



Dan and Marilyn with their beloved grandsons Christian and Nathan

"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter it. But small is the gate that leads to eternal life and only a few find it." MATTHEW 7: 13, 14

Marilyn and I are grateful to God for sending His Son, Jesus, the Christ into the world so that we are forgiven. We also thank Him for the gift of faith at the right time to accept His offering. That happened on June 24, 1979 at 4:30 pm when we both gave our life over to God the Father through faith in His Son, Jesus Christ! We were "born again" by the Holy Spirit through the power of the resurrection. That day we entered through the narrow gate! We had just heard the Gospel for first time three months prior on Easter! How about that?!

2014 was the first time that we didn't send out an end of the year Harvest of Life Newsletter. We decided instead to send you a Christmas card with a photo of our family that had been taken Thanksgiving weekend. It was the first time in several years that the whole family was together so we took the opportunity to pose on the shore of Apalachicola Bay on St. George Island which is located in the Florida panhandle.

Now that we're well into 2015 and looking at all the menacing developments in the US and around world that threaten Christianity...we feel more than ever the urgent need to spread the Good News of the Gospel. We thank God that He chose us to minister in the prisons, pointing those who are lost in darkness, to Jesus who is the

Light of the World. Through your prayers for us and your donations we have been able to preach, teach, disciple and provide Bibles and other Christian literature to both those who are searching for hope and those who are solidly grounded in His Word; helping them grow in their faith.

Hundreds of Bibles have been awarded to Hispanic inmates upon completing the Gospel Echoes Bible Correspondence courses. We're amazed at the number of men in the state institutions we visit who participate in these studies, take the tests and receive certificates of completion. For many of them this is the only award they've ever received. Next we're always surprised at the number of requests that we find each day in our PO Box from inmates serving in Federal Prisons who request Bibles. At present, with your support, we've been able to provide Spanish Bibles to men in federal institutions in California, Mississippi, South Carolina, Texas and Virginia. It's always encouraging to receive letters of thanks and appreciation from them as well.



Marilyn and our three beloved daughters...Stephanie, Melanie, Tiffany and Mom

Last Spring while one of the Chapel orderlies was rearranging the Chapel library he came across a carton of unused Bible study workbooks that had been donated to the prison several years ago. Surprisingly, Dan came across more of these same studies at another prison where he ministers. After doing the study *How to Win in Spiritual Warfare* himself, he was so impressed with the material that he decided to use it in the **Men on Mission** class. The men received it enthusiastically and felt that it was one of the best studies they'd ever participated in. This prompted Dan to contact the author

Reverend Joseph E. Smith (not to be confused with the Mormons) out of Wesley Chapel, FL. Reverend Joe Smith was delighted that the studies were finally being utilized and offered to send more at no cost. These extra studies are slated to be used in the Faith Based Dorm at the Women's Prison in Gretna. Sadly, over the holidays Rev. Smith (Joe) unexpectedly went to be with the Lord in November, 2014. Graciously his dear wife Katie arranged to have the studies sent to us. We thank God for these dear saints.

Recently we were contacted by the mother of an inmate who was downsizing and moving to a new home. She had a large library of Bibles, Christian literature and Bible study workbooks that she offered to donate to Harvest of Life. Through her donation we were able to provide two Chapel libraries with these most welcomed items.

At the beginning of this year we were blessed to have a new **Harvest of Life** team member join us in ministering in the *Faith Based Program* at the Women's Prison. Every Tuesday our dear friend and neighbor Arryal Middleton accompanies us to D-2 to assist in teaching a new study we're doing called "Battlefield of the Mind" by Joyce Meyer. Arryal is a retired elementary school teacher, Spirit filled and passionate when it comes to sharing Christ. The women love her teaching style and enthusiastic personality.



Marilyn on a bayside dock on St. George Island

We once again thank you for making it possible for us to present the "Love of God" to the Hispanic incarcerated in North Florida. This year could see the return of Jesus as the world seems to be *"on fire"*. The murdering of our brothers and sisters in the Middle East and Africa is an indicator of the *"end of the age"*. "But mark this: there will be terrible times in the last days. People will slide into immorality and the Church

will grow cold and become apostate! *“Some will have a form of godliness, but they will deny its power”*. In other words, they will pursue what the world offers. *“They will be lovers of money, comfort and pleasure; accepting all kinds of ungodly behavior and will “turn their itching ear from the truth and abandon sound doctrine”*. They will invent a God in their minds and hearts that satisfies their fleshly desires.

We did not reach our goal of \$3,000.00 for Spanish Bibles and Bible studies in our annual Christmas appeal. As a matter of fact, we did not even come close. Each year for the last 12 years **Harvest of Life Ministries** has exceeded the goal. Please pray that donations to the ministry will be adequate to meet the needs. We thank you for your continued prayers and financial support.

In Christian Love,

Dan and Marilyn



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