



# Disciples of the Way Ministries

*A Ministry of People of All Nations  
reaching out to People from All Nations*



Joyful fellowship during our Sewing Seeds of Faith Program.

## **The Joy of the Lord is Our Strength!**

Disciples of the Way's Sewing Seeds of Faith Program provides a warm and welcoming environment for refugee women who are surrounded by uncertainty and fear, especially in recent days. Our staff step into the lives of these women to provide community, education, and hope.

Sewing Seeds of Faith is centered around reading scripture and building relationships through which we share about God's unending love for his children. We do this because we remember when we felt alone.

***“Remember that you were at that time  
separated from Christ,  
alienated from the commonwealth of Israel  
and strangers to the covenants of promise,  
having no hope and without God in the world.*”**

***But now in Christ Jesus you  
who once were far off have been brought near by  
the blood of Christ.”  
– Ephesians 2:12-13***

Right now, many Americans are feeling unsafe. And God has the answer to our fears – Joy. Joy is included in 2 Corinthians 6:10 as a Christian characteristic and as a sign of the Holy Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23. This is the Joy that DOW uses to witness into the lives of people from all nations.

In the book of Nehemiah, Nehemiah asks the king for permission to rebuild the outer wall of Jerusalem. The outer wall of a city was very important for the safety of the people. Neighboring towns and people could steal, extort, and raid defenseless people who were living in a settlement without a wall.

When the people finished building the wall, they celebrated by listening to the Word of God. As they heard the stories of the Old Testament, they realized they had been unfaithful to God and their celebration turned to sadness. But Ezra told them:

***“Do not be grieved,  
for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”  
- Nehemiah 8:10b***

The people of God are able to say “the Joy of the Lord is our strength” because safety ultimately comes from God. We often forget that it is God who blesses us with basic necessities. We like to think that it was our strength that has kept us safe.

However, it is God who controls our safety through his strength. Our strength comes from him and therefore all we can do is rejoice in His faithfulness, love, and mercy. This lasting indefatigable joy marks Christians and sets us apart.

Many of us have lived through seasons where it felt like we were living in an unwalled city; seasons where you did not know from where the next threat would come. Do you remember the relief and joy you experienced after you finally felt safe again? That is the joy that we experience as Christians. **We were once separated from God, alone and in danger. But Christ came and rescued us and now we live in the freedom and joy of our secure standing before God!**

***“God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.”***

**"Be still and know that I am God."  
- Psalm 46:1, 10a**

The women who come to our sewing program have lived through situations where they were in physical danger, at risk of going hungry, or lacked basic housing. Muslim refugees not only experience uncertainty about their physical condition here, but they also have no promise of salvation in the afterlife because the God of Islam is fickle and changeable. We want all our neighbors to have the confidence of eternal life that we as Christians have. We are safe and protected in the promises of our baptism in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

DOW's Sewing program focuses on time for fellowship and meals together, following the example of Acts 2:42 *"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."* DOW walks alongside these women to bring the light of Christ's hope into their darkness.

**We pray that  
God will adopt them as His children  
and give them Joy  
which no circumstance can take away.**

Praying for one another in Love and demonstrating the difference of Christian Joy.



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