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 Hope For Wholeness Referral Ministry

 Referral Ministry of ROCK-Reclaim Our Culture Kentuckiana

THIS MONTH'S MEDITATION SCRIPTURE: *Oh give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples. 1 Chron 16:8*

[Bernice Vivian Mingo 1923-2014](#)



On October 27, 2014, just over four weeks ago, my Mom passed away. Until fairly recently she had been getting along OK, considering she had become almost completely blind over the years, complications from adult onset diabetes. Only in the last few years had she begun to rely on my Dad quite a bit to help her navigate unfamiliar areas.

Mom was born in Passaic, NJ and grew up during The Depression. I don't ever recall her talking about that time in her life as a hardship. Her Dad, my Poppy, was a police officer, and I believe her Mom, my Gram, was a homemaker. Mom was a classical pianist, and during her school career she won many state competitions. The week end after Mom died I was sitting in their family room in Mom's chair poring over a scrap book that Gram had compiled, made up of newspaper articles and recital programs detailing Mom's accomplishments. After high school, she enlisted in the Marine Corps during WWII, achieving the rank of Sergeant. I sometimes try to imagine my barely-five-foot Mom barking orders to other military women—just doesn't seem to fit her.

Mom was Jewish. Her maiden name was Seidler, but when she met and married my Dad (they were together just over 65 years) who was Catholic, she converted to Catholicism. At that time, she became born-again, acknowledging Jesus as her Lord and Savior. She lived out her walk with the Lord in the Catholic church, belonging to the same parish in Lexington for 58 years. But Mom was different than a lot of the Catholics that I knew and grew up with. The spiritual traditions she observed were not expressed by meaningless rote. For her, they were

heartfelt and life-impacting. Day after day for as long as I can remember, she would meet the Lord early in the morning in her chair for her devotional times-- reading the Bible, reading different devotionals, and (most importantly) praying for her family of seven children and spouses, fourteen grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Then, for a time, when Mom's eyesight got too bad for her to read on her own, Dad took over and read to her.

I was asked to eulogize Mom at her funeral Mass, in addition to the remarks which their parish priest made. As I prayed about what to share, the Lord brought me to John 3 and the story of Nicodemus. I shared how when Nicodemus, a Pharisee, came to Jesus in the night, Jesus must have seen something different about him than what He saw in the other Pharisees He dealt with who were antagonistic toward Him. Nicodemus had a heart to understand Jesus, and what He was saying. I believe Father saw that same thing in my Mom's heart, and saw the potential in her to further His kingdom in our family. Anyone who knew my Mom knew her to be gentle, sweet, kind, and generous (I joked that she gave to every charity known to man). I don't recall ever hearing a malicious word out of her mouth, always wanting to see the good in someone. At the end of the eulogy, I reminded our family members of the rich spiritual heritage Mom has left for us who remain, how important it is for us to continue that heritage by living in God's will, and to model that throughout the generations of Mingos to come.

This Thanksgiving, I am particularly thankful to the Lord for being a part of that heritage that Mom so diligently sowed into.

[Responses From You](#)

From one of our ministry supporters: Great! We all feel it (shame) one time or another. It's nice to have this kind of "gauge": If builds us up, then it is from God; if tears us down, then it is from the devil.

We welcome your responses to our articles. Did the Lord touch you in some way through what was shared? Have you had similar experiences? Do you disagree with our perspective? Let us know!

[Upcoming Ministry Meetings](#)

Overcomers Group: Thursday, December 4, 2014; Thursday, December 18, 2014

Family & Friends: Tuesday, December 9, 2014; Tuesday, December 23, 2014 **CANCELLED**

[Ongoing Prayer Requests](#)

As always, we covet your prayers for our ministry to grow, financial support to increase, to move forward proclaiming freedom to the captives, and that churches would open their doors to Abba's Delight. Please pray for our ministry participants, our Family & Friends Support Group, our meetings, our conferences, events at which we sponsor and exhibit, our Board of

Directors, and most importantly that many lives will be touched by the Holy Spirit to draw closer to Jesus, seeking freedom from their bondage.

Please pray that church leaders and congregations will awaken to the necessity of being Biblically prepared with wisdom and God's love to face head-on the growing numbers of those in our congregations who are being impacted, either directly or indirectly through a loved one, by homosexuality and the ever-increasing acceptance of gay life in our culture.

[End of Year Ministry Gifts](#)

As we near the end of 2014, it is time to give consideration to making final charitable donations. Please consider a tax-deductible contribution to Abba's Delight. You can give on our website through PayPal at www.abbasdelight.com, which gives you the option of donating monthly or one-time. Or you can mail in a check to our address shown at the top left of this newsletter's first page. Thank you for your consideration! And thank you to those who have so generously given throughout the year! Your generosity is making a difference in hurting lives.



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Now unto Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority before all time and now and forever. Amen. Jude 24-25