

Life Abundant, Inc.

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Hoax Mom:

Well, if you get the local newspaper you probably read about Bonnie Sweeten, who the media calls the Hoax Mom. Bonnie is the woman who in 2009 called 911 to say she and one of her daughters were kidnapped and was in the trunk of a car. This led to a massive police search for the car and men involved with the so called abduction. It was eventually realized by police that was a false statement and Bonnie and her daughter actually flew to Walt Disney World in Florida. Bonnie was arrested and charged with a false police report and kidnapping hoax. It was later found out that she stole money from her place of employment and family members. Bonnie was sentenced in Bucks County Court and spent almost a year for that crime. Upon her release she was sent directly to a federal holding cell in Philadelphia. U.S. District Judge William Yon told Sweeten she faces two to twenty two years in prison. However, in the news article it was stated federal guidelines call for between six to eight years in prison based on Bonnie's criminal history.

While Bonnie was at Bucks County Prison she attended one of our women's Bible study meetings. Sonia, our woman's coordinator, made contact with Bonnie and began to share the gospel and explain God's love, grace and mercy to her. Bonnie eventually realized her need of a Savior and made a profession of faith while at Bucks. One of our volunteers, Liz Hoffius, began to mentor Bonnie and continued for a number of months before she left. Bonnie's sin caused her extreme ridicule from the media, the public and also other inmates in the prison. Bonnie's case was published in all the major newspapers and news channel's. Bonnie was devastated by all the media attention.

People were quick to pass judgment on her and took the position of judge and jury. Bonnie acknowledged her sin and what it has done to her and all those involved. Her second husband divorced her and took sole custody of their daughter. Her two daughters from her first marriage are in custody of their father. She has lost everything she held dear in her life. The court says she owes one million dollars in restitution to her victims, once released. But Bonnie has stayed strong in the Lord throughout this ordeal. She faces a possible long prison sentence in September. I want to encourage you to keep Bonnie in your prayers. Satan will try to bring discouragement, hopelessness, and despair to her life while she waits. "Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth." Romans 8:33 Pray with me that she will be empowered every day by the Holy Spirit. Pray that Bonnie will be a witness of God's grace to those around her. God says, "And we know all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

Mark Your Calendars For Our

UPCOMING EVENT

Thrift/Yard Sale

Fundraiser

Saturday, August 27th 9am to 3:30pm in the gym of the

First Baptist Church Doylestown, 311 W. State Street

DONATIONS ARE NEEDED!

Slightly used clothing, jewelry, household items,
small appliances (Must Be Working) etc. are being accepted.

Please, **NO** electronic items such as computers, TV's, large appliances, etc.

Thank you very much!

**Drop off day is Friday August 26th
from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE BY AUGUST 1ST
IF YOU HAVE ITEMS TO DONATE . 215-489-0200**

PARTNER WITH LIFE ABUNDANT

Are you interested in becoming a part of the After Care Solution?

COMMENTS

I am able to give:

- \$ Annually
- \$ Quarterly
- \$ Monthly

- I am able to pray
- Send Email Updates

I will partner by:

- Mentoring
- Employing
- Finding Housing
- Contacting my Pastor

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

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and their families develop Biblical
principles in their social, eco-
nomic, and spiritual lives and be-
coming productive members of
society.***