

# HIS LOVE MINISTRIES

Reaching those the World Has Forgotten!



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## 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

It has been 25 years since the Lord put on my heart to start His Love Ministries. The ministry began in December of 1997 as a part-time endeavor. However, this March 17<sup>th</sup> will be our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of full-time ministry. I am so thankful that in 2000, God saw fit to remove me from the job I'd been at for 18 years. At the time it was a blow to me, but God is good and had a better plan for me in taking the ministry full-time. He set my mind to His plan. We incorporated the ministry in 2000 and became a 501 (c) 3 non-profit in 2002, retroactive back to 2000.

Due to God's faithfulness and willingness to use me, as well as your faithfulness to support us, we have seen God do mighty things and reach out to those the world has forgotten. God first led me to go to the prisons in 1997, and then in 1999 we started going to senior care homes. Through the years He has opened many other doors to youth and adults at Coastal Harbor, the jail, youth detention center, transition centers, homeless shelters, truck stops, and facilities for women, children, and veterans who were struggling to make it on their own.

God gave me the name **His Love** because it is only through His love that we can become who He wants us to be as a Child of the King. Before Covid, we were doing as many as 2400+ services a year and now we are down to about a quarter of that. I never imagined a virus would be the thing to remove the preaching of the Gospel from these places, but God is still working and His plan is always best. Pray for us as we partner with others to share the Gospel and seek volunteers willing to go to the forgotten. Our plan is to follow the Lord wherever He leads us until He sees fit to quit using us or provides someone to take over this ministry when I can no longer do it. We are so thankful for all of you who pray and support us; many of you have been from the very beginning and are still with us today. God knows who you are, and as a partner in this ministry you will reap the rewards, because you have played a part in every life that has been changed. Thank You and God Bless You.

—Marty

**2 Corinthians 9:10** Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness;

**Matthew 25: 40** And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'

## TRUTH

I had the privilege to teach the book of James to a group of women in a homeless shelter in Columbia, SC. These women heard and responded well to truth of God's word. One young lady stayed back after each class to talk with me. She shared some of what had been going on in her life and the things that she was learning. I was able to pray with her and encourage her to stay in God's word and obey His truth.

*Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. James 1:22*

Please pray that the truth of God's word will penetrate their hearts, and that they will trust Christ and grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus. Pray that they will get their lives straight and be able to raise their children (some of whom are homeless with them) to know the Lord.

—Shelly

## GLIMPSES FROM GOD

As we minister or even go through life, we sometimes do not realize how God uses us. Sometimes God gives us a glimpse of that, which gives us encouragement to continue reaching out and sharing God's Word.

While at a mission conference God gave me a glimpse through another missionary. Long story short, we found out that through both our ministries, we had been ministering to the same young lady. This missionary told me that the young lady said that she had a Bible teacher at the homeless shelter named Shelly who really helped her understand the Bible. I am so thankful for God to use me and I know that God used **His Word** to work in her life.

—Shelly

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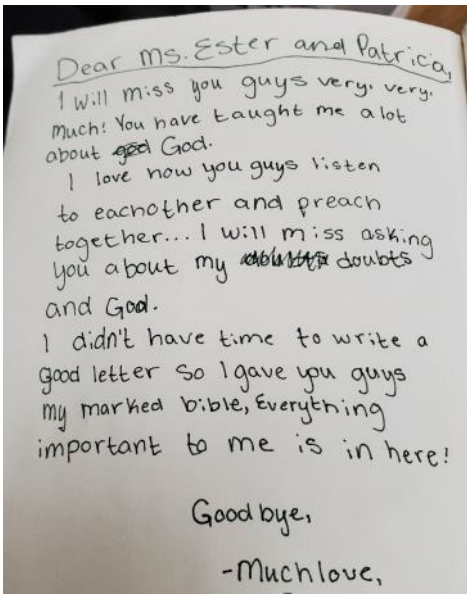
## CHRISTMAS AT COASTAL HARBOR

Through some generous donations given specifically for Christmas gifts, God provided greatly for the youth and staff at Coastal Harbor. Mike, Esther, and Patricia gave out 92 Christmas gift bags to the youth and 30 gift bags for the staff. They also presented a Christmas message to the kids and staff, ensuring they knew the true meaning of Christmas. Please pray with us that their hearts will be open to the truth.



## COASTAL HARBOR

Esther and Patricia meet many young girls at Coastal Harbor and impact many of their lives through the word of God. One young girl left a letter before she was discharged. They were able to return her Bible to her.



Please pray that this young girl will remember what she has learned and keep reading her Bible and grow in her faith in Jesus.

## PLEASE CONSIDER PARTNERING WITH US

**His Love Ministries does not charge the facilities for any of the services we provide.**  
**We are a full-time ministry totally supported by individuals, churches, and businesses that are willing to financially partner with us to spread the Gospel to the forgotten.**

**Praise God for allowing this Ministry to be an instrument used to change lives!**

Statistics for January-December 2022

Professions of Faith: 18  
Church services: 233  
Bible studies: 265  
Attendance: 5,334  
Bibles given out: 121  
Podcasts Downloads: 14,892– 44 Countries & 46 States



## COASTAL HARBOR

Lawrence, Esther, and I held bible study when an older boy (who had previously attended without fail) told us he was leaving the facility to live with his brother. Afterwards, he stayed behind to speak with us (as he often did) and told us that he thought he had been a Christian before, but now he knew he was a Christian because of the ministry. He said that the services had helped him grow greatly in his faith and cleared up some misunderstandings. We had a special time of prayer and after blessing Him, he returned the blessing with his own heartfelt prayer asking God to continue to use the ministry to help the other boys. That is our prayer and hope it is yours as well. We gave our farewells to him with much encouragement, and he was visibly touched by Esther's tearful goodbye.

One of the boys made a special request just before Christmas: a leather-bound Bible for the boys who attended regularly. It was hard to say no because he has always been extremely thoughtful and kind every time we came. Once when some of the boys outside the room were trying to disrupt our service by yelling obscenities, he was quick to condemn their behavior and apologized to us on their behalf. It is also clear he has an unusual grasp on scripture for someone his age. One visit, I found him at the feet of a Christian staff member seemingly being comforted by her. She told me that the day before the boy had prayed for everyone, and it was one of the most touching prayers she had ever heard. He and another boy demonstrated above-average spiritual aptitude and the desire to know God's word. So, we honored his request and presented each of the two boys leather-bound study Bibles that will help them better understand the word of God.

At one unit, an older boy often confronts me when we arrive, challenging what I know about the Islamic faith. The only time he attended a service, he and two other boys were so disruptive we had to have them removed. During most of our services he prowls outside the locked door in attempts to disrupt us, sometimes getting other boys to join him. When we arrived on Christmas day with gifts he asked, "are those for everybody?" We told him they were, and he asked, "Me too?" We told him, "Yes, you too." He and all the boys on the unit politely listened to our short Christmas message. On our next visit, he seemed to have softened towards us, not creating any disturbance. We left the door open and he prowled the hall but did not create any disturbance. I believe this boy is spiritually curious, so please pray the Holy Spirit will steer him back into a service to hear the good news of Jesus Christ.

—Mike

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