



Marilyn's Mother's Day Present

She got tired of pulling and pushing

“Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him, bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.” PSALM 100: 4, 5

Dearly Beloved,

It was with thanksgiving and praise that we entered the gates of five different prisons that we ministered in during the *Harvest of Life* Prison Crusade in April. We gave thanks to the Lord and blessed his name for the amazing turnout in all of the prison chapels both in the men's and women's facilities. In fact at the women's prison there were over 400 ladies in attendance. Our friend, singer/songwriter, Mitchel Jon, gave a phenomenal concert in each institution singing inspirational songs interspersed with testimony and words of encouragement. Along with us was Geri Eaton, a Kairos Prison Ministry volunteer who blessed the congregations with his moving story of “*coming to Jesus*” and finding victory in overcoming self-centeredness and years of making bad choices. Yes, the Lord is good and so far this year there have been 58 professions of faith. “*His steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.*” This past Sunday, 7 ladies accepted Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord bringing the total to 65. How about that? Praise His holy name!

For over a year we've been praying that God would send someone to take over one of the Spanish worship services at the Wakulla Annex freeing up Dan to minister in one of the prisons that he had to drop because of the distance he had to travel. Our prayers were answered when the Lord sent us Juan Ocampo, pastor of a Hispanic congregation at a local church here in Tallahassee. From the first day he preached at the WCI Annex, Juan had won the hearts of the men that attend the Spanish services. His Spirit filled sermons are awesome and his enthusiasm for the Lord is contagious. *Give thanks to Him, bless His name!*



Chilling out at the Grand Canyon

In June we attended the banquet celebrating the graduation of the 10th Life with a Purpose class. These are the ladies who we have the privilege of teaching life skills and character qualities that will make an impact in their lives while in prison and will prepare them for transition back in to society. The whole idea of the course is to instill a sense of purpose in the lives of the 70 women we minister to every six months. It is alarming to realize that most people in or out of prison have no idea what to do with the life they have been given. The vast majority of people are not sure what they want to do in life, and they are not sure that they would be successful even if they knew what they wanted to do. We are alarmed at lack of character most people possess. A recent survey of the population in general here in the United States found that most people have not given much thought as to a purpose for their lives. They seem to be self-absorbed and looking only to have fun, be happy and make a lot of money. Real purpose in life comes by getting involved in the needs of the people around us and finding lasting answers with God's Word.

We have had the satisfaction of attending all 10 graduations and have observed the transformation of over 700 women who have made the character traits as exemplified by Jesus a living part of their lives. In other words, they have learned that life is not just about them and that God does have a purpose and plan for their lives. They learn that God is always at work around them and that they can use their new life in Christ to help their family, others and themselves. God will use them in growing the message of hope that we have in Christ. They experience the growing dynamic of expanding life's message as they witness to others.

Those who pray for us and financially support the ministry of **Harvest of Life** are a special blessing to us. Your letters and emails encourage us to continue "to fight the good fight". So far this year we have shipped almost \$3,000.00 in Bibles, Bible Studies and Christian literature. Not all our mailings for to inmates in Florida. Yesterday Dan mailed \$250.00 worth of material to Texas, South Carolina, California. and of course, Florida. How about that!



Dan and Marilyn holding up the moon on Grayton Beach

“And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”

ROMANS 12: 2

We are truly grateful that after many years of seeking the Lord's will for our lives, we can say without reservation that our purpose is to **“delight ourselves in the Lord so that he will give us the desires of our heart.”** PSALM 37: 4 We, in our wildness imagination, would not have ever thought of prison ministry being God's plan for our lives, but then again, we have learned God's purpose is to reflect His glory to others as we are transformed by the Holy Spirit. We are committed to teaching others about how freedom in Christ does not depend upon our circumstances. We can be joyful, we can find peace, we can be kind to others and yes, we can even love those who find themselves incarcerated. All because He first loved us!

We thank you once again for your prayers and financial support. We truly are grateful that we have good health and that our passion to serve Christ is as strong as ever. Without you this ministry would not be able to grow the Kingdom of Jesus Christ!

In Christian Love,

Marilyn and Dan

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