military marriages and families face the relational challenges of multiple deployments, separations, deep loneliness, re-integrations, and the negative impacts of war. There are temptations to cope with destructive behaviors like alcoholism, drug use, pornography, infidelity, domestic violence, overeating, and child abuse. Many are looking for answers and help.

A MINISTRY WAS SPROUTED, LAUNCHED and CONTINUES...

MFM began in 2007 with me leading ladies’ Bible studies and mentoring military wives. In 2008, God led my late husband, Cedric, and I, to officially launch it together pursuing a three-fold mission:

- 1. encourage marriages** to be strong in the Lord, grounded in His Word through Bible studies and couple-to-couple mentoring;
- 2. equip military parents** in nurturing their children in God’s Word through mentoring and Bible studies;
- 3. model biblical relationships of love** practicing “Sacrificial Acts of Joyful Love” including hospitality, packing or unpacking for moves, meals in crises, babysitting – everyday needs unique to young military families.

God laid the groundwork during thirty-four plus years of marriage. I delighted in my calling as Cedric’s helper and in nurturing our children. We moved many (19+) times, and there was a “mission field” for me within every different culture and community! I’ve been privileged to live in rural areas, inner city, deep south, on the coast, mining towns, and suburbia. I’ve rubbed shoulders with very wealthy as well as with the poor and underserved. God has woven all my past experiences into the core colors for the tapestry of where He has me with the military, which is a microcosm of the myriad cultures and people in positions of both power and powerlessness.

I have continued MFM since 2011 when Cedric went to heaven. “Life is short, eternity is long; live like you believe both.” J. Piper.

MFM’S GOALS REMAIN THE SAME, with some adjustments now that I’m a widow:

- 1. Mentoring military wives** one on one, through Bible studies, and combination Cooking/Sewing/Bible classes in my home where children are also invited to use fun, safe outdoor and indoor play areas. The Bible studies include teaching on God’s attributes, marriage, parenting, Titus 2 topics, and godly womanhood. Mentoring is also done through “Military Family Ministries” Facebook site, and a resource page on Pinterest. Most military wives will move often; social media is an excellent ministry tool to encourage, mentor, and/or counsel through private messages. God uses this venue for MFM to reach hundreds with the hope of the Gospel in relationship.

2. **Biblical Counseling** is done one on one, within the context of Bible studies, or via phone and online chats/private messaging. Goals of biblical counseling are to: listen; come alongside; draw counselees to God and His Word, knowing that the Gospel is central in all relationships. Counseling is always free within MFM.
3. **Sacrificial Acts of Joyful Love** is ministry with intentional kindness including hospitality to women and families whose husbands and dads are deployed, helping pack or unpack, bouncing a baby, bringing “love meals” in times of crisis or need. I also have goats and chickens plus a pony that I saddle up for the children to ride. I’m establishing a large raised bed garden and small fruit orchard to share with 4 to 6 military families. It will hopefully be ready this coming summer. The goals for the garden are to mentor/garden and to give entire families respite together while working in His creation. With my home nestled against the Rocky Mountains, God uses His creation to comfort war-torn souls. He also uses the animals to minister to the mixed up, often broken emotions of the military children.

This is the mission field that God has given to MFM. Because of the peculiar needs and stress within the military community, there is a hunger for the stability in relationships that can only come from knowing the Lord and His Word.

THANK YOU SO MUCH for joining me as a very real and integral part of this ministry to military wives and families.

A monthly commitment equivalent to just one nice meal out would be wonderful!

Presently, I’m receiving 15% of my expenses. I need your commitment in order to continue.

In His hope and joy,
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P.S. In addition to ministry, I would love to share all that God has taught me in these past 3 ½ years of widowhood, but it would literally be a book. Suffice it to say that I miss him (Cedric) and I trust Him. I’ve grieved, transitioned, prayed, laid at His feet, written, read and worshipped a lot thru tears, yet with the real Hope of eternal LIFE! I’ve relished being with my children, their spouses, and nine grandchildren. They are dearer than dear to me. Please pray for my family to love and serve God – always! Doing as much as I can with much help from my son and some from others, I’ve worked like “crazy” to make this property livable and functional. It’s been hard, but it is done for the most part. I’ve also finished my bachelors in Christian counseling!

“For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Romans 8:38-39

Please let me know your commitment by printing, completing and mailing this page to MFM's umbrella ministry:

**Community Mediation Project (CMP)
PO Box 1901
Parker, CO 80134**

For tax deductible giving, mail gifts to CMP, checks payable to "CMP" and clearly designated to "Sandi Boehr" and/or "MFM".

To give through PayPal or by Credit Card, go to www.mediationproject.org, click the "Donate" button on the left sidebar, then follow the prompts to designate your gift to "MFM-Boehr".

Yes, I'll pray with you to partner in sharing the gospel in relationships with military wives and families.

Following are examples of ministry expenses, please check (✓) any that you would like to support:

\$30/mo host military women for coffee/mentoring

\$75/mo for phone service/internet

\$100/mo electricity (average)

\$40/mo to feed the Shetland pony that the children ride

\$50/mo to host military families for dinner

\$100/mo towards general ministry expenses

\$350/mo gas & auto expenses

Other monthly amount \$_____

One time amount \$_____

Your Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

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THANK YOU!