

GRACE & PEACE to you from GOD our FATHER & our LORD JESUS CHRIST. Let us REJOICE (Phil. 4:4) & continually PRAISE HIM (Ps. 34:1) who gives us the BLESSED HOPE of ETERNAL LIFE because of HIS FINISHED WORK at the CROSS of CALVARY. Itís that awesome SALVATION moment when a human soul comes humbly to JESUS CHRIST & receives ETERNAL FORGIVENESS for sin, beginning a NEW life. (II Cor. 5:17). HAPPY RESURRECTION DAY! It is not just one day of celebration, but every day. I thank HIM & praise HIM DAILY that the LAMB of GOD died for ALL & rose again on the 3rd day. April 8th, the day of celebrating EASTER, was my 25-year anniversary of preaching CHRIST CRUCIFIED. I started at the old Union Rescue Mission, & then was called by the Los Angeles Mission, the Fred Jordan Mission & the Long Beach Rescue Mission. The L.A. Co. Jail followed, which led to 12 different states of prison ministry along with scores of prisons all over California, P.T.L.

I was asked by an inmate at Pelican Bay Penitentiary, ìHow do you do it year after year?î He heard me preach at 3 other prisons. I said, ìThatís easy. In His Strength (Eph. 6:10).î JESUS HIMSELF said in John 15:5, ìWithout ME you can do nothing.î But I know that I know that I can do ALL things thru CHRIST who strengthens me. (Phil 4:13).

This month of April was one of the most fruitful & busy months ever. There were 32 services & the HOLY SPIRIT brought into the kingdom well over 500 who prayed the sinners prayer (John 6:44). What an AWESOME GOD I serve! All of the mission services were well attended & I preached sermons on ìThe Resurrectionî; ìSix Miracles at Calvaryî; ìJesus Last Hoursî; & the one I always struggle with, ìGethsemaneî. Our LORD sweat blood while under profuse stress, agonizing in that garden. Íve almost died 4 times & I never sweat blood. In the last 2 times of almost dying I had a ìpeace that was beyond ALL understanding that guards our MINDS & HEARTS in CHRIST

JESUS. (Phil. 4:7). ALL because of JESUS! Don't you love HIM? A lady I know said, 'Aren't you going to retire after 25 years?' I said, 'No way, I'll retire when I go home with the LORD.'

I had a special blessing this month as my daughter Lea, my grandchild Elijah & son in law, Doug came to L.A. on their way to a cruise. My other daughter Nikol joined us for lunch & we had a time of just loving & being together. I'm so blessed to have them. We have a most SPECIAL father-daughter relationship. Elijah played his first soccer game & his team won 9-1. He had 5 goals & 1 assist.

I also ministered at the L.A. Co. Jail for 2 six-hour days of services & counseling, & Chino Women's Prison, where it is always well attended & responsive to GOD'S WORD. Andrew Howard, a Rabbi for CHRIST had me on his TV cable show as a guest. We did 2 shows & there was a strong anointing as we ministered to an unseen audience. At one point this month, I ministered at 15 services from Friday to Friday, and then I had a day of rest before going to Donovan Penitentiary. I've been going there for 17 years. I'm told that 80% of those released return. BUT the ones who left Donovan & prayed the Arsenal Prayer DAILY have NOT returned. We ALL need to dress for the daily battles (Eph. 6:10-17). You can download it from my website. www.melnovak.com. Wherever I go to minister, everybody gets one. I've given out over 54,000.

I flew to Crescent City (Pelican Bay Penitentiary) on Friday the 13th & had a most blessed weekend of ministering, Chaplain Bliesner, a most excellent Chaplain, had to really shift things around on Sunday as there were 4 fights & 1 stabbing. It was a miracle that I was able to have 4 services. For the first time, after being there twice last year, I was able to have services in yard B. At the last service which was really jammed packed, I preached an hour & 50 minute sermon. An inmate counted & said I used 160 verses of scripture & they hung on every word. For the first time, I ministered at Susanville Penitentiary. I flew to Reno, NV. & then drove 12 hours northwest to Susanville for

7 services in 3 days. Chaplain Jack Carmichael is another strong servant of the Lord like Chappy Bob, & a blessing to the inmates. There were many inmates there who heard me preach at other prisons. They want me back & I will return. It is so gratifying seeing multitudes give their hearts to JESUS & changing their lives. There were also scores this month that were contemplating suicide, but after GOD'S WORD of hope & encouragement, they thanked me & said 'NO' to the devil. Next month on May 19th Art Fierros of Loco for Christ is having an outreach for the city at Pecan Park, Boyle Heights (1st St. off the 101) 10am to 5pm.

Until next month, may a dying SAVIOR'S LOVE, a RISEN SAVIOR'S prayers (Rom. 8:27) & an ETERNAL SAVIOR'S glory be the comfort, joy & strength to your heart. Lord bless you & keep you. To you who sent love offerings, I PRAISE Him & THANK you so very much. (Numbers 6:24-26)

In His Majesty's Service,

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