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Helping Pastors Soar

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Celebrating a New Ministry Launch!

BeYOUTiful Daughters

A Haven for Pastors Daughters

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Mrs. Sarah Seaberg, PK Specialist

There is such a great need for healing, guidance and direction for Pastors' daughters. I know in my heart that is why I lived through the experiences and tests in my teen years, so that now God can use my tests and make it into a beautiful testimony!

Satan is hitting young people hard right now in light of the direction that our culture is taking. Often pastors are seen as needing prayer and support for their chosen profession, however what happens to their children who didn't have a choice and were born into the ministry life?

Eighty percent of adult children of pastors surveyed have had to seek professional help for depression.



Pastors children are often outcast by not only those outside of the church, but deeper more painful wounds often come from those in the church that place unachievable expectations on these young lives. Who does that leave for these young people to turn to for help? They can't talk to anyone outside the church because they would judge and not understand, they can't talk to anyone in the church for fear of not living up to their expectations, and they won't talk to their parents because, well teens just don't do that kind of thing.

There needs to be a safe place for them to turn to before they turn to dangerous destructive behaviors in an effort to belong. They need a listening ear who has walked in their shoes and who can help them to know that what they're feeling and experiencing is normal and justified. If what I went through can help even one pastor's child from taking the path that I did, and save them years of heartache and pain, then all that I experienced as an attack from the devil can be redeemed as a victory for God's Kingdom.

A DVD of Sarah's Story is available upon request. Listening to Sarah's Story will help you understand why we believe so strongly that God has called and prepared her to lead this ministry to Pastors' Daughters. Sarah launched the BeYOUtiful Daughters Blog on June 29, 2013.

I recently had lunch with Pastors Philip and Bernadette Smith. They are blessed with seven children. When I asked if they were aware of a need for a ministry to Pastors' Kids, they both said, "Absolutely!" Bernadette sent me a follow up note confirming their conviction.



We believe that there is a GREAT need to minister to pastor's children. They are under so much pressure to perform to be perfect. They often feel like if they make a mistake, that it will hurt their parent's ministry. Many feel that they cannot be themselves but have to live up to the way other people think they should live. I have heard of some pastor's children rebelling against God, because the pressure has been so great upon them.

*Blessings,
Pastors Philip and Bernadette Smith
Eternal Word Church, Grandville, MI*

Sarah Seaberg is uniquely qualified by her life experience as a Pastor's daughter and her training as a Special Education Teacher. Sarah and Aaron celebrate their 12th wedding anniversary on July 6, 2013. Sue and I can testify that Sarah is a wonderful mother to our three grandchildren. Sarah has been ministering to young women for over a decade. She talks with them about teen dating violence and emotional abuse. She also talks with young women about discovering the BeYOUtiful You from the Inside Out. I believe Sarah is the most qualified person we can find for this new ministry to Pastors' Daughters. I believe God will do amazing things through Sarah in the hearts of Pastors' Daughters because of her deep love relationship with Jesus, and her willingness to be open, transparent, and real.

We are planning to film additional parts of Sarah's story and testimony as a Pastor's Daughter. **Our goal is to film on location in Sayville, Long Island, NY, where I served as the Pastor of New Life Community Church for 23 years.** My son Andrew will film and produce the DVDs that will be used in multiple ways in this ministry.



Please ask the Holy Spirit how He wants you to participate. We hope He leads you to become a **Prayer Warrior** for our ministry. We also hope He moves you to become a **Financial Partner** as we launch this new ministry to Pastors' Daughters.

Checks can be made payable to **PastorCare West Michigan**. It would be helpful if you identify your contribution for **BeYOUtiful Daughters** in the memo line.

A response envelope is included for your convenience. Our mailing address is:
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Blessings!

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