

Dear Child of the **KING** — **GRACE** to you & **PEACE** through our **LORD JESUS CHRIST**. It is my prayer that in the midst of the challenges & opportunities of this hour of history, **IT IS WELL WITH YOUR SOUL**. I rejoice in the fact that **JESUS ALONE** is the still point in a convulsing world that gets darker by the day. Sometimes the world can become so vile — men's thoughts & deeds so wicked — some reason that the only way of escape is monasteries. Of course, that is **NOT** the divine solution. The believer is to be **LIGHT** in the midst of darkness. The **LORD** can keep us & protect us in the midst of wickedness, **IF** we submit to **HIS INDWELLING SPIRIT**. As believers, we must **NEVER** forget that we have **NOT** been commissioned to resolve the political problems of a world that is under divine judgment, **BUT** to preach a saving message to lost men & women.

August brought in over 400 to the kingdom in 21 services. There would have been 3 more at Donovan Penitentiary, where I've been ministering for 18 years. Chaplain Bill Brown E-mailed me Saturday night & said that due to ongoing budget negotiations in Sacramento, orders have deleted some of the C.O. positions, discontinuing approval for overtime. The results, religious services have been cut down. Bummer! My L.A. Co. Jail services averaged 90 inmates in each service & the counseling hours were very fruitful. **GOD'S WORD** is awesome & powerful, piercing many hard & cold hearts (Heb. 4:12; Ez. 36:26). I've watched gang members' change after **JESUS** comes into their hearts. The same at Chino Women's Prison that had a large harvest of souls who are hungry for **GOD'S WORD**. There has also been hours of praying for saints on the phone. I also had a terrific all day Saturday at the L.A. Mission's End of Summer Block Party.

This has been a difficult month for me as some that were close to me went home with the **LORD** (II. Cor. 5:8). Calamities are striking too many (Ps. 57:1,2). We must stay girded up in prayer & dressed for each day's battle (Eph. 6:10-17; Ps. 34:19). I had a wonderful evening of ministry at Jacob's Well in Long Beach, where I have ministered for over 10 years. The Skid Row Missions Chapel Services were anointed & blessed, with scores of homeless people in the services. So many are walking wounded (Jer. 30:17) & emotionally crippled. The Spiritual Growth Programs are full in each mission, which is good. Those who come into the programs, **WANT** to be healed. Remember in John, Chapter 5, **JESUS** asked the man who was crippled for 38 years, "Do you want to be healed?" **CHOICES!** The Fred Jordan Mission Spiritual Growth Bible Studies that I do every Tuesday but the first one (L.A. Co. Jail) have really been well received. I am blessed to watch them grow in **CHRIST**. The Union Rescue Mission men & women's services are always special. I started there over 26 years ago. Time flies swiftly, doesn't it?

Spent the last weekend ministering at the San Luis Obispo Prison. All 5 of the services were well attended with very good harvests. It's a 6 hour & 10 minute round trip drive with a hotel night.

Next month, I go to Pelican Bay Penitentiary, where the total cost is over \$1000. I don't know when I can go back because donations are down 70%. I do not get a salary. I know that I know that **GOD IS FAITHFUL!** Lamentations 3:22, 23 tell us " **HIS** compassions fail **NOT**. They are **NEW** every morning. **GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS.**" I've encouraged so many this month in counseling who have failed the **LORD** & are beating themselves up. Perhaps you have slipped or become complacent in **PRAYER & BIBLE** reading. You may be overwhelmed with **FEAR, GUILT, SHAME & UNBELIEF**, but **GOD** is **FAITHFUL & MERCIFUL**. In Psalm 89, you will find one of the most healing & encouraging words in all of scripture. Beginning in verse 20, **GOD** says, "I have found David, my servant, with whom **MY** hand shall be established. I will beat down his foes before his face. **MY FAITHFULNESS & MY MERCY** shall be with him." I will make him my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth. **GOD** covenants, "**MY MERCY** will I keep for him forevermore, & my covenant shall stand fast with him" (vs 28).

GOD cannot lie, break a covenant or a promise (Heb. 6:18; Numbers 23:19; Titus 1:2). **GOD'S** promises are "**YES & AMEN.**" (II Cor. 1:20). Think of it. **GOD** has made a covenant **NEVER** to take **HIS LOVING KINDNESS** from any of us who are in **CHRIST**, where **JESUS IS LORD** of our life. (Rom. 2:11; Acts 10:34). Now **HE** does discipline us with the rod of correction, (Heb. 12:5, 6) but even then, **HE** does it in **MERCY, LOVE & COMPASSION**. (Whom **HE LOVES HE** chastens.) He will be **FAITHFUL** to you (Heb. 10:23), enduing you with the power of the **HOLY SPIRIT**. **JESUS** never gives up on us & is "with us forever." (Matt. 28:20). **PLEASE...Do NOT** give up on yourself. (Luke 18:1) That's what the devil wants. **GOD** also says the battle is **HIS**. (II Chron. 20:15; I Sam.17:47). So give **THANKS & PRAISE** to the **LORD** for **HIS LOVING KINDNESS** in the morning & **HIS FAITHFULNESS** every night. (Ps. 92:1, 2). Remember, there is **NO** place we can go & find a **LOVE** more determined & faithful than **HIS**. Only within the **LOVING ARMS** of a **HOLY GOD** do we experience "unconditional" **LOVE & ACCEPTANCE**. (Jer. 31:3; Jn. 3:16). It's yours warmly through **HIS** power which enables us to soar like an eagle, even in difficult & dark days.

Until next month, may **GOD** richly **BLESS** you, and to you who sent love offerings, **I PRAISE HIM & THANK YOU**.

In His Majesty's Service,

Scriptures to embrace: Col. 3, 12-17; Eph. 1:15-23; Isa. 58:11,12; Ps. 107:3, 6, 13, 19, 28; Rom. 5:1-8