

County-Wide Chaplaincy

Thanks you!

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STORY: Part 5

As we continue to learn more about our chaplains and their “story,” I am privileged this month to share with you Debbie Zitt’s story in her words.

Hello, my name is Debbie Zitt and I have been with County-Wide Chaplaincy for 8 years. Forty-one years ago we were standing at the graveside of our precious four year old son, Daniel. It was a cold wintery day, February 16th, and I was numb and in shock as we buried him. A gentleman came and stood between my husband Doug and me and introduced himself as Chaplain Landis Epp. He then said this one sentence, “I’m here for you today on behalf of your friend, Ronnie Sue.” I didn’t know it at the time, but that moment would change my heart forever. His presence was so very warm and comforting on that chilly and dark day. That day God placed a seed in my heart to answer the call to ministry as a Chaplain.

Through the years, God’s gracious love, healing and redemption put our broken hearts back together so that we could faithfully “comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.” 2 Corinthians 1:4

Our director, Sam Lapore, says of this ministry, “It is a painful privilege” to be a chaplain, but we are reminded it is others’ pain, not our own. In this way we can be present to help in their time of need and to bring God’s comfort and love.

Only God can turn tragedy to triumph and hurting to healing. It is an incredible HONOR to serve God in this ministry and share His love to the broken hearted. God promises He will “bind up the broken hearted.” Psalm 147:3

Debbie, thank you so much for sharing your heartfelt story. It is such an encouragement to once again see how the Lord uses all the events of our lives to mold, shape, heal, and ultimately share and serve with others. Such a full circle, big picture of God at work. Thank you Debbie, for listening to Him and being willing. You in turn are being used in a mighty and precious way.

As always, thank you to all of you who support this ministry in so many various ways. It would not be possible without your continued participation.

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