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NURSING HOME, JAIL, AND PRISON MINISTRY

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Colossians 1:21-25 says we were once alienated and enemies in our minds by doing wicked works. And now God has reconciled us in the body of Jesus' flesh through His death. We receive everlasting life from the moment of salvation. He reconciled us to be presented holy, and blameless and above reproach in His sight. The assurance of salvation is the continued faith that is grounded and steadfast. A Christian is not easily moved away from the hope of the gospel that they heard. It is the hope of the gospel, the promise of everlasting life that enables us to rejoice in our sufferings for the body of Christ.

I was leading a church service in one of our "Mind Care" facilities. "Bill" is a resident. He entered the facility with Alzheimer's. I've watched as the terrible disease took over many of his abilities. "Bill" would meet me at the door and welcome me to the building. He appreciated the service and what His Love Ministries did for him. Unfortunately Bill can no longer meet and greet me; the result of Alzheimer's. One afternoon I entered the facility to find Bill's wife sitting with him. I introduced myself and explained why I was there and how much I've enjoyed Bill. After sharing with each other I invited Bill and his wife to the church service. Bill's wife wheeled him back to the service area and assisted me in handing out hymnals and preparing for the service.

Once we began, Bill's wife sat next to Bill sharing the same hymnal. Remember Bill can no longer communicate or recognize most people. Bill is fairly young, perhaps in his upper 50's. His wife is a bit younger perhaps lower to mid 50's. It was amazing to me to watch them interact during the service. Bill's wife would hold the hymnal and sing into Bill's ear caressing Bill's shoulder with no response from Bill. IT was the most moving and amazing thing I ever witnessed. I could not help to see the reflection of God's love in their actions. If a covenant between one man and one woman can create this incredible display of love then how much more is the love created by the covenant God makes with us (John 17:26).

The hardest thing to learn is living with this incredible covenant love. Your sins are completely forgiven, past present and future. Even your future sins are atoned for; they've already been paid for... PAID IN FULL!!

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2010 Ministry Accomplishments



I would like to give praise to our wonderful Lord and Savior who has allowed this Ministry to be the instrument used in at least 23 professions of faith, we gave out over 22 Bibles, conducted 209 Church services/Bible studies, and ministered to over 4,372 people in 2010.



Affiliation with Joni and Friends

I am very excited to announce that we are now affiliated with Joni and Friends who is celebrating their 30th anniversary of ministry outreach to people with disabilities and their families across the US and around the world. We are in the process of working on a Memorandum of Understanding that lays out mutually developed goals and objectives identifying how the organizations will collaborate in the cause of Christ. The Joni and Friends Ministry Affiliate Program affords organizations of like-mindedness, calling, and mission the opportunity to enter into ministry collaboration with Joni and Friends while networking with similar ministries to "accelerate Christian ministry to families affected by disability". Christian Non-Governmental 501(c)(3) Organizations (NGOs) that are separate organizations from Joni and Friends, having as part of their mission or solely as their mission a commitment to serve those affected by disabilities. These organizations will maintain their own full non-profit, 501(c) (3) autonomy. They may seek the assistance of Joni and Friends in developing disability programs and/or projects. They may utilize Joni and Friends' resources in teaching on Christian disability ministry at seminars, conferences, and special events. They will benefit from networking with Joni and Friends and its array of ministry alliances.

This comes on the heels of our "Official" 10th anniversary (April 17th, 2000) as a ministry reaching out to those the World has Forgotten. I began doing prison ministry in December of 1997 and the Nursing Home side in 1999. We became a fulltime ministry on March 17th 2003. We are excited about this new development and cannot wait to see what God has in store for us in the future. In the course of life and the ministry God has given to each of us, we sometimes wonder what God is up to and what He will do next. Especially in these last couple of years as money and resources have been fewer and we have had to cut back on services and ministry here at His Love. But then God does something to show us that He is still working in the background and has even greater plans than we can imagine. I don't know what the future holds, but I am confident that He wants to use us in greater ways than He has in the past and WE NEED YOUR HELP TO DO IT!!

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I imagine if we really understood this reality we would worship God with a radical obedience.

IN Matthew 26:6-13, Jesus is two days away from His crucifixion and he is celebrating the last Passover meal with His disciples. Mary, the same Mary who sat at Jesus' feet while Martha complained about her slothfulness, poured a years wage worth of expensive perfume on the head of Jesus. Mary understood the seriousness of the hour. Mary perhaps thought this was the last time she would see Jesus face to face. He was going to die and she understood it. This moved her to radical worship. She wasn't thinking about bills, schedules, time, or how much it would cost in the long run. Mary just knew Jesus would die for her sins and she wanted to worship Him by remembering His sacrifice in dying. She wouldn't let Jesus die like an ordinary criminal. He would die with the best perfume money can buy. I think Mary understood the gospel. She understood what Jesus was about to do. She took no circumstances into consideration other than the fact Jesus was going to be crucified and she wanted to radically worship Him through giving a radical gift. She held back nothing because she knew Jesus would hold back nothing to forgive her sins.

I am privileged in that I get to witness this kind of faith everyday. People experiencing the worst kinds of afflictions known to man and yet they face it with the confidence found only in the hope of the gospel they heard preached long ago. I get to witness the power of the gospel first hand. Many unbelievers will not come to God because they do not understand how a loving God can allow such incredible diseases come upon His children. But for me it is an encouragement because I see first hand that nothing can snatch a child of God out of the Father's hand. I see the hand of God holding His children the way Bill's wife was holding and caressing him. The same love at a much greater scale.

I want to thank you for giving to His Love Ministries. I am so glad we have such faithful partners. I can't believe you are willing to pay me and in turn I get to experience God's incredible love. God is using His Love Ministries in Savannah, GA. He is using your finances in absolutely incredible ways. I only hope and pray that this short note will encourage you to continue to give. Marty and I can only go if you give. My prayer is that the floodgates of Heaven will open up and you would receive the reward of love. My prayer is that as you give so that "His Love" may be given to "those the world has forgotten" you would also receive incredible understanding of "His Love" for you. Think of it!! You are totally and completely loved by God. Your sins are completely paid for. You are no longer condemned but you have been saved. Heaven is a place where there is no more sin, nothing to pull you away from God, a place where radical worship is the norm. Let that sink in and respond in radical worship!!

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1. We specifically need some men who will teach on a regular basis or even as a backup for some of our services.
2. We could use some men or women to go and sing with residents at the Nursing Homes or just visit. We have CD's and books that make it easy. The CD's have people singing, so, just put them in, help them find the right page and you don't even have to have a good voice as the singing is led for you.

Sometimes I get questions about what it is that we actually do. It seems like some people are confused about His Love Ministries and how we operate. Tom Keller, myself, and a few volunteers are like the itinerant preachers of old in that we go all over the place teaching the Bible in facilities where people are locked up and cannot get out to go to services. Over the course of a month we conduct about 70 church services and Bible Studies. The only difference is that we go all around Savannah, Chatham and Effingham. We are mainly local. We have church services and Bible Studies in the facilities where the least, the last, the shut in and the shut out are located. We are also different in that our crowds may not be really big, but they are people who may never hear the Gospel if we don't go to them. The Church's mandate is to GO and make disciples. The imperative is to make disciples, but we have to go outside the walls of the church because most people will never set foot in a church unless we meet them where they are in life. It is amazing to me how we as a church have decided that we need to come up with all the gimmicks, programs, and entertainment to get them to come to the church, but that has never been God's plan. When the early church met in houses and all over the city the word got out about how these people were different and they actually ministered to people in their needy times. The early church also took the babies that were unwanted and thrown out and nursed them back to health. People knew they were different. During the plagues the church also had a great witness. They ministered to the dying and did not care about their own health as they lost their lives ministering. People knew they were different and wanted in on this kind of love. It has always been during the hard times that the church has really shown her light so that others may see and glorify our Father in Heaven (cf. Mt. 5:16). I am wondering today where is the church of the early days, the church that existed during the plagues, and the church that picked up all those babies and nursed them back to health. We are all so consumed with our possessions, our activities, our jobs, and ourselves that we have no time to minister to others. When do we minister to those who really need us? 1Jo 2:15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; **BUT he who does the will of God abides forever.** I am not saying that His Love Ministries is all that and then some, but I am saying that we have a wide open door and the fields are white unto harvest, but the laborers are few. We need you to come alongside us with your time, your talent, and your finances to reach out to those the World has Forgotten. We can continue to sit in the pew and never experience the joy, peace, and abundant life that Jesus promised, or we can get up and GO and MAKE DISCIPLES. The choice is ours.

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