

Beloved friend in CHRIST, I pray that during these dark days in the world that you are REJOICING in the LORD (Phil. 4:4) & standing against the wiles of the devil (Eph. 6:10-17). THANKS be unto GOD for HIS wonderful gift; JESUS CHRIST, the only begotten SON of GOD, who is the object of our FAITH. The ONLY FAITH that SAVES is FAITH in HIM (Acts 4:12). These days of heavy spiritual warfare demand a commitment to live a life of FAITH & TRUST in CHRIST, who on the cross at Calvary said, ìIT IS FINISHEDî (John 19:30). The enemy was CRUSHED!

February picked up where January ended with 21 services, 9 hours of counseling & scores of ministering to those calling for prayer because of severe afflictions. There were over 350 that prayed the sinners prayer of salvation who were drawn by the Holy Spirit (John 6:44). An inmate at L.A. Co. Jail, who at one time lived in my hometown of Wall, PA., asked me how I continue to do what I do in prisons & Skid Row after all these years. I told him that I let the HOLY SPIRIT be in TOTAL control & pray never to lose my sense of urgency to preach CHRIST CRUCIFIED & win souls.

Although it was a short month, it was a fruitful one. There were some days of rain which loads up the chapels as GOD'S WORD goes forth. The 3 L. A. Co Jail services were well attended (210) with large harvests (175) & during counseling, I led many to CHRIST or had them rededicate. I give then a nice Bible, the Arsenal Prayer & Pulling Down Strongholds by Pastor John Osteen. Pastor Augie of Victory Outreach donated \$500 so that I could purchase Bibles & this is NOT my home church. GOD IS GOOD! I've been giving Bibles out for 24 years & I buy magnifying glasses for those with poor vision. That way there is no excuse not to read it. Chino Women's Prison again had a nice harvest & another packed chapel. Next month, Ron Zaucha's prison ministry has an all day seminar where I'll preach several sermons. Bro. Ron has recovered nicely from his heart attack & injuries, P.T.L. The Long Beach Rescue Mission, L.A. Mission, Fred Jordan Mission (& Bible studies for the men in the program), & Union Rescue Mission men's & women's services had all different messages of encouragement, edifying & uplifting as multitudes are walking wounded & afflicted.

My home Bible studies have been well attended, 2 hours of solid word. I ministered a 2 æ hr. teaching to Victory Outreach women's recovery home, & will also minister at the men's recovery home. I've given well over 54,000 of the Arsenal Prayer (download at [www.melnovak.com](http://www.melnovak.com)). Please do NOT take the

prayer or spiritual warfare lightly. This month's testimony by Katie Souza is powerful. Sometime this year, Katie & I will do a 2 day seminar in Phoenix, AZ. on "Healing of Past Wounds." There is so much distress, so much affliction, so much sorrow caused by sickness, disease & disaster---wherever I go to minister.

There are multitudes of hurting believers who are also facing financial crisis from the devourer. The BIBLE reminds us, "Many are the afflictions of the righteous---"But there is another line in this verse that changes everything"---"but the LORD delivers him out of them ALL" (Ps. 34:19). It doesn't say when! Don't give up (Luke 18:1), keep on PRAYING. David cried out, "Lord remember David, & all his afflictions" (Ps. 132:1). This man faced many afflictions. His prayer seems to be, "Lord, you have delivered others out of their afflictions, don't forget me. Help me! Deliver me!" Have you said that? We probably all have.

The Apostle Paul also endured many afflictions. He wrote, "The Holy Ghost witnesses (tells me) in every city, saying that bonds & afflictions abide me (wait for me)" (Acts 20:23). Paul added, "No man should be moved by these afflictions" (I Thes. 3:3). He was saying, "Do not question my having to face so many great afflictions. These things do NOT cause me to question GOD." "But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of GOD, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distress" (II Cor. 6:4). Note Paul's emphasis here, "in much patience." Have you been losing patience in your affliction? Have you become deeply discouraged to the point of casting aside your faith? (See II Cor. 4:16). Don't lose heart. GOD is a GOD of miracles who has NOT changed (Heb. 13:8; Mal. 3:6). DO NOT DOUBT GOD'S WORD.

We serve a kind & loving heavenly Father (Jer. 31:3), who is touched with the feelings of our afflictions. Cry out to HIM (Ps. 30:2; Ps. 34:6, 15-18; Ps. 107:6, 13, 19, 28). He hears our EVERY prayer. (Prov. 15:29). I believe that even now HE waits for you to lay down ALL your fears, anxieties, worries, fretting, questions, & ALL your cares & burdens (I Peter 5:7; Matt. 11:28-30), TRUSTING that HE is going to deliver you because of HIS loving kindness for you (Lam. 3:22-23). Lay hold of the following scriptures & let FAITH arise in your heart. GOD HAS NOT FORGOTTEN YOU!

Psalm 117:2; Ps. 119:76; Isaiah 54:7, 8, 10! PLEASE read, take time & meditate on GOD'S word that HE gave me to encourage you. If you don't feel good about yourself, read & meditate on Ephesians Chapter One, 7 days in a row, so your CHRIST ESTEEM will grow. GOD is FAITHFUL!(Heb. 10:23).

Thank you, my FAITHFUL intercessors, for your prayers for me. Until

next month, the LORD BLESS you & keep you, & to you who blessed me with love offerings, I praise HIM & thank you.

In His Majesty's Service,

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