

February 2023

Dear,

Hello friends and family, I hope you had a wonderful February! We at the Bovard household are anxiously looking forward to warmer weather and longer days (no more waking up before the sun PLEASE).

These past few weeks we have been going through a new series, “**Red Flags**”, where we have been focusing on unhealthy vs healthy relationships and how to identify unhealthy relationships (a very timely subject for the month of February). *Many of the ladies in our program have been the victim of or are currently in toxic relationships and have had emotionally or physically abused in their past relationships. **Most, if not all, of our students lack a father figure.*** Several students come from struggling families and have never experienced unconditional love from their parental figures, and so they have no idea what a healthy relationship looks like or healthy standards for the type of love they deserve. Please pray for our students, especially for our ladies. Pray that they begin to see themselves as God sees them.



As a leader, this has been a challenging month for myself and my team. *Many of our girls have been through traumatic and difficult situations and as a result tend to become very emotional during our meetings. As the only female leader, it can be a challenge to manage during a group meeting so that it doesn't become a distraction to the rest of the group. Two prayer requests I would like to put on your hearts is to pray for our students during our meeting times (we meet on **Wednesdays, 3-5:30pm**). The second prayer request is to **pray for another female volunteer** (while my male volunteers are wonderful, they aren't as comfortable with the “floodgates” as I am).*

Keep my volunteers in prayer as they continue to navigate work and school as well as volunteers with our students. Continue to pray for me to have the wisdom to answer difficult questions and break things down for our students to understand. Pray for us to have **patience** with our students as many of them come with challenging behaviors at times. And continue to keep our students in your prayers as the Lord continues to break down barriers in their hearts. **As always, thank you for your continued prayers and financial support. May the Lord be with you and bless you in this coming month.**

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