

With enthusiasm, I greet you in the **MIGHTY** name of our blessed **LORD JESUS CHRIST**. May **HIS LOVE & GRACE** overflow you & I pray, "It is **WELL** with your **SOUL**." During these dark days where the winds of adversity are blowing at hurricane force, I encourage you to spend more time in **PRAYER**, the **WORD, PRAISE, WORSHIP** & dressing with your **FULL ARMOR** on **DAILY**.

August was a blessed month of ministry with the **HOLY SPIRIT** (Jn. 6:44) bringing forth over 500 into the kingdom in 23 services. Yes, it was busy, but an extra bonus — the pleasure of staying with my daughter Lea & family. She is such a good mom & wife. She made me special meals & treats. Ali Mae is 2 now & precious. Elijah is already 5' tall & an excellent athlete.

I ministered at Larch Mountain Prison & have seen a tremendous growth in their walk with **CHRIST**. It was only 2 months ago that I was there ministering. The Carson Church of the Nazarene had me as a guest speaker on Sunday. I enjoyed Pastor Todd & his flock.

The 12 services at the Skid Row Missions are always a time for encouraging, edifying & uplifting those who are broken & wounded. The 2nd service at the Fred Jordan Mission has 100 in every service. Also had a good time in the **LORD** at the Hope for the Homeless Youth. My Bible Studies at Gloria Muscarella's home have been well attended. Every other Monday is a 2 hour study. **COME!**

Wayside Prison has a full chapel every other Friday. 175 attend each service in the **MERIT** Program. I pray other prisons would adopt this excellent program. The 3 services at the L.A. Co. Jail had small attendances, 20 in each service because there were 2 stabbings in 12 days — in a chapel service. I also walked the tiers in the High Profile, Super Max sections. I've been able to lead scores to the **LORD** & gave them all the Arsenal Prayer. Chino Women's Prison as always had a packed chapel. 80% have children & most are there for drugs. It is encouraging to me to see so many getting serious about their walk with **JESUS**. About 90% who attend the services are praying the Arsenal Prayer **DAILY**. As I left, I said, "May the **LORD JESUS** bless & keep you in **ALL** your ways."

With all that is going on in the world & in our country, we hear so much of depravity, terror, hatred & political turmoil; it seems to overload our senses. There is so much bad news, division & distortion on all sides. These reasons make it crucial to spend time in the **WORD**, pray & stand

against the wiles of the devil (Eph. 6:10-17). In the midst of all this restlessness & disorder, I hear the **WORD** of **GOD** telling me to rejoice greatly & be glad (Phil. 4:4). His **WORD** is saying, "Let the Saints be joyful. Let them sing aloud upon their beds," (Ps. 149:5). When was the last time you sang joyfully, out loud in your bed before retiring? (See Ps. 149:2). **THAT IS FAITH!** (Heb. 11:6). If you listen to the so-called "experts" on TV & radio talk shows, you could open yourself up to a spirit of unrest & anger. You can get caught up in issues that are **NOT** eternal, but soon to pass (Col. 3:2). Look at what is happening in Washington D.C. When I voted, it was always on the basis of **BIBLE** truth (Heb. 6:18; Isa. 55:11; Ps. 138:2). I will always vote calmly without losing my peace (Phil. 4:7) & my love for lost humanity.

Most of all, I will obey **GOD'S** eternal **WORD** & rejoice & be glad, no matter how the storms rage around me. We are told to sing & rejoice, knowing our **GOD** has promised to lead & protect us through it all. **PLEASE** see Ps. 32:7 & Ps. 32:11. Beloved, our **LORD** sits **KING** of the flood. **HE** has everything under control (Isa. 43:2; Eph. 6:10; John 15:5). So, there is no need to fear or despair (II Tim. 1:7; Ps. 27:1; Isa. 41:10). Our **LORD** is in our midst, & one day soon all **HIS** enemies will become **HIS** footstool (Ps. 110:1). I love that verse! **GOD** doesn't talk to **HIMSELF**. I do! **GOD** was talking to **JESUS**. Amen & Praise the Lord!!

We are told to "shout unto **GOD** with the voice of triumph for **HE** is **KING** over all the earth," (Ps. 47:1-2). I believe **JESUS CHRIST** is coming back soon. Read Matthew 24, Luke 21 & Mark 13. Turn on the TV & read the newspapers. **NOBODY** knows when, but we are commanded to always be ready. Also, in a time when the **LORD** says men's hearts will be "failing them with fear" over what they see happening. "We are to look up, & lift up our heads for our redemption draws near," (Luke 21:28). Can you do this? Will you do it?

Sing, at night: be glad & rejoice through the day. Look up, lift up your head, be glad with a blessed hope (Titus 2:13). Hopelessness is the most devastating emotion in the world. I see this all the time on Skid Row & in prisons. That is why I keep pressing on to do the **LORD'S** work (John 8:32 & 36). Even when I **HAD** the prostate cancer, I still rejoiced & kept my joy (Neh. 8:10). **GOD loves YOU!** (Jer. 31:3).

Until next month, my **GOD** bless you & to you who sent offerings, a 100-fold return.

In His Majesty's Service,