

# Missions

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## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: OUT OF DARKNESS MIDDLE GEORGIA

**REACH, RESCUE, RESTORE** Out of Darkness is the anti-trafficking ministry of Atlanta Dream Center, Inc., a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Out of Darkness Middle Georgia is the first chapter affiliated with the Atlanta Out of Darkness ministry. Out of Darkness Middle Georgia is focused on reaching victims of the sex trafficking industry in the Macon-Warner Robins and surrounding Middle Georgia counties.

**Our mission** is to reach, rescue and restore victims of commercial sexual exploitation, that the glory of God may be known.

**Our vision** is for Middle GA to be known as a place of restoration where every woman is living free.

**Our purpose and passion** are to love the broken (Isaiah 61:1-3)

### How can I help?

1. **PRAY.** Isaiah 61 calls us to proclaim freedom to the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners. Come before the throne of God on behalf of these victims, praying for their freedom, salvation, and safety.

2. **VOLUNTEER:** This is best way to help us Reach, Rescue, and Restore, women trapped in the sex industry in Middle Georgia. You can join us on the **Princess Night and Adopt A Block** teams immediately. Go to our Facebook page to sign up.

- **Princess Night:** Out of Darkness' Princess Night outreach is working to break the cycle of sex trafficking one Princess at a time by going into areas where sex trafficking is taking place. Several Friday evenings each month, Princess Night volunteers share a message of God's love, hope, and restoration. Volunteers meet at 8 PM. After training and prayer, we go to areas of street prostitution to hand out roses and handwritten cards of encouragement and scripture.

- **Adopt-a-Block:** Takes place on the last Saturday (following Princess Night) of each month. Volunteers share a message of God's love, hope, and restoration with every precious man, woman or child that we encounter by visiting hotels and other areas where trafficking takes place. Our outreach team gives them hot-line contact information, toiletries and other essential items.

3. **Sponsor a Recovery Bible/Workbook.** One area of ministry of Out of Darkness is their local jail ministry. As they meet local female inmates, they have requests for Bibles. These are specially designed Bibles and workbooks dealing with recovery. **Would you consider sponsoring a Bible & workbook for female inmates in Bibb County? Cost is \$25 for both.** Make checks out to Martha Bowman UMC and in the memo, please write **OOD BIBLES.**

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As God continues to move in our community through Martha Bowman, we want to share ways to connect and celebrate the mission and ministry opportunities of our church. View our Missions Photo Gallery at [marthabowman.org/connect/missions](http://marthabowman.org/connect/missions).



## Local

**HOWARD MIDDLE SCHOOL:** Howard Middle School is a church partner and they've recently reached out asking for Hygiene items. Students have been privately requesting these items so as to attend school fresh, clean and prepared each day. Deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, sanitary napkins (no tampons), shampoo/conditioner (Caucasian and African American). *Donations can be left in the "Howard Middle" basket at the wooden cabinet inside the Main Entrance.*

**BIBB CO. DEPT. OF FAMILY & YOUNG CHILDREN:** Request help fulfilling Christmas wish lists for children in Foster Care. The two ways to sponsor this project are through monetary donations so gifts can be purchased or requesting a child's Christmas wish list in an age group of your choice. *Make Checks to Bibb County DFCS and earmark "Christmas for Foster Care" Mail to: Bibb County DFCS 456 Oglethorpe St. Macon, GA 31201.* To sponsor a child, please contact Ms. Tiny McMurry at [tina.mcmurray@dhs.ga.gov](mailto:tina.mcmurray@dhs.ga.gov)

**NEIGHBORHOOD CHRISTMAS PROJECT:** Once again, we will be collecting gently used toys, children's winter coats and \$5 gift cards for a neighborhood in South Macon. We've partnered with this neighborhood for 8+ years and help provide a positive Christmas experience each December.



## National

**FAMILY MISSION TRIP TO KENTUCKY:** We have the possibility of going on a family mission trip in the spring to Kentucky. This would be an experience open to any families with children in elementary school and up. If this is something your family would be interested in, please contact Elizabeth Hammock at [ehammock@marthabowman.org](mailto:ehammock@marthabowman.org). Specify which Spring Break your child has as this will help determine dates.

**ALASKA 2020:** As we prayerfully consider returning to Alaska in 2020, would you like more information about serving on a team there? Contact Elizabeth Hammock if you are interested in more details: [ehammock@marthabowman.org](mailto:ehammock@marthabowman.org).



## International

**TIJUANA, MEXICO:** 10 people from Martha Bowman departed to Tijuana on October 12th to partner with Spectrum Ministries. This marks our 3rd trip in 2019 and 15+ years partnering with Spectrum! *Please be in prayer for our team: JoAnn McCall, Denise Lester, Becky & Michael Oliver, Ashley & Ansley Griffin, Jordan Steffen, Maddie Jackson, Derian Wilson, Witt Gaither.* **SAVE THE DATE:** Wednesday, November 6th, 6 PM in The Commons. We will host Spectrum's Directors, Matt & Becky Kooi, for dinner and a time of sharing about this incredible ministry.