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AS WE BEGIN A NEW YEAR

As we begin a new year, we want to thank you for your kind prayers and financial support over the past year. Due to your generosity and prayers we have been able to reach many with the truth of Jesus Christ. We desire to continuously share the glorious gospel with those whom the world has forgotten and expand our reach as the Lord allows.

We praise God for His faithfulness to provide opportunities to teach His Word and reach the forgotten, with the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is a blessing to watch the power of God's Word change people's lives and see them grow in the Lord. In a world that is so uncertain and chaotic we all need to take these opportunities to share the truth of the gospel to all.

We want to thank all our faithful volunteers, Esther and Mike Wilson, Patricia Holland, Cindy White, Lawrence Wright, Dan Metts, Olumide, Kerry Thompson, Janet and Sarah Everly. They have been instrumental in helping us spread the gospel in Coastal Harbor for Youth/Adults, Effingham Prison and providing Gospel Singing Times at Sunabella Assisted Living.

Unfortunately, near the end of 2023 the Veterans transition center closed. However, when one door closed God opened another. I was finally able to get back into the prison in Columbia to preach, what an answer to prayer. Shelly and I are also in the process of getting into the women's prison hopefully early in 2024.

I have known Patrick Ballard for many years and since our Senior Care Ministry in Savannah has struggled due to a lack of volunteers after Covid, we decided to partner with someone who was still able to minister in many facilities. He continues to increase the number of facilities he ministers in. Our partnership with Mountaineer Ministries has helped provide 770 services in 42 Senior Care Homes in Western NC.

One of our volunteers Olumide who goes to Effingham prison was seeking help to fund a mission he is involved in. So we saw an opportunity to financially help support a mission trip to Nigeria, which is 52 percent Muslim. They ministered across 5 states with seminars, sermons, doctrinal classes and 2 studio recordings for radio.

When I returned to Kirkland prison after almost 3 years, the message I was to preach was not completely clear to me. I had two passages in mind, one was John 1:1-14, but I prepared for both. When I got there I still wasn't sure, but the guy leading music read John 1:1-3, and then the guy who got up to do the scripture reading for that day read John 1:1-14 and I was amazed how God had given me the answer to what I was to preach. When I got up I told them how God had worked that out and they were excited about it too. Praise the Lord! I saw several guys who were still there and was able to preach to over a hundred men that morning.

Please pray for the Lord to continue to open doors and provide the volunteers to help us reach more of the forgotten.

—Marty

CHRISTMAS AT COASTAL HARBOR

During Christmas, due to some generous donations given specifically for Christmas gifts for Coastal Harbor, 104 Christmas gift bags were provided for the youth. This allowed every child to receive a Christmas gift. In addition gifts were also provided for each of the staff. A message was also presented to the kids and staff making sure they knew the true meaning of Christmas.



Esther, Cindy and Patricia delivering gifts to girls.



Esther, Mike and Patricia delivering gifts to the boys.



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COASTAL HARBOR BOYS

Lawrence and I are thankful that God continues to keep the door open for ministry at Coastal Harbor. We visit the boys at units 1 south and 1 west most weeks with attendance averaging about four and six boys per service respectively.

Paul instructed Timothy in 1 Timothy 4:12, "*Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity*".

The verse brings to mind that even in settings like Coastal Harbor God will call young servants to set examples to others. Two of the boys once told us that they were holding bible studies during the week with each other. The act of asking another to study with you is showing leadership and they both were a good example to the other boys. Also, every time we arrive and ask who is coming to church the boys will look at one another to see who will answer the call. God always seems to have that one or two who quickly step up which usually encourages others to also make the decision to attend the service. These simple actions set good examples not just to the boys at Coastal Harbor but for all of us.

Please continue to pray for these boys.

—Mike

Our prayer for all of us this year;

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

2Peter 3:18

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 2023

Professions of Faith: 33
Church services: 895
Bible studies: 263
Attendance: 16,774
Bibles given out: 235
Birthday Mani-Pedi's: 3
Volunteers: 9
Total Sermons online: 530



COASTAL HARBOR GIRLS

Ministering to teen girls is very different today than decades ago when I taught my first Sunday School class of girls. The mores of society have changed so rapidly, that an explanation of right vs. wrong is a necessity. Where do we go for answers? The Word of God of course.

We are often asked, "What does God think about...?" Whenever we answer these questions, we emphasize that our opinion doesn't matter, and that the answer we give is from the Bible. I usually don't answer right away, instead I offer to gather verses together and bring them the next week so they can see for themselves what God has to say on the subject.

Recently, "Tara" was preparing to leave Coastal Harbor and return to live with her mom. She was upset since her mom now has a live-in female partner, so she asked me what the Bible says about lesbianism. I promised her verses the following week, so I researched, prayed and handed her the references to look up the next week. She left two weeks later, but thanked us profusely, saying she had turned back to God as a result of our visits.

"Victoria" recently asked us to give her verses about self-love. After suffering abuse, many of the girls struggle with feeling worthy. She has cut herself many times, witnessed by the scars on her arms. She needed to know how valuable she is to Jesus and how much He loves her.

Every week we arrive with printed verses on colorful cards for the girls to keep and memorize. Esther gives a small prize for anyone who can say the verse the next week; most of the girls embrace the challenge and say the verses. We will not see them again once they leave the facility, but the Word of God is powerful to change them. Passing out Bibles every week, we teach them how to look up passages and which books are helpful to read on their own. Girls who are faithful to attend are awarded a Bible by Patricia, who writes their name and reminds them to read it and take care of it.

If you contribute to His Love Ministries, these girls are recipients of your generosity, and we thank you. Please pray for Esther, Patricia, and Cindy as we share the love of the Savior with the girls of Coastal Harbor.

—Cindy

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