

Warm greetings to you in the NAME of our BLESSED LORD & SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. In this New Year of 2006, it is my prayer that during these challenging days that it is WELL WITH YOUR SOUL. I challenge you who read this to make a DAILY fresh encounter with our LORD JESUS your highest PRIORITY. The devils time is short & as his assaults increase, we must spend more time in PRAYER & PRAISE, PRESSING ON for GOD'S GLORY, resisting the wicked currents & godless tides of our day. PRAY to know HIM better! MEDITATE on GOD'S WORD to discover more about HIS promises (II Cor. 1:20), LOVE, MERCY, COMPASSION & GRACE. I have to constantly learn & grow in my relationship with JESUS, who prays for me daily (Rom. 8:27), & NEVER leaves me nor forsakes me. (Heb. 13:5). What an AWESOME SAVIOR we have in JESUS.

I had an incredible ending in 2005 with a service at Chino Women's Prison on the 27th & L.A. Co. Jail on the 28th. There were over 100 at Chino & 83 at County, with a HUGE harvest of souls. There were also 120 or more in both services that I led in prayer to FORGIVE themselves & shed the shame, guilt & condemnation that enveloped their mind, heart & emotions. I was energized from what the HOLY SPIRIT did in these two services. I started out at Donovan Penitentiary in January, but only had 2 services in yards 1 & 3. It is always a blessing to see brothers in the LORD in prison walking a strong walk while praising & serving HIM. I've known multitudes of men & women that are the shining light of GOD in these dark places.

January brought forth 22 services plus six hours of counseling at the L.A. Co. Jail along with 2 services. At the Fred Jordan Mission, there were four Tuesdays of services along with 4 hours with the men in the Spiritual Growth Program on Spiritual Warfare. They need to dress up, suit up & STAND against the wiles of the devil. As always, the Long Beach Rescue Mission services were well attended with nice harvests. Brother Mike Merritt, whom I've known since the old Union Rescue Mission 16 years ago, retired. He will be missed by us all. The L.A. Mission was packed this month as rain brought in a full house, as did the Union Rescue Mission services. When I minister at the Women's service, there's never a time when my heart is not saddened to see women with children, broken & homeless, with a look of hopelessness. Thank GOD for these Missions on

Skid Row & LORD bless all those who serve God there.

Everywhere I go to minister, I hand out the Arsenal Prayer to all those in every service after the altar call. It is a powerful prayer the HOLY SPIRIT gave me to give to those where I minister. You can download it off my website (Front Page). I also had 2 home Bible Studies this month. There were well over 250 who gave their lives to the LORD or rededicated (1John 1:9) in January.

I've been getting a disturbing number of calls from Christians where satan has ripped off their joy, (Neh. 8:10) & their peace is a memory. When was the last time YOU experienced TRUE peace? Are you living in a state of contentment, SECURE in the knowledge that GOD is in control & that your life is on track? Or are you troubled by needless anxieties, worries & fears ? GOD wants to fill your heart with HIS peace, the peace that Paul writes that surpasses ALL understanding (Phil. 4:7). I experienced that peace the last two times that I was dying. It simply cannot be explained in terms of human logic. This divine serenity is wonderful, deeply satisfying & far beyond our comprehension.

John 14:27 teaches that God's peace is unaffected by situations & circumstances. It protects our minds from troubling thoughts & our hearts from painful emotions. That's the kind of peace GOD wants us to have. The question is, how do we receive it? In Phil. 4:11, Paul the Apostle tells us his own contentment is a learned quality that involves a conscious decision. Oftentimes we blame people or circumstances for stealing our peace. **BLAME MAKES LAME! In reality, we choose to think & feel a certain way. We choose to lay down our peace. We must remember that we will be kept in perfect peace when we maintain our focus on God (Isa. 26:3). It is impossible to live without experiencing life's adversities (Ps. 34:19). When , **NOT IF** it happens, the first thing we should do is lift our heart to the **FATHER & PRAY**. Can you name a single circumstance in life that **GOD** cannot handle (Luke 1:37)? **NO!!!** (Jer. 32:17, 27). Phil 4:6 says, **Be anxious for nothing** (read the rest). Sure, concern is a normal reaction , but anxiety is not an appropriate Christian response. **BELIEVE, TRUST & NOT DOUBT**. In 2006, bring your concerns to **GOD immediately**. **TRUST HIM!** (Nahum 1:7, Ps. 91:2). How **HE** handles it is an expression of **HIS LOVE** for you & the **PEACE** of **GOD** will safeguard your **HEART & your MIND** from being swept into anxiety. You have two choices: earthly-minded or **GOD-CENTERED**. With **HIM**, you will have the **PEACE** that passes **ALL** understanding-----no matter what.**

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