



Director's Corner



*"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." 2 Corinthians 9:10.*

Wow! Have we seen this verse (and the ones following it) come to life not only in our ministry, but also in other ministries! We are so blessed and grateful for all that God has done, is doing, and is going to do through Harvest of Life! We are so thankful for you and for your partnership in this journey.

God is at work and we are so blessed to be a part of it! Over this past quarter, we have seen **seven men give their lives to Christ!** We have also seen a growth along with a consistency in our worship services and Bible study classes. We have new faces we see, but it is good to also see

the same guys keep coming back week after week and month after month. We are so blessed to have Dan & Marilyn Nase ministering to the Spanish guys being held at ICE facilities throughout our country and sending them bilingual Bibles and Bible studies and see men come to know Christ and then go evangelize and tell someone else about Jesus! God is blessing this aspect of the ministry tremendously and we praise God for Dan & Marilyn!

In August, Sarah and I took a trip to Auburn, Indiana to visit with Andrew Foster and Inspiration Ministries. Wow! You talk about God multiplying His seed! To see all that God has going on up there is remarkable and we are excited to be a partner with them in this ministry and to see what God has in store for us in the future! We came away from this trip in awe of God's power and just knowing that ALL things are possible with Him! We also took Jessie Nelson with us on this trip. Jessie is one of our worship leaders for our services inside the prison and he is in a season in his life where he is earnestly seeking the Lord and what He would have Jessie to do concerning ministry. Inspiration Ministries has a re-entry/transition component to them that we at Harvest of Life are praying about and seeking the Lord's direction in this area for us and Jessie has a heart for this ministry. To see all that is going on from the Coffee Shop, to the Transition home, to the Farmer's Market, to the Auto-Repair shop and beyond was very exciting and encouraging. Jessie was able to meet and talk to a lot of the staff and volunteers and came away enlightened and believing that Inspiration Ministries will be a valuable resource for us as God continues to grow Harvest of Life. Jessie sees our partnership with them as very beneficial and is eagerly anticipating the blessings God has in store for both ministries! Please pray with us concerning the future 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 teaching Bible study classes. Besides these opportunities, I will have an opportunity to speak at First Baptist Church of Bonifay concerning prison ministry in September, so be in prayer for that opportunity. Also, at the end of October/beginning of November, we will be partnering with WOW prison ministry in their 4-day journey with the men of Holmes Correctional. Pray for souls to be saved and lives changed during this time. Thank you for your prayers and financial support! You are a vital part of this ministry! If you are already approved as a prison volunteer or are interested in becoming one, we have opportunities this quarter 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 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



Dates to Remember

Jefferson CI –

September 8<sup>th</sup>, October 13<sup>th</sup>, November 10<sup>th</sup>

Holmes CI –

September 14<sup>th</sup>, October 19<sup>th</sup>, November 16<sup>th</sup>

ACI West –

September 29<sup>th</sup>, October 27<sup>th</sup>, November 24<sup>th</sup>

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## Nase Report



"I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life. And we are confident that He hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases Him. And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for." I JOHN 5:13. Early in the morning before the sun comes up, you'll find Dan in the living room with a stack of Spanish Bibles and a pile of letters on the coffee table and large envelopes scattered all over the floor. Next he moves to the office where he records the names of the inmates, their institutions, and the type of Bible they requested. He makes the address labels, puts the Bibles into the envelopes and

then packs them into bags to take to the Post Office for shipping. Prayers are said for those who will receive a Bible, that the Holy Spirit will open their Spiritual eyes and speak God's Holy Word into their heart. Later in the day he will stop at a Post Office in one of the four counties where he happens to be in a prison where he ministers the Good News of Jesus Christ. Our ministry over the last 20 years has primarily been to the incarcerated Hispanic and to those prisons that have a Faith and Character Dorm in North Florida. We have asked the Lord for wisdom and the finances to carry out this objective and we can say confidently that He has blessed with both! We know that the Bible says, "that the grass withers and flowers fade, but God's word stands forever (ISAIAH 40: 8). "The truth is that heaven and earth will disappear, but not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the word of God until everything is accomplished (MATTHEW 5:18)." And finally, "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for the teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness." (II TIMOTHY 3:16). The Bible is the key to understanding the love and grace of God and it directs to the revelation that Jesus is the Son of God and that His sacrifice on the cross is payment for our sins. We get that! But we did not ask God, nor did we pray that He use us to send Spanish Bibles to the incarcerated detainee!!! This ministry came about slowly and now, from January to July, we find ourselves having mailed out 814 Bibles, Bible Studies, and Tracts. Amazing!!! That represents \$14,669.92 that we have spent towards this effort so far this year!! We remember a few years back when this amount would represent all the donations to Harvest of Life for a year!

Recently we received a phone call from a Bible study grader for Gospel Echoes in Texas. All our Bible Studies are obtained from this ministry whose headquarters are in Goshen, Indiana. Each day, Helen Goertzen receives completed Spanish Bible studies from inmates incarcerated in Federal Prisons and ICE detention centers in Texas, California, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Georgia. These are the Gospel Echoes studies in Spanish that we send out to the prisons along with the Spanish Bibles. We pray over the Bibles that are sent and ask the Holy Spirit to prompt the recipients to do the studies.

## Donor Spotlight – Gene Presley



I retired the first time in 2004 as the Postmaster of Gulf Breeze, Florida and for the second time from the state of Florida court system as the Alternative Dispute Resolution Director for the First Judicial Circuit in 2015. My wife and I came to Tallahassee in 2015 to be with our daughter, son-in-law and grandkids. I began looking for people involved in prison ministry. I began volunteering in prison in 2008 with Kairos. The word Kairos is derived from Greek word meaning "God's special time". My first four-day Kairos journey into prison was in Century CI. Believing I had nothing to offer these men in prison until I heard their stories, especially of how they grew up. Having survived many of the same trials in life, I realized I did have something to offer. My search to fill up that empty spot in me was filled by Jesus at age 30 when I got down on my knees and asked Him to change my life and use it

for his good. I went to the pastors at Celebration Baptist Church and asked about a prison ministry. They did not have one and asked me if I wanted to start one. I told them I had never done that, but we would try it. In 2016, Gospel Express Ministry South (GEMS) invited me to become one of their chaplains. I joined and was able to expand my ministry to several more prisons. I now teach weekly a 60-week program I developed titled, "Peacebuilding and Biblical Conflict Resolution". My new 100-hour program is called, "PIP - Peacemaking In Prison", and has the end result of prison resident trainers in de-escalation techniques, peace-circle keepers and mediator skills. I also go into prison with Stabilizing Life's Walk On Water (WOW) Prison Ministry group four times a year on a four day retreat and journey. I invited Dan into the WOW group and he has joined us.

Dan and I joined GEMS about the same time. I got to know Dan and how God was working in his life. I accepted Dan's invitation to go into prison with his Harvest of Life group. I have become a donor to Harvest of Life ministry because Dan and his merry band of followers are leading people to Jesus. Simply put, after tithing, we need to put our money toward the things we believe in. I believe there is nothing more important than making disciples and converts for Jesus. So, I joined Dan physically, spiritually and financially due to our common goals in life.

**Harvest of Life thanks Gene for being a faithful supporter!**