



PRAYING FOR CHRISTIAN JOB CORPS OF TENNESSEE

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“I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.” Psalm 34:4

Over the past several months, we've highlighted the eight Key Elements of Christian Job Corps. Thus, we've been reminded of what Christian Job Corps does. While understanding the foundation and mission purpose is informative and critical to overall understanding, it doesn't explain the outcomes or “the why”. So, for the next several months, we are going to focus on why Christian Men and Women's Job Corps has been around for almost 30 years and the impact that this ministry has on real people throughout the state.

If you were once a CJC participant, volunteer, site coordinator, or advisory board member, we would LOVE to hear your story. How did this ministry change you personally? For example, 20+ years ago, I was a site coordinator in Middle Tennessee. We were managed through our local Baptist Association, where I was employed as Church/Community Ministries Assistant (just a fancy title for Secretary plus!). We were small, but we impacted several women. I still sing the praises of one young mom who was able to break out of an abusive marriage, obtain her master's degree, and eventually remarry and have a successful career. Her determined, persevering example prompted me to return to school to pursue my own master's degree. She was a great example of a student being surrounded by love and encouragement, given a chance to change the trajectory of her life and, in the process, become a teacher and mentor.

Dear Heavenly Father, we are so grateful for the 30 years of Christian Job Corps of Tennessee. We praise You and give You all the honor and glory of lives transformed. We especially thank You for the example of so many women and men throughout the years who have changed the trajectory of their lives through their perseverance in attendance, study, Bible Study, mentor relationships, and the prayers of so many faithful prayer warriors.

Lord, most recently, we celebrate with a West TN CWJC and the example and testimony of “Anna”. “Anna” had been on drugs and finally found her rock bottom. She persevered through the Powered for Life curriculum and through love, nurturing, and successful rehab; Anna reunited with her family and is an excellent worker at the ministry Thrift Store.

Site Spotlight: Gibson County, CWJC is seeking prayer for more workers and more exposure to local churches, communities and employers. *Pray that ears will be open to hearing stories of changed lives, that local churches will adopt CWJC as a ministry to support through church budgets and/or special offerings, and that these churches will help promote and solicit volunteers on behalf of the site.*



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