

HARVEST OF LIFE

Quarterly Newsletter



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Director's Corner



"But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one."
2 Thessalonians 3:3 ESV.

The Lord is faithful! I cannot thank Him enough for His faithfulness! He is the One who makes all things possible and His grace over us is immeasurable. How great is our God and what a mighty God we serve! We are so thankful for you and for your prayers and support.

This past quarter has been exciting with the addition of a few more people who want to volunteer and be a part of this ministry going into the prisons to minister through our worship services, praise God for that! We continue to go into Holmes CI and Apalachee CI on a regular basis for worship services and we see God moving in the hearts and lives of these men. Please be in prayer that the Lord will continue to bring us those who are led to serve alongside us in the prisons and ask the Lord if one of those He wants is you!

We have finished the class, "Basic. Who Is God?" at the Wakulla CI Work Camp and have started a new class called, "If", by Mark Batterson. That class should go for about six weeks and then we will start "It's Not Too Late" by Tony Evans. There are 10-15 guys consistently coming to class, praise the Lord, so please continue to pray for them.

At Holmes CI, the class "It's Not Too Late" by Tony Evans will be finishing up this quarter and we'll be looking to start either "Crazy Love" by Frances Chan or "Play the Man" by Mark Batterson. This is a great group of men at Holmes and I enjoy seeing their interest and growth in the Word and as individuals. Please keep these men in your prayers.

A huge "Thank You" to everyone who made our first annual Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction a success! We could not have done it without everyone's prayer and support! Just to see all the people who were involved, especially with all the themed baskets we had, it was incredible! We had over 30 baskets up for bid for this auction along with so many other great items and services that were donated by local businesses. Thank you, thank you, thank you and praise the Lord for His faithfulness! We made a little over \$3,600 and we look forward to seeing what the Lord is going to do next year when we also add our **M**ake **A** Difference Dash 5K/Mile Fun Run to it! Get ready!

I was blessed with the opportunity to be the keynote speaker at the Good News Jail & Prison Ministry fundraiser down in Brevard County on April 26th. I spent the day with my good friend who is a pastor and church planter. His church, The Grove Church, is located in Titusville, FL. As I walked into the banquet that night, the very first person I see is someone who was at Liberty CI with me and have not seen since 2004! We looked at each other trying to figure out where we had seen each other before and finally it all came rushing back to us! What a reunion! It was such a blessing and another testimony of God's grace and power to hear how the Lord is using him in Rockledge, Florida! What a mighty God we serve!

There are inmates who want to go to college and take correspondence courses. Many of the inmates are requesting Bibles. You can sponsor an inmate by donating to the ministry and designating it as "College Fund" or something similar. You can also designate a donation toward "Bibles" and this will help us get these requested Bibles into their hands.

Also, if you are 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 or just come in with me to a class on a Tuesday or Thursday morning. Please contact me for more information. evans@harvestoflife.org or www.harvestoflife.org

Upcoming Events

June 24th, July 22nd, Aug. 26th –
Worship Services at ACI-West

June 16th –
Worship Services at Holmes CI

We invite you to join us in this exciting ministry that is changing lives.
Harvest of Life is a faith-based ministry which depends wholly on your support through prayer and financial gifts.
Email us at evans@harvestoflife.org or visit our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/harvestoflife.org> .

"...Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are white for harvest!" Jn. 4:35

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Missionary Report



Our Missionaries, Dan and Marilyn Nase, share what God is doing through them in the prisons: "We're thrilled when we receive letters from inmates in Federal Institutions thanking us for the Spanish Bibles they've received from Harvest of Life. It's encouraging to know of their profound thanks and to know how much they cherish them. Many of them meet in the prison yard to study together. They are blessed to be able to read and understand Scripture in their own language. They pray together and encourage each other in the Word. What a blessing to receive cards and letters telling us how much they appreciate their Bible Studies, Tracts and Bibles! Thank God for your support!!

Recently two Hispanic women that attend the Spanish Bible Study at Gadsden C.F. completed four Bible Correspondence courses and received Sarah Young's "Jesus Calling" devotionals in Spanish. Many women in the Faith Based program at GCF have also completed the four studies and have received their Jesus Calling devotional in English. Each one of them has expressed their thankfulness for them and tells us how much they treasure them when they have their quiet time with the Lord in the early morning hours. Some say that it is the most precious gift that they have ever received.

Once more I tell you all this because it is you and your faithful, generous giving and your precious prayers that allows us to provide these wonderful gifts of God's Word to those that Jesus calls "the least of these". "Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me" (Matt. 25:40)

Meanwhile classes in the Faith Based dorms are going great. We go to four different prisons to facilitate these Bible study classes. The participants are diligent in their studies completing all the written work and are also actively involved in class participation. Since the first of the year we've had 20 salvations for which we give God all the Glory. We praise and thank God every day for giving us this wonderful opportunity."

Donor Spotlight



This quarter's Donor Spotlight is Eunice Murray. She is sharing how the Lord led her to become involved with Harvest of Life ministry and be a volunteer and supporter.

"I can remember talking to the Lord during my quiet time and telling Him that I just wanted to make a difference in someone else's life. Never once did I think it would be through prison ministry. God had a plan and this is how He chose to get me to where He wanted me to be. In February 2017, while volunteering at Faith Radio, I met Marilyn Nase who was involved in Harvest of Life ministry. During the course of our conversation, I expressed an interest in prison ministry, but never once did I think it would develop into anything more. The next week Marilyn saw me at church and introduced me to her husband Dan who right away began talking to me about

going into the prison as if I was really interested. I laughed to myself because when I told God I wanted to make a difference in someone's life, I didn't have prison in mind. But God began to lay out His plan.

Several weeks later, Dan told me that the Prison Chaplain would be having a class at Thomasville Road Baptist Church and I agreed to come. I must say that my perspective of prison came from what I had seen on television because I had never been into a prison or a jail. I attended the class, completed paperwork and what I thought would be a long process of completing a background check was done in a week. Dan called to say that another young lady and I would be going with him and his wife to Gadsden Correctional Institution the next Tuesday to observe. He explained that he needed us to take over teaching for him and his wife for two (2) months, while they were on vacation. I was nervous and almost fainted that first Tuesday, but God knew what He was doing. I have not regretted one day. After Dan and Marilyn returned from vacation, Leslie Olsson and I began teaching together at GCI every Thursday. Not only do I go to Gadsden, but I have joined Dan and Sarah Evans and other Harvest of Life team members once a month at Holmes Correctional and Apalachee Correctional.

At GCI, I teach the women, but at the men's prison with Dan, I sing. LOL. No soundtrack, but a captive audience. I figured once the men are there, where can they go? LOL. God puts a song (usually a hymn) in my heart and I sing and share with them a brief Scripture that God has given to me for them. Now, going into the prison was not my choice, but God has given me a joy that I can't explain. As I prepare each week to teach, the Holy Spirit is teaching me and working in my heart a love for these women that could only come from Him. I am so looking forward to how the Holy Spirit is going to transform their lives and use them for the kingdom of God right where they are. If one person comes to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior, then I have done what He has told me to do.

The message is Jesus Christ. He lived, He died, was buried, but on the third day, He rose and one day soon He's coming again. I know the Holy Spirit will change their hearts because He is still changing mine. God's Word gives freedom, hope and eternal life. Psalm 146:7b says, "The Lord sets prisoners free." John 8:32 says "and you will know the truth and the truth will set you free." And when Jesus makes you free, you are free indeed.

Every week and one Saturday and Sunday a month, I get to share Jesus Christ with men and women who are in need of eternal hope. My mission is to obediently share Christ, and let the Holy Spirit do the rest. I'm looking forward to what God is going to do in me and in them. "