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## A TRUE RESCUE MISSION



"De'Anne Obasanya"

From time to time I like to feature people in the Brown Report that make a difference but yet only a few people know about them. I am writing about one of these people now, De'Anne Obasanya. De'Anne is an attorney who has been practicing for 15 years in the Metro Atlanta area. I met with her recently after she was seeking my help in a workers' compensation claim. She found my information after looking at my firm's website. Workers' compensation is my primary line of business.

I met with De'Anne in her law office with the prospective injured worker. After a very productive meeting I gave my advice and left to go back to my office.

A few weeks later I invited De'Anne at my office for lunch with me and my staff. In the course of our conversation I asked De'Anne what motivated her outside her law practice. What she told me was amazing.

De'Anne volunteers with Atlanta Dream Church's Out of Darkness Outreach. She travels with other volunteers to downtown Atlanta as often as possible in an attempt to "reach, rescue, and restore" women who are being sexually exploited and trafficked. Clearly this is not an easy task.

This Outreach is called Princess Night. De'Anne loves the name as she feels that each woman that she meets on the streets are Princesses. She loves engaging with them, looking at them straight in the eye so that they can see the love of God, listening to their hearts and letting them know that she is there for them.

So Princess Night occurs every Saturday from 7-10PM. Out of Darkness delivers roses and homemade cards containing the Out of Darkness 24/7 hotline number to women being affected by commercial sexual exploitation in the metro Atlanta area, offering prayer and encouragement to the individuals it meets. Out of Darkness desires for women to feel seen, valued and loved. Male team members may have the opportunity to minister to men who are exploiting others and engaging in other illegal activities, while making sure that the team remains safe.

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Training and prayer begin at 7PM. The team then prays as they travel to visit areas that are vulnerable where they will engage with victims of commercial sexual exploitation and offer prayer, resources, encouragement and hope. The team returns to Atlanta Dream Center for a quick debrief and prayer and then dismisses at 10pm.

DeAnne and a number of others who provide this great service start with prayer. This is no small matter. When DeAnne enters the downtown area, they pair up in groups of two as DeAnne and another begin a conversation with the women that they identify. They talk with the ladies and pray with them and try to provide them with hope, love and encouragement.

A male team member is standing close by to offer hope, love and encouragement to any males in the area and to ensure the safety of the team.

If any of the women ask to be rescued, arrangements are made to pick her up at that time, and then her needs are assessed, and the restoration process begins.

Although DeAnne risks physical harm when she engages in this operation, she knows that she is covered and protected by God and has never been harmed in any way since she started volunteering with Out of Darkness over 3 years ago. There are times when there are not a lot of volunteers, and DeAnne hopes that this article will inspire others to offer their time and love to Princess Night.

There is no doubt in my mind that when she and her team get together and fervently pray, they along with the women that they

engage with, are covered by the blood of Jesus Christ.

You will not hear about this Ministry that DeAnne is engaged in. She may not take the time to tell you about it if you are in her office seeking legal services, but I believe you need to know how dedicated she is to this cause. It is wonderful knowing how many women she has touched and given hope to. I do hope you have an opportunity to ask her about her Ministry. When you do you will see her eyes light up, her smile broaden and she will be quite animated as she talks about how the Holy Spirit has worked in her life and the lives of those she helped rescue. DeAnne is a dedicated person and it is quite a pleasure to have recently met her. She is to be highly commended and favored. I do believe that when she is finally called home to Heaven, the Lord will look at her and tell her "Well done my good and faithful servant."

So, then, what are you doing in service to the cause of Christ? Are you an Ambassador for Jesus? Have you found a place to serve? We all need to be the hands and feet of Jesus on this earth.

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Tom and his wife, Carmen travel to Uruguay, South America, to help build and strengthen struggling local churches and organizations. He has been to Uruguay 25 times in the past 19 years and loves this work. They have made many wonderful friends over the years.

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