



Director's Corner



"This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24.

It's the most wonderful time of the year! We have just finished Thanksgiving and we are headed toward the celebration of our Savior's birth and the newness of a new year! God is good, all the time and this verse, Psalm 118:24, resonates throughout this season as we reflect and resolve to know the good, good Father and His enormous love for us! We thank God for you and for your partnership in this journey. Praise God for His faithfulness and the blessings He is pouring out! I read recently in one of my devotionals about the meaning of the word "blessed". When we say we are blessed, we are not "lucky" or "fortunate", it means much more. The word, blessed, is closer to the meaning of "blissful" or a state of enraptured happiness!

Think about that for a moment. Is that us? Is that you? Is that me? When people look at us, do they see joy, enthusiasm, gratitude, or even a smile on our face? They should. Why? Think about what we have and who we are as believers and followers of Jesus! Our choice every day, which is also our battle every day, is to remember, realize, and live in the reality that God has blessed us every spiritual blessing imaginable in the heavenly places through Jesus Christ according to Ephesians 1:3! Praise the Lord!

Looking back over this past year, the Lord has opened up more doors for ministry and your support financially and through prayer has allowed this to happen as well. So far in 2019, I have personally traveled over 13,000 for Harvest of Life specific events like our worship services and classes I teach. This does not include the miles I travel to be a part of other prison events and activities. If you include those, then the total mileage is over 14,000. God is expanding our territory! Harvest of Life has conducted over 30 worship services so far this year and I have taught through 8 different Bible studies this year in the prisons that I teach in weekly. I was able to participate in three WOW Journeys inside the prisons. These are four-day events that are specifically focused on the Gospel and the men's relationship with the Lord and each other. It is an awesome blessing to have so many (over 40) as volunteers on our ministry team that go into the prisons to minister to the men in blue through our worship services. We are asking and believing God will be bringing more of you to be a part of this awesome team! Please pray with us concerning the future of Harvest of Life and all that God has in store for us that we will continue to be obedient in following His leading and to be in position to receive His blessings.

This next quarter is full of ministry opportunities as the Harvest of Life Ministry team continues going into three different prisons for worship services and I am going in three times a week into different prisons participating in Bible study classes. The blessings begin this month, the month of December, as the Lord has opened the doors for us to be in 6 different Institutions for a special Christmas worship service! You can go to the website to check out the specific dates and places we will be. God has blessed us with a new opportunity! We are now scheduled to go into Calhoun CI on a regular basis! Harvest of Life will be going there the third Wednesday morning of each month for a worship service, so please be in prayer for us as we go and share the love of Jesus with these men and establish relationships. Pray for souls to be saved and lives to be changed. Thank you for your prayers and financial support! You are a vital part of this ministry!

As the Lord leads, please pray about ending 2019 strong with a financial gift as we look forward to 2020 and all that God has in store for us as He expands our territory!

If you are already approved as a prison volunteer or are interested in becoming one, we have opportunities for you to come in with us and be a part of our worship services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays and 3rd Saturdays of each month (plus the one at Calhoun I previously mentioned) or just come in with me to a class during the week (Tuesday-Thursday morning). Please contact me for more information, there's a place for you! Have a blessed Christmas and New Year!



March 14, 2020

Dates to Remember

Jefferson CI –

December 8th, January 12th

Holmes CI –

December 21st, January 18th

ACI West –

December 29th, January 26th

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Wakulla CI - Main Unit

December 11th

Calhoun CI

December 18th

Wakulla CI - Work Camp

December 23rd

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Missionary Report



The missionary report this quarter from Dan and Marilyn Nase has us praising God for His goodness and mercy and blessings!! Here's what they have to share -

"This has been one of the best years we have ever had in service to our Lord!

This past Tuesday, November 12th...6 women gave their lives to the Lord...making a total thus far of 23 saved souls. We have had a banner year for the shipment of Spanish Bibles to Federal Penitentiaries and Detention Centers. As of this date, we have sent out over 1,100 Bibles to these wonderful brothers in the Lord. Approximately one third of these Hispanics are new believers. Their letters are heartwarming and full of praises to our Savior, Jesus Christ. We send Bible studies, a 2020 calendar, tracts and a disciple pamphlet. The wonderful thing about this ministry is that we do not have to go to El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras or Mexico, they are coming to us!! How about that?!"

Donor Spotlight



This quarter's Donor Spotlight highlights Michael and Barbara Thompson. Here's their testimony and how they became involved as volunteers for Harvest of Life ministry.

First from Michael: *Yes, I am very honored to be a part of Harvest of Life prison ministry. Dan is a dear close friend of mine and I respect and love him. Dan wrote me on my birthday, March 17th, when he got out in 2008 and he continued to write me for the remaining years until I got out in 2014. As we talked every other month, he informed me that he was going back into the prisons. I expressed my desire to do so as well. I had tried previously to get approved through another ministry, but to no avail. I told Dan and he said to send him the application and he would try again for me, which I did. I had been out a few years and tried on several occasions with other ministries, but Dan submitted my information and I was approved! God's timing is perfect!*

So, I started going in with him 2 years ago as a volunteer and have been overjoyed by the experience. I was incarcerated from 1995 to 2014. The Lord delivered me from a 70-year sentence! Since I had a lot of time, I promised God if He would deliver me that I would not forget about the men left behind. That's when the Spirit gave me the scripture Hebrews 10:35-36. It wasn't all smooth sailing as I lost a lot of family members including my mom while incarcerated, but God sustained me.

Today God has blessed me with a beautiful wife (Barbara), who loves and supports me. He has blessed me with a great employer North Florida Asphalt, where I have been a truck driver for the last 5 years, and a great church home at Truth Gatherers Dream Center. I thank God for His faithfulness and I will be forever grateful to Him and His people!

Here is Barbara's testimony: *The way I came to know about the ministry was through my husband Michael. He often talked about going back into the prison to where he was housed - Holmes CI (in all Mike did 17 years). I saw the desire he had to give his testimony and to minister to the guys and to let them know that with God, all things are possible whether they get a release date or not. Choosing to live for God and having peace about it allows you to still have a life of gratitude, locked up or not.*

Seeing my husband's desire sparked my desire to serve alongside him and I love it dearly. When we get the theme for the month from Dan, I often ask Mike what he thinks and what has God given him to talk about or maybe we could share, he always says let's pray about it and let God lead us. The Harvest of Life Ministry is the kind of ministry I love to be involved in. The level of love and care it shows is what ministry is all about, bringing souls to the Lord.

Although we all have challenges in our lives, God has done so much for me and my family. Without God and me trusting Him, I would not be where I am today. Eleven years ago, I was strung out on crack cocaine, I hated myself so much and I was out to kill myself. One day my spiritual mother, Sandra Sims, called me and said: "That's Enough, it's time you come back home to the LORD". See, I never had anyone to confront/care enough to confront me. That moment let me know that GOD was calling me back into His will. Getting back was not easy, but God saw me through, and He continues to see me through. This is how God is working in my life...Daily!!!!

We are so grateful for these volunteers, Michael and Barbara. Thank you for your lives and testimony for the Lord!