# HARVEST OF LIFE Quarterly Newsletter



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### **Director's Corner – Dan Evans**



"... but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8 ESV.

Wow! What a thought! To think about someone dying for us is a pretty amazing thought, but to think of the God of the universe not only dying for us but dying for us while we were against him being still sinners is absolutely mind-blowing! What a mighty God we serve!

God has done some amazing things these past three months! We are so thankful that you are partnering with us on this exciting journey!

2018 has started off great with several more volunteers becoming a part of this ministry going into the prisons to minister through our worship services. We praise God for that! We continue to go into Holmes

Cl and Apalachee Cl on a regular basis for worship services with ACl recently giving us the fourth Sunday morning of every month as our dedicated day/morning to come in and hold a service! We have recently talked with the chaplain at Jefferson Cl to see when we can start coming in for worship. Praise God as He continues to expand our territory. Please be in prayer that the Lord will send forth laborers into the harvest, also, be in prayer and ask the Lord if one of those laborers He wants is you!

The new class that started in January at the Wakulla CI Work Camp called "Basic. Who is God?" by Francis Chan is going well. I have around 15-20 guys consistently coming for this class and I also had the privilege and honor of leading a man to the Lord after class in February! He was new to the class that day and approached me afterward along with his friend who had been working with him on his questions about salvation and wanted to get it settled right then! What a blessing!

Also, the class, "It's Not Too Late" by Tony Evans at Holmes CI is about halfway done and it is going well. It is awesome to see the growth in these men as they continue to seek God in their lives. Another testimony is one of my guys in this class went forward in a separate worship service in January and gave his life to Christ and I still remember the very first day he came into my class last year and stood up in front of everybody and said he thought the Bible was just a book full of fairy tales and didn't believe this "Jesus guy" was even real. Now, he said it respectfully and he said it with a sincere, searching heart. And to see him now, is unbelievable! God has and is continuing to do a work in this man's life. I also had the privilege of baptizing four of the guys in my class! I went that day expecting to just baptize the one that has been a believer for a couple years and wanted to follow Jesus' command for baptism and asked me if I would be the one to baptize him and was given the privilege of baptizing three more alongside him from my class!

We had a great time at Maddio's Pizza in February with our Share Day and I thank God for another opportunity we had to make connections and build relationships with members of our Tallahassee community. A big Thank You goes out to all those who came to help and support us and make this night enjoyable! Thank you!

This is made possible because of your prayers and your support financially and otherwise! What a blessing it is to see God at work in you, as well! My prayer is that you continue to see God working in mighty ways in and through Harvest of Life and that you receive the blessings from the Lord!

## **Upcoming Events**



Harvest of Life Prison Ministry's Fundraiser Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction

Along with a delicious pancake breakfast you can bid on gift baskets, crafts, services and donations from local businesses, and much more during the Silent Auction.

Tickets for the Pancake Breakfast are \$5.
Please contact Dan or Sarah Evans for more information.

Text or call 850.591.8044 or you can email

evans@harvestoflife.org

This fundraising event will be held at Thomasville Road Baptist Church 3131 Thomasville Rd. Tallahassee, FL 32308

We will be serving in the City (Tallahassee) from 10:00am till Noon after the Breakfast/Auction.

Please let us know if you are interested in serving those who have incarcerated family members.

Here's what's coming up in the next quarter:

Mar. 25<sup>th</sup>, Apr. 22<sup>nd</sup>, May 27<sup>th</sup> -

Worship Services at ACI-west on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.

Also, if you are approved as a prison volunteer or are interested in becoming a volunteer, we have opportunities this quarter for you to come in with us and be a part of our worship services or just come in with me to a class on a Tuesday or Thursday morning.

Please contact me for more information.

# God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called!

#### Throughout the month of May -

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and by contacting us at evans@harvestoflife.org



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## Missionary Report - Dan & Marilyn Nase



Looking back over 2017 we'll have to admit that it was a wonderful year for us. Harvest of Life Prison Ministry experienced more blessings than we can count with salvations, wonderful attendance and participation at worship services, tremendous participation among inmates locally in correspondence Bible Studies and with shipping Bibles and Christian literature throughout the U.S. to the incarcerated in Federal prisons.

Health wise we're doing great. Dan had cataracts removed from both eyes and is thrilled that he doesn't have to wear glasses anymore. We're thankful that the V.A. arranged for us to stay in a hotel in Gainesville which is a 2 ½ hour drive from Tallahassee. In the morning when we checked out of the hotel one of the women at the front desk asked us if we had stayed there before. When we told her "no", she asked if we lived in Gainesville. Again we said "no" but she said she knew that she knew us. She insisted that she recognized us from somewhere. Finally, when we left Dan handed her a little 3-D tract that had scripture on the back. She then asked us if we were in the ministry at which Dan replied "Yes, we are volunteers in state prisons in the FL Panhandle." When we got to the parking lot, she came running out of the hotel and said "I do know you. I was incarcerated at Gadsden C.F. and was released in 2009." She went on to tell us that her entire life was changed while in prison. She had accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior, served as a Chapel worker and was housed in the Faith Based dorm. She remembered our coming in to the prison to preach in the Chapel services and teach in the Faith Based dorm. When she told us her name, Jennifer, we remembered her as well. She went on to tell us that Jesus Christ had completely changed her life. She had been in an abusive marriage with a man who was living a life of crime. Now she has a Godly husband, a beautiful family and a wonderful job. I say all this to tell you that her testimony is our "pay check."

- Dan and Marilyn Nase

# Donor Spotlight - Mike & Vinessa Parker



This month's Donor Spotlight is Mike and Vanessa Parker. We're grateful for the Parker's support through their prayers and financial giving. Here's how God led them to be a part of Harvest of Life.

"Sometimes vou don't know what vou didn't know until vou know it."

This was a crazy saying that we found ourselves suddenly understanding a few years ago. Walking into a prison and visiting someone we loved, we realized we had never given much thought to what the incarcerated, their families, the victims and even those

working in the prison system went through spiritually and emotionally on a daily basis. We could literally feel the need for Christ in a way we never had before – not just for ourselves, but for the men behind the fences. We had known Sarah, and then Dan, for many years and were monetarily contributing to Harvest of Life, but never really considered increasing our commitment except financially. Then Michael felt led to become involved in the Harvest of Life Board of Directors and after much prayer we started visiting both Holmes CI and ACI West with the monthly worship service teams. As Christians, we knew we believed Christ died for EVERYONE and EVERY sin, but we had never been called to act on that belief so boldly. It has been humbling to not simply encourage those who are often abandoned by their families or churches or sometimes society in general, but to realize Christ is using us to offer the only real hope in their lives – Him. We are so excited to be a part of what Harvest of Life is doing! Our prayer is that anyone who feels led will step out on faith and serve through prayer, finances and/or going into the prisons soon!