


Online groups are forming meaningful friendships   
Plus, an update on the Spring Fundraiser and April Class Spotlight



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## Meaningful connection and encouragement are happening in our online ABAU groups!

Since 2015, Jan Walker has led in-person and online ABAU groups. She recently wrote to me to express how rewarding her ministry to newcomers has been and her surprise to discover that her online groups are forming meaningful friendships, connection, and emotional support.

### **Jan wrote:**

After leading in-person ABAU groups, I couldn't imagine that women would connect and form meaningful friendships via our computers. Boy, was I wrong!

Virtual groups provide a unique opportunity to see the other members in the group each week as we enter into their homes, we meet their children, grandchildren, and husbands. We can even eat together!

One beautiful woman took us with her as she bravely went to the zoo all by herself, just to get herself "out into the community." She made the trip and then sat at a picnic table for our online study! It was so beautiful celebrating that accomplishment with her in real time!

Women bond and grow together in a very different way, but the bonds are powerful. When in a virtual group, limiting situations such as children home from school, babysitting grandchildren, quarantining from an illness, or recovering from surgery no longer necessitate an absence. Women can still join in and interact with their new BFF's!

I have led classes in-person and virtually, and I absolutely have been blessed beyond measure facilitating either way! I have always said, you meet the very BEST women in a Just Moved group!

**Thank you for sharing, Jan! Check out her latest online group!**



# We're celebrating the success of our Spring Fundraiser!



The Just Moved Ministry spring fundraiser on April 1st was a resounding success! We are thanking God for providing an army of volunteers and generous donors who believe in our mission!

Nestled in the picturesque foothills of Camelback Mountain, it was a memorable time of fellowship, raffle fun, and delicious food. Susan Miller gave an inspiring message!

Through the generosity of those who love Just Moved Ministry, we met our financial goal! **Thank you** to all who donated!

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# April Group Spotlight & Leader Tip



Jeannette Olson, group leader for the Tellico Village Community group in Loudon, Tennessee shared the following:

Newcomers who attend the Tellico Village After the Boxes Are Unpacked class are grateful for the connection they make with other newcomers. They're so glad for the support and companionship they experience from making friends in class. New friendships and the study really help them become more content in their new surroundings. This study has been an amazing way for newcomers to find and build great relationships with each other.

**As a leader tip**, Jeannette has her previous group members pray for the new class members. This loving service connects one group to another.

Subscriber, have you submitted your latest After the Boxes group to be highlighted as our monthly Group Spotlight? Email us a photo and a brief description of anything you'd like us to know about your group! Send it to [joannsmith@justmoved.org](mailto:joannsmith@justmoved.org)

Cheering you on,

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