



The Pinked Perspective of Kara Hamilton

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Kara Hamilton had what you might call a storybook life. Raised to love Jesus right here in the Annapolis area, the now-39 year old met her husband in beautiful St. Augustine, Florida, while both were studying to become physical therapists. By 2009, they were “Mom and Dad” to Koa and Kalea, ministry partners at Bay Area, and thriving.

Then, in July 2011, Kara was diagnosed with breast cancer.

An aggressive course of treatment followed – a double mastectomy followed by 18 weeks of chemotherapy, couched in all the uncertainties of cancer. Through it all, God, ever faithful, was there. “It took me to a deeper place than ever before with the Lord,” Kara recalled, “seeking the Lord and knowing that He was with me through the entire thing, every step.” Her community surrounded her too: Neighbors arranged meals for months on end; the church, friends and family rallied. Others who shared her journey of breast cancer reached out with information, useful items or support.

Once the immediacy of her own battle began to subside, Kara decided to give back. “I know that God took me here for a reason, and I want to do something with this,” she said. Three years ago, she created Pinked Perspective, a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit that offers hope to those facing a breast cancer diagnosis. In addition to mentorship and encouragement, Pinked Perspective creates and sends care packages to women facing surgery or breast cancer diagnoses filled with items and information that Kara found useful in her own journey with breast cancer.

The goal isn’t just to send soap and soft pajamas, though. Through it all, Kara’s desire is to point women back to Jesus during such a trying season. “There’s someone that loves you and knows you and wants to walk with you through it,” Kara shared.

To love these women well, Kara needs a team. “I would appreciate anyone who wants to come alongside us, who has a heart for women going through this,” she said. There are many ways to support Kara’s ministry. To learn about opportunities to give or to participate in the upcoming annual walk/run fundraiser on October 22, go to pinkedperspective.com or read more in the Happenings section of GO&MAKE.

Every one of us has a story; every one of us has a calling to point people to Jesus. Here at Bay Area we call it Every One A Missionary. Kara Hamilton is a missionary to women battling breast cancer – cancer centers are one of her mission fields. Kara explained, “It’s just taking whatever it is that God lets you go through and turning it into something for His glory, to point people to Him. That’s really what I’m trying to do.”