

**GRACE & PEACE to you from GOD our FATHER & our LORD JESUS CHRIST. We can REJOICE in the LORD (Phil. 4:4) & PRAISE HIM who came to earth that we might LIVE. I love the CELEBRATION of CHRIST-mas & this is a time of not GIVING, but SAVING. Our LORD JESUS is the ULTIMATE GIFT to ALL humanity. (Eph. 2:8; Acts 4:12).**

**My calling & prayer is that multitudes continue to receive GOD'S gift of JESUS CHRIST (John 1:12), where HE is the CENTER & FIRST in their lives, and on the throne of their HEARTS (John 8:12). It has been a most fruitful year of harvesting souls (John 6:44) & preaching CHRIST CRUCIFIED. GOD gave me the strength to do 260 services in 2005 where over 3300 invited JESUS CHRIST into their hearts, or rededicated their lives to HIM. PRAISE GOD that my passion to preach wherever HE sends me & a sense of urgency in these end times to win souls increases each year. I might get jet lag, but because I'm always HOLY SPIRIT led (Luke 12 :12), there's NO burnout. Next Easter will be 24 years of ministry in the Skid Rows of L.A. & prisons all over the country. I give GOD ALL the HONOR, WORSHIP & GLORY for ALL that HE does thru me (John 15:5; Eph. 6:10), & for taking care of my needs (Phil. 4:19). From the bottom of my heart, I thank all of you who sent love offerings, Bibles & prayers this year. Many times I get choked up & know GOD touched your hearts to reach out to me. May HE abundantly bless you in every way.**

**In December, there were only 17 services, but also 3 days of counseling inmates at the L.A. Co. Jail, where I did a service at the beginning of a 6 hour day. Most of the 25 I counseled rededicated their lives to CHRIST & 3 became new converts. I gave Bibles to 16 of them along with the Arsenal Prayer & Pulling Down Strongholds by John Olsteen. The services at the Fred Jordan, L.A., Union Rescue & Long Beach Rescue Missions all had packed services with nice harvests of souls. The first service of December at the L.A. Co. Jail & the next days Long beach Rescue Missions service had 91 who prayed the sinners prayer. Great Start! I also did 2 Bible studies at Margie Rey's home this month & attended Ron Zaucha's Lighthouse Prison Ministry's board meeting before we went to Chino Women's Prison. Ron is kind enough to have me preach the sermon on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. As always, it was overflowing with hurting women who came to hear about JESUS, who brings healing, wholeness, & restoration into their hearts. It's amazing how many are faithfully praying the Arsenal**

**Prayer, joyfully telling me what a difference it makes in their lives. I've given out over 51,000 Arsenal Prayers. The women's service at the Union Rescue Mission who, with their children, have been abandoned will spend CHRIST-mas in a Skid Row Mission. How sad ! It grieves me !**

**We live in a fallen world & almost everywhere I turn, I see tragedy & heartache. Only a fool misses the point from the morning headlines that we are sitting on the edge of disaster. But it isn't just the world. The enemy of our souls, the devil, whispers, 'You don't make a difference---they can't be helped.' I must keep focused on JESUS as I keep on keeping on. It is worth it when I minister to someone & their lives change, & I do see lives change after JESUS is in their hearts. Guilt, shame, loneliness, hurt & fear were their constant companions but the LORD says 'give it to ME' (Matt. 11:28-30). Some wonder about things such as home & family & the meaning of life. A long time ago, in a manger, a baby was born. GOD in flesh! He was & is a sign to us. HIS presence reads, 'THIS IS NOT AN ABANDONED WORLD.'**

**During every CHRIST-mas season, there's a break in the bleakness & a bit of beauty in the middle of the ugliness shines through. People will laugh & make merry. Most won't understand why they laugh. Many of them will make merry because that is what one is supposed to do during the holiday season. And it's MERRY CHRIST-mas, not 'happy holidays' & 'HO, HO, Santa.' There are many who will pause & remember, 'For unto us a child is born, to us a SON is given, & the government will be on HIS shoulders, and HE will be called WONDERFUL, COUNSELOR, MIGHTY GOD, EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE' (Isa. 9:6). We have NOT been abandoned! GOD gave HIS SON to us (John 3:16). Someday the SAVIOR will return, then ALL the ugliness will be removed. There won't be any more pain & all the tears will be dried (Rev. 21:4). Perhaps in your hour of need, here are 5 scriptures that are blessed, healing & anointed. Please read & meditate on them (Ps. 56:3, 4, 8, 9 & 13). Pray over them & by FAITH, stand on GOD'S promises (II Cor. 1:20). Don't let the enemy overwhelm you with loneliness at this time of the year.**

**May you live merrily because HE came & HE NEVER ABANDONS us (Matt. 28:20; Heb. 13:5). HE keeps coming! Keep it merry because HE IS COMING AGAIN to set things right. HIS thoughts about you number more than the sand in the sea (Ps. 139:17, 18).**

**Until next month, may GOD richly bless you. To you who sent love**

**offerings, a 100-fold blessing.**

**In His Majesty's Service,**

**Mel Novak**