



Missions in Action – Amy Blettner

To give hope through transparency, to offer encouragement through experience, and to bring spiritual healing and transformation – this is the mission of “Just Be Inspirations,” a greeting card ministry and company founded by Amy Blettner. Amy, who is a covenant member and has been attending New Community Church since 2000, gave her personal testimony a few years ago to NCC about the effects of her son’s struggle with drug addiction. Before Amy learned to surrender her son to the Lord, every day she experienced heartache, insanity, and isolation. Amy says, “Addiction of any kind is a real epidemic and to not talk about it is damaging for a healthy recovery – for everyone in the family. But it’s hard for people to know what to say and there’s no Hallmark card that says more than ‘stay strong’”. So I felt the whisper to use my experience and faith to write prayers of encouragement.” This was in 2015.

After years of sending prayers in texts and emails and making hand-laminated wallet cards for people, Amy felt the calling get stronger. But she thought it was impossible to do anything more in her busy life. Then, in October 2017, Amy was house bound with a non-weight bearing injury. One of Amy’s favorite scriptures is “Be still and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:10) and Amy now faced the time where she had to “be still”. There was no question God orchestrated this solitude time for Amy to focus on His mission, and she believes it was in this quietness that she received divine inspiration through prayer and scripture that the words came pouring out of her. Through a connection with Sarah Nelsen, who also goes to NCC, is a talented artist and graphic designer, and just happens to have the necessary experience, Amy was able to officially launch the *Just Be Inspirations* ministry in January 2018. *Just Be Inspirations* creates cards of comfort, encouragement, and inspiration for those dealing with an addictive situation.

Amy is dedicated to use the gifts and talents that God has placed on her heart. This ministry is about connection, community, and acceptance for a disease that no one asks for and almost every family lives through. Amy has found her purpose and spiritual gift of exhortation through her trials and personal testimony that when we trust and surrender, God saves. She knows the only true hope comes from God, and she now spreads the truth, one prayerfully written card at a time.

Someone you know needs these. For more information, please visit <https://justbeinspirations.com/> or Facebook @encouragementforrecovery.

