### The RM Update

August 2019

#### At the Races

Several times throughout the year RM students have the opportunity to travel and work on behalf of Reconciliation Ministries. Recently, RM students traveled to Kentucky to help out during a week of NASCAR races. These trips require a lot of stamina and patience because the hours are long and the weather is usually hot...even hotter when the venue is made up of asphalt!

While these work trips allow students to work and support the ministry, these trips also provide opportunities to interact with people and share the gospel. Each morning RM chapel services were held in the hotel lobby. Hotel guests were curious, and students had opportunities to specifically pray with several regarding needs they had in their lives or their families. One staff member especially felt a connection with RM's students. She has been sober for a year and actually asked to do the laundry for the students while they stayed in the hotel. What a blessing she was!

These work days are long, but Cyndi recalls that although the work is never glamorous, she finds more joy in doing ministry work than doing work she used to get paid for. When work is done "as unto the Lord," others will notice. And notice they did. Comments were received, stating that there was a difference in the quality of the work RM students did and the work of some of the regularly paid staff. What a testimony about the character of these RM students!

Going on the road and representing Reconciliation Ministries is not always easy. However, even when traveling, God shows up and continues speaking and moving in the lives of our students.



## Approaching the Finish Line

We are so excited about how God will use RM's women's home to impact the lives of many women seeking reconciliation to God, themselves, and others. Final touches are being made for a move-in date of late August.





# 3RD ANNUAL (RE)NEW HOPE BANQUET

On September 26, 2019, RM will celebrate the newest graduates of our Men's and Women's Programs. We hope you will join us for a night of inspiration, as we share program updates and rejoice in the work the Lord has done.

Location: 111 Maiden Lane,
Lexington, SC 29072
Cost: \$50/person
RSVP online
www.reconciliation-min.org or
email info@reconciliationmin.org

### WOMEN'S HOME GRAND OPENING!

Join us November 19th from 12p-1p to celebrate the grand opening of the women's home! You will get a chance to tour the newly renovated women's home and hear how God is already transforming the lives of the women living in the home. Light refreshments will be served.





#### **Celebrations Continue**

On Sunday, July 7, RM had the privilege of leading worship at Columbia First Nazarene! RM also celebrated the accomplishments of 10 students who finished various contract levels within the program. There are 5 contracts full of Biblical teaching, character qualities, and leadership development that each student has to finish in order to complete the RM program. Congratulations to everyone on your hard-earned achievements!

### **Community Outreach and Testimonies**

As part of the RM program, staff and students continually have opportunities to speak at local churches, organizations, and community events. Recently, RM students had the chance to lead worship and speak at a Celebrate Recovery meeting at First Baptist of Lexington. Not too long ago, Zachary completed the RM coursework. He shared his testimony and offered a word of encouragement to over 100 people who attended that night.

Seeing God transform the lives and bodies of RM students is awe inspiring. As students give their testimonies, they never know who will be in attendance. As it happened, someone from Lakin's high school was attending this CR meeting. Afterwards, she approached Lakin and commented on how changed she was. She really couldn't believe it, because as Lakin says, "I was not someone you would approach and want to be around when I was in high school." This was yet another opportunity for one of our students to share what God has been doing in her life.

God IS moving in the hearts of RM's students. He is preparing them to boldly share their testimonies and to always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks them to give the reason for the hope that they have.

(1 Peter 3:15)

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