



KCM Announces Jennifer Anderson

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This month KCM announces the addition of Jennifer Anderson as Christian counselor. Jennifer has been a resident of Bakersfield for more than a decade, and is a graduate of Master's College (BA in Biblical Studies), as well as an ordained and licensed minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ. She will soon hold a Masters degree in Ministry, with emphasis in Christian Counseling from Summit Bible College. In addition, Jennifer has received specialized training in grief and trauma through the instruction of Dr. Norm Wright, and has honed her skills in this area by serving through Grief Share (a system of support groups intended to help those in grief). Regarding her addition, KCM Founder Dr. Michael Mannia (D.Min.) said, "It is with great joy that we make this announcement. We are blessed to have Jennifer on-board; she's highly skilled in the area of Christian counseling."

As a young widow, Jennifer came to know the pain and anguish associated with trauma and grief. Yet, through life's tragedies God has molded and shaped her to serve Him in the capacity as a Christian counselor. Jennifer has effectively demonstrated her call to this specialized area of ministry, as well as her expertise in Christian counseling during the past months as she interned at KCM. She states, "My passion is helping others through the pain we must endure to be able to ultimately grow in Christ. People are my passion! I am finally in a place where I do not fear refinement, but know it is truly for my own good and to better my relationship with my Lord. Through these eyes, I see much clearer and am able to lead others into this place."

For the past two months Jennifer has co-facilitated an intensive, Christ-centered program for women seeking to overcome the crippling effects of sexual molestation. Dr. Mannia said, "Statistically, one-in-four women in America will be sexually abused prior to reaching the age of eighteen, a majority of those women will be abused by someone they know and trust. This is a staggering statistic. Sexual abuse is a significant core-issue for survivors – one that requires an intensive approach in the counseling setting. This will be one of Jennifer's main focuses here at KCM – working with women who have suffered through sexual abuse." Most participants in KCM's sexual abuse survivors program will spend six months to a year working on this issue. Through this specialized recovery program survivors learn to: tell their stories, assess the damage of the abuse, move-off of cognitive distortions, develop healthy and functional coping skills, as well as come to experience the transforming power of God's redemptive work.

Jennifer is happily married – she and husband Jeff enjoy life together as a blended family with six sons. She affirms, "Our family is complete as we focus on Christ and His purpose for our lives."

Kingdom Community Ministries (KCM) is located in Bakersfield, CA, offering Christian counseling services. KCM's mission is to bring people into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, helping them to overcome the crippling effects of sin and guilt, and find forgiveness.

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