

Beloved friends, I greet you in the name of our blessed **LORD JESUS**. **HIS** name is infinitely above **ALL** other names. One day **SOON**, every knee shall bow & every tongue confess that **JESUS CHRIST** is **LORD**, to the glory of the **FATHER** (Phil. 2:9-11). Those of us who invited **JESUS** into our hearts as **LORD & SAVIOR** (Rom. 10:9-10) will willingly & enthusiastically profess that **JESUS** is **LORD**. Unsaved rebels, who have rejected **HIM** by **CHOICE**, and the provision of **HIS GRACE**, will be forced to acknowledge **HIS LORDSHIP**. They will meet **HIM** at the **GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGEMENT** (Rev. 20:11-15), as the **LION** of **JUDAH** who will judge men & women according to their works.

July had 21 services and the **HOLY SPIRIT** drew in over 400 (John 6:44). I also flew to Portland, OR, staying with my daughter Lea, Doug, Elijah & Ali Mae, ministering at "The River" church in Vancouver, WA for a mighty anointed man of **GOD**, Pastor Joshua Alvarez. I was blessed again! His flock is spirit filled & an intercessory group lifts me up in prayer **DAILY**. The praise & worship is outstanding. I had a great time with grandchildren Elijah & Ali Mae. Lea is a wonderful mom & wife. I am proud of her.

I am enjoying my twice monthly services for Deputy Dave Bates in the M.E.R.I.T. program at Wayside Prison. Chapel services have been packed & responsive to **GOD'S WORD**. Deputy Bates has set me up to minister at the Lynwood Woman's **MERIT** facility. LA Co. Central Jail had 4 services which are now getting an average of 90 inmates. Harvests have been very good. I also walk the tiers at the super-max, high profile 3500 K10 each time I am there. In this part of my ministry, there has been incredible breakthroughs' happening with dozens. The Holy Spirit has been changing hearts & they are all praying the Arsenal Prayer & spending quality time in the Bible. Chino Women's Prison, as always, is a blessed time in the **LORD**. They are hungry for the **WORD**, & there are large harvests of souls each time I'm there.

My home Bible Studies is averaging over 20. We have potluck 6-7:30 & the teaching is 7:30 to 9:30pm. I spent 4th of July at the Juvenile Division for Chaplain Sally Moreno. There were over 100 boys & girls, 12 to 17, there. My heart was saddened. I gave an encouraging & uplifting message. Several came to me & thanked me for the Word that came forth, but not enough. About a third left the flyer & Arsenal Prayer. There were a great number of calls for prayer. The Skid Row Mission Services went very well. I have a captive audience — they have to listen before they eat. Ron Zaucha of Lighthouse Prison Ministry, my friend & brother from a different mother, gave testimony at the 2 Union Rescue Mission Services.

As we celebrated the Fourth of July holiday, we need to remember the many men & women who have fought in our military to keep us **FREE**. I love our country & the freedoms that we have. We should also remember that as

Christians, we are fighting a spiritual war **EVERY DAY** (II Cor. 10:3; Eph. 6:10-17). Just as our soldiers must learn to depend on each other for survival, Christians must support each other in order to defeat the enemy's strategy. In Galatians 6:2, Paul tells us to "Bear one another's burdens, & thereby fulfill the law of Christ." In other words, sharing another's burdens is **NOT** an option for us — it is a requirement that comes directly from **JESUS'** command to "love your neighbor as yourself." I realize it's hard to think about bearing someone else's burden when we have problems of our own. One of the best ways to get your burden lifted is to share someone else's! Of course, bearing a burden is **NOT** the same thing as making it go away. We may be powerless to solve someone else's problems, but we can certainly make them easier to bear. In my experience, there are practical steps that you can take to be a "burden bearer" for someone in your community.

1. **Be present.** Sometimes, the best way to bear someone else's burden is simply to be there. You don't have to talk. You just need to let a hurting person be comforted by your presence.
2. **Listen.** When people are hurting, they usually are in no mood for advice. They need to vent, to let the hurt & pain & anger find its way out of their hearts & into a sympathetic ear.
3. **Share** your own sorrows. If you are too proud to talk about your own failures, how can you expect someone to share theirs with you?
4. **Pray.** Nothing is more comforting than to hear your name & your need lifted up in prayer. They will feel the Holy Spirit beginning to ease the burden from their heavy hearts.
5. **Give.** Sometimes, bearing someone else's burden may have us feel called to give of our time or money. Giving something is always better than giving nothing.
6. **Become their substitute.** What your hurting friends need most is relief. They may need you to say, "Take a break. Let me do this for you." It is precisely at the moment of substitution that they will see **JESUS** in you. **JESUS** was the substitutionary lamb who died in our place at Calvary. **HE** bore **ALL** of our sin, rebellion & heartache. **JESUS** was the greatest burden-bearer (Matt. 11:29-30), & **HE** made the ultimate sacrifice for you & for me. If **CHRIST** did all that for us how can we possibly say, "I'm too busy to bear someone else's burden"?

Remember to pray for our armed forces & also pay attention to the hurts of our fellow "Soldiers in **CHRIST**," and for as long as we are part of the body of **CHRIST**, we are never alone (Matt. 13:5).

Until next month, may **GOD** bless you. To you who sent love offerings, a 100-fold return.

In His Majesty's Service,