

"He set my feet on a ROCK and gave me a firm place to stand." Psalm 40:2



The Sara Ministry

F O U N D A T I O N

'Taking Women From Surviving To Thriving'

2008 In Review / Vision & Needs 2009

GOD HAS BEEN AMAZING through the multi-ministries of The Sara Ministry Foundation in 2008, and the two books foundational to our organization. It was truly a year of NEW BEGINNINGS* that included incredible acts of God and new ministry opportunities. Thank you to those who participated and for all who will continue to support these ministries this year and beyond. Our apologies for this late update...

How Your Support Proved **POWERFUL** for the cause of Christ in 2008:

1. The Sara Ministry Foundation became a non-profit organization recognized by the state of Illinois and applied for 501(c)3 tax exemption. We are excited to share with you that today, at this writing, we received notice from the state granting us 501(c)3 status! PRAISE GOD!

What does this mean for YOU? Not only are your future financial gifts a charitable deduction for your income tax, but your past donations are retroactive and can be claimed on 2009 taxes! PRAISE GOD!!

2008 Giving Receipts: Thank you for taking a leap of faith with us by your giving in 2008. We were careful to send a 2008 giving receipt to every donor. If you donated to our organization but either did not get a receipt, or no longer have your receipt and desire one, please let us know and we will mail that receipt to you.

2. The books that birthed the ministries: *Now I Lay Me Down To Sleep: The Story of Sara* (by Jen Miller), and *Child of Promise* (by Debbi Migit), were released in book, audio book, and e-book formats worldwide through Tate Publishing in August 2008. The public met both books with much curiosity then **incredible response and reviews**. We watched God move again and again in the hearts and lives of many, in powerful, heart-changing ways, through these books foundational to The Sara Ministry and Child of Promise Ministries of our organization. Jen and Debbi traveled on behalf of the books and ministries to numerous states.

While these two autobiographical novels are very different true stories, both are MIRACLE stories proving that the promises of God are real and miracles do happen! They are also proving, by God's hand, to bring renewed hope, faith, and purpose. **Do you believe in miracles? Does your spirit need a jump start, a fresh fire??** If you haven't read these books, we urge you to do so. Both are available through all major book stores and on-line book retailers. Signed copies are available through www.sara-ministry.com. You can access the web site of Child of Promise Ministries via The Sara Ministry, or directly at: www.childofpromsie.net.

3. The Sara Ministry Team took multiple opportunities in 2008 (and presently), to invest in the lives of countless women and teens, addressing critical life issues that too often keep women in 'survival' mode instead of THRIVING as empowered, whole, and free women of God. **Team members were (and are), privileged to serve as speakers for large and small group events, and as teachers and mentors for small groups and individuals. We were (and are), privileged to witness again and again the heart and life-changing power of God.**

Serving as a teacher and mentor of The Sara Ministry, Jen Miller was privileged to minister **weekly** to the 14-17 year old girls in residence at Audrey's Home for Girls of Teen Challenge International. At any given week of our 'Read & Rap' ministry, Jen sat on the floor with up to sixteen teenage girls, each famished and parched of spirit for unconditional love, acceptance, and life direction, and she read aloud her true story, rapped (interacted / talked), with the girls about the real life issues and principles and promises of God's Word, interwoven throughout her book.

THANK YOU to all who participated as **prayer moms** and as **donors** for the girls' Christmas gifts with our team in December 2008. Because of your love through giving, each girl received a large, hand-made, quilted tote filled with fun gifts and priceless treasures. Among the gifts was an 'attribute' bracelet for each girl, to remind her that she is of great value as God's unique creation, and that He has a plan and purpose for her life.

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VISION & NEEDS 2009:

How you can help us to fulfill the mission of The Sara Ministry

1. **Bible-based studies and support groups offered by The Sara Ministry Team.** We have more and more need to offer teaching and facilitating of our present three curriculums listed below, and plans to add additional curriculum and classes. It is our desire and intent to offer these classes and the necessary materials **without cost** to any woman who desires to grow spiritually and emotionally through the principles and promises of God's Word:

Becoming ALL God Created Me To Be

Funds Needed: \$16 per copy, per person

Who Am I: Discovering My God-Given Gifts

Funds Needed: \$10 per person materials cost

Thrivers Recovery & Support Groups

Funds Needed: \$16 per copy, per person

2. **Office & Classroom Space:** We praise God for the growth of The Sara Ministry team and ministry opportunities that necessitates the need for our own office and classroom space:

One-year cost estimate: \$7,000 (rent, utilities, phone, basic office equipment, furniture, and basic supplies)

3. **GoodSearch** is a search engine designed to generate support for non-profit organizations like ours, with NO cost to you!! It's quick and easy to download, and every time you and your family and friends use the GoodSearch search engine, with our ministry selected from among the non-profit organizations listed, we gain a small financial kickback.

Simply go to the following web address and follow the download instructions. Once the GoodSearch Toolbar is downloaded, choose Sara Ministry (Washington, IL). Then simply do all your Internet searches via this toolbar. THANK YOU! <http://www.goodsearch.com/toolbars.aspx>

Your donations are tax deductible.

THANK YOU for helping us to fulfill our mission through your prayers and financial giving.

You may donate via our secure web pay at: www.sara-ministry.com/our-needs.html

Or by mail to: The Sara Ministry Foundation
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With gratitude –

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