

GRACE & PEACE to you from GOD our FATHER, who sent our LORD & SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST into this world, that WHOSOEVER believes in HIM should NOT perish, but have ETERNAL LIFE (John 3:16, Acts 16:31). I know that scores of you will receive this newsletter after CHRIST-mas because of the slowness of bulk mail delivery, but I pray that you & your loved ones enjoyed the BEAUTY of the AWESOME CELEBRATION of CHRIST-mas. (NO HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!) The message of CHRIST-mas is GOD giving us the ULTIMATE GIFT of ETERNAL LIFE. JESUS is that GIFT.

My prayer is that multitudes CONTINUE to receive GOD's gift of JESUS CHRIST (John 1:12), where HE is the CENTER of their lives and on the throne of their hearts (John 8:12). 2007 was another fruitful year of ministry, harvesting souls (John 6:44) in the Skid Row Mission & street, along with prisons & penitentiaries around the country. Believe me, it was all HIM, & HE gave me supernatural strength & divine energy to do 290 services. Well over 4300 received JESUS in their hearts, or rededicated their lives to HIM. Every December I PRAISE GOD that my passion & urgency to preach CHRIST CRUCIFIED increases each year. He has been faithful to do this. (Heb. 10:23). Next EASTER will be my 26th year on Skid Row & 23 years in prison ministry. I'm careful to always give GOD ALL the HONOR, WORSHIP & GLORY for what HE accomplishes thru me (John 15:5; Eph. 6:10). There were also hours & hours of counseling at the L.A. Co. Jail, which has brought healing & deliverance to multitudes of young men.

I rejoiced this month & also choked up from some cards & letters from inmates who are now saved & praying the ARSENAL PRAYER (DAILY). See www.melnovak.com & download. I have given out over 56,000. One was a card from Walla-Walla Penitentiary, the maximum-security facility with words of thanks & appreciation. I received a call from Brother Clyde, who now works at a high position at the Fred Jordan Mission to thank me & tell me what I meant in his life. When he got out of prison, I was there on his first day at the Fred Jordan, giving a Bible Study on Spiritual Warfare that Willy Jordan had me start 21 years ago, in addition to the service. J. D. Allen sent me an e-mail celebrating 20 years of being clean & sober. I was best man at his wedding. Michael Bresnahan, who is the computer whiz that designed my web-site, also celebrated 20 years. This year I received over 250 pieces of mail that tugs at my heart. I see first hand what GOD is doing in the darkest places of mankind as I bring the HOPE & LIGHT of JESUS CHRIST to them.

I have a starring role in a movie called 'Thunderkick', written and produced by Leo Fong, a Christian martial artist & actor. He worked out the schedule so I wouldn't miss any services. There were days I acted until 3pm, got into my car, makeup & all, & went to preach. My co-star is a grand Master martial artist from London, England & is in all the Hall of Fames around the world. Gary Wasniewski is inviting me to London at the big Hall of Fame event & said he will also set me up with some churches where I can minister. Everyone on the set knows what I do in my real life, a SOUL-dier FOR CHRIST.

This month, I asked those where I preached in the Skid Row Missions & Men's & Women's Prisons, 'Did CHRIST-mas burn in your heart? Did it shine from within you like stars on a dark night bringing HOPE to the hopeless & lifting you up in your struggles?' There were also many Christians that I talked to this month who felt, in their busy life, that CHRIST-mas were more like a burden than a CELEBRATION. There were events to attend, gifts to buy, dinners to prepare etc. I told them to put their to-do lists away & reflect on what JESUS has done for us, especially on the GIFTS HE HAS GIVEN. Of course, HIS first & GREATEST gift is our personal salvation. I asked them if they were aware that at the moment they were saved, (Acts 4:12), they also received a second gift: the indwelling of the HOLY SPIRIT. JESUS describes the SPIRIT-filled man in a most beautiful description of our personal relationship with HIM in John 15: 1, 4 & 5. We abide in HIM & HIM in us. We're a part of HIM. We are rooted & grounded in HIM & we need to focus on this truth in 2008.

Just as important, we are absolutely DEPENDENT on HIM. It is NOT our responsibility to produce the fruit of the SPIRIT but to live the VICTORIOUS life. Like a branch receiving sap from the grapevine, we simply draw from HIM what we need in order to live the fruit of the SPIRIT-filled live. This is one of the most important principles of the Christian life: We cannot live it ourselves. THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE. The more we submit to the HOLY SPIRIT'S leading, the more GOD will accomplish in & through us. The ultimate example of this is the life of JESUS. HE drew all of HIS strength from the SPIRIT of GOD. The same gift that empowered the life of CHRIST has been given to us. I encourage you to spend MORE time with JESUS & to let the SPIRIT of GOD work in & thru you. There are multitudes of other

gifts: PRAYER, HEALING, RESTORATION, DELIVERANCE, GOD'S
ARSENAL, PRAISE, LOVE, MERCY, GRACE & many more. SEEK
THEM!!!

Until next year, LORD BLESS YOU ABUNDANTLY. To you who blessed
me with LOVE offerings this year, I PRAISE HIM & THANK YOU.

In His Majesty's Service,

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