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It is with great pleasure that I would like to announce the formal launch of <http://www.christiangays.com>. I have been postponing it until that elusive day "when it will have all the products shown and the shopping cart functional and, and, and". I have come to the conclusion that it is just not practical to put it off any longer and so I would invite you to check the site out as it is, knowing that it is not complete and that I have many more plans in the works even as I write to you. Just click the above link and it will take you right there.

[Christiangays.com](http://www.christiangays.com) is a retail internet website

- a) providing educational books and booklets to **people who are questioning** the possibility of their acceptability to God "in spite of their orientation".
- b) For **those who have come to an acceptance**, we offer music, devotionals, personal stories, AIDS related material, etc.
- c) For **people who have taken that step of knowing that God loves them just as they are**, and wanting to share that Good News with others, we offer visibility in the community through our **Pride Fish Products** including hats, T-shirts, mugs, bumper stickers, etc.
- d) And for the **GLBT community at large** we offer **Rainbow Pride Products** on a respectable website.

We accept VISA, Mastercard, American Express, Cheques and International Money Orders in all currencies and will ship anywhere in the world.

To give you a little background on the business, I ([Mary Pearson](#)) am a 56 yo widow and mother of four exceptional daughters.? I am also a Christian who has struggled with the knowledge that I have been lesbian since I was 12. At first, it was just socially unacceptable, but when I became a Christian at the age of 27, in my mind, I was now an abomination. It has taken many years of struggle and pain, but through very much prayer and intensive reading, I am now at a place of complete reconciliation of my sexuality and my Spirituality. I believe that I am created just as God intended all along. I am not a mistake. I am one of many who are an example of God's wonderful variations in nature. (I am also left handed.) For more info and a pic, you may check out my bio page in the **"About Us"** link.

The heart of this whole website, and the one who has made it all possible is my darling son-in-law [Jeff Berwick](#), husband of #4 daughter, Landra. With the intricacies of this website, if I were paying someone, I would, at this point have probably paid out well over \$10,000! (not an exaggeration!) Dear [Jeffis](#) doing this for me "for shares in the company". (What that means is that he isn't getting paid.) I would like to put in a plug for [Jeffright](#) now because he very much needs a paying job. He is not getting rich off of his mother-in-law yet. If you have need of any website design, development, consulting or software applications, please consider [Jeff](#) for the job. This man is not only an exceptional webmaster and software designer, in spite of the fact that he is blind, he is an exceptional human being. Please read his Press Release on graduation from the High Tech School he attended. It is also in the **"About Us"** link. (We can't put in his bio until he gets a "real job" since he doesn't want this to "look like family" when he uses it for a reference, so only you folks know for now that we are related. Shhhhhhh!!!!)



The most recent addition to the business is #1 daughter [Erin Kenny](#) (mother of grandson Clint - says proud Nana!) [Erin](#) will be manufacturing all the [rainbow](#) webbing articles for me including the keychains, pet collars and leashes, camera straps, etc. I am so proud of this darling daughter. She is the one who has, perhaps, had the greatest struggle with her mother's lesbianism and yet it was she who pushed me to get the website going and now she is supporting me by making the [Pride Products](#) and is helping me to distribute them. She is such an example that love is the most important thing in life. We can have differences of opinions but the bottom line is that we love each other and support each other through everything. I am so grateful for her in my life. We will be putting a bio and picture of her on the website shortly.

In the works is Jewelry which will be made by [Kris McKinnon](#), dear friend for many years of #3 daughter, Lauren. [Kris](#) is also my Accountant and a Very Special Person in my life.

And [SpiritQuest](#), aka [Tammy Nelson](#) is working on greeting cards and bookmarks especially for our unique community. She and I are on one of the Christianlesbians.com email list and I have been so impressed by her writing and art work that I asked if she would do some cards for us. I am really excited about what she has been producing although it will take a while to get these in full production.

Regarding the products that [Christiangays.com](#) is selling, this all started because I wanted to distribute [Marsha Stevens'](#) music. I had no intention of selling anything else. I just wanted to get [Marsha's](#) music out to as many people as possible because she and her music had such a profound and positive effect on my reconciliation process and I wanted to share that healing with others. [Marsha](#) took the time out of her very busy schedule to write to me on a regular basis during a devastating time of loss in my life and I will forever be indebted to her for her compassion, her understanding, and her guidance.

Well one thing has led to another and we are now selling books, hats, T-shirts, personalized mugs, mousepads, keychains, pet products, tote bags, aprons, Holy Union Certificates, [rainbow](#) beanie babies, and the list seems to go on and on.

The latest news is that very soon we will be carrying another singer/songwriter by the name of [Christian Andreason](#). [Christian](#) is an amazing young man with a real heart for Jesus. My correspondence with him has made that very clear to me. He also has an incredible talent as evidenced by his credentials. He was the first recipient of the GLAMA AWARD in the category BEST CONTEMPORARY SPIRITUAL SONG for his single, "EVERYBODY ELSE" (but my favourite song is "A BOY CALLED SUE"). He has agreed to do a duet with Neil Sedaka and has opened for Celine Dion and Michael Bolton. He has just released a new single CD called "ALL THE TIME". It is the theme for the television show, EMBRACED BY THE LIGHT and has already sold several thousand copies. I'm really looking forward to getting a supply of his CD's to make available to you.

Christmas will soon be here. Please consider buying some music or books for that special person or perhaps just a stocking stuffer of a keychain or hat. Don't forget the animals. The leashes and collars are available now even if they aren't on the website yet. Remember that the mugs and mousepads can be personalized with whatever you would like to have on them. I make them myself.

Some future plans include streaming audio so that you will be able to listen to music from [Marsha](#) and [Christian](#), a catalogue which you will be able to download and print for friends who are not on the internet, the shopping cart to be completed, a gift service where I will wrap the items you choose in your choice of paper and include a card, and many, many more products to be added.

I welcome any suggestions that you might have of products you would like me to carry or improvements to the website. It would be very helpful to me if you would visit the site often, even if you just bookmark and click on the [Home Page](#) regularly since it will boost my position with the search engines. Right now, I believe that if you search for gay Christians, my website is probably on

about page 1724.



If we are to be successful, I need to have it appear on the first page of a

search and that process can be aided if a lot of people click on it regularly.

So please have a look around the site and if you feel so inclined, I would love to have you write something in the [Guest Book](#).

Don't forget the **Opening Specials**. The white Fruit of the Loom t-shirts for \$9.95 U.S., \$15.95 Cdn. are an excellent value. They are not seconds. They are the same quality as the coloured shirts, and if you hurry, we will give you 10% off your whole order if you buy any of Marsha's music.

I would also appreciate so very much, any prayer support that you could muster for the success of the business so that many hearts may be reached with God's Good News that **WE ARE ALL LOVED!**

In His Service and for His Glory!
Mary Pearson

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