



Beauty by Fire MINISTRIES

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Dear friend,

We are so grateful for your partnership with Beauty by Fire Ministries. Whether you give of your time, talents, treasures, or prayers, **your contributions make a difference!**

A man's heart plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps. ~Proverbs 16:9

This is the Word the LORD gave us when we were first married. It has kept us acutely aware of God's sovereignty over all things as well as His loving involvement in every aspect of our lives. It is our trust in and dependence upon Him that allows us to obediently walk in Beauty by Fire Ministries' mission. **We desire to glorify God, share the gospel of Christ, and serve family, the church, and community; through prayer, service, and discipleship.** We continue to see the faithfulness of the LORD and wanted to share with you just a few of the ways He has directed our steps in 2017.

Again, a most heartfelt thank you for your continued support! Now and in the year ahead, may the LORD bless and keep you. For His Glory,
Mark and Brooke

Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

James 1:27



We provided 28 Comfort & Prayer Packages to widows and their children to encourage their faith and minister to them personally in their time of grief.

Mrs. Mary received our largest service project opportunity to date! With the help of local businesses, ministries, and a host of volunteers, Mrs. Mary now has a new roof, a renovated kitchen and bathroom, along with countless necessary repairs to ensure her home is safe and feels like home!

Thanksgiving Blessing
A local MOPS, *Mothers of Preschoolers*, chapter partnered with us to provide a Thanksgiving Meal Blessing for 35 widows in the River Region.





shopping for mom at the Mother's Day Market



Widows' Day Out

Widows' Day Out provided an afternoon of fun, relaxation, and fellowship for widows while their children shopped for gifts at our Mothers' Day Market. A true blessing for all involved!

The Caring for Widows training manual is complete, and our pilot church partnership is well underway! Our goal is to create awareness while providing education, training, and practical support for Deacons and their wives in their endeavor to more effectively and intentionally care for widows and their children in the local church.

Also, we have been privileged to partner with numerous church groups to serve local widows while encouraging them to care for the widows within their respective churches and communities.



6th Annual River Region Prayer Walk
This year hundreds of people in the River Region came together to spiritually unite our community as we flooded the streets of downtown Montgomery with prayer. Back at the Union Station Train Shed, the Strong Tower praise team led us in worship while we enjoyed a day of fun family fellowship! Children set up a lemonade stand to help raise money for widows.



Our Board of Directors

From left to right: Carole Duffey, Mark Freeman, Brooke Freeman, Les Pittman, Vicki Dendis

Pamela Boswell is a Biblical Counselor whose passion for counseling children has lent itself to the blessing of a small group setting for the children of widows to participate in Bible study while equipping them to walk by faith through life and the emotional aspects of grief.



Every month Beauty by Fire personally ministers to widows in the community through luncheons and bible studies, cook days to stock their freezers with meals, practical help of cleaning and organizing, fun fellowship opportunities, and so much more.

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