

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). These days of heavy spiritual warfare demand a **COMMITMENT** to live a life of **FAITH & TRUST**. I see casualties on Skid Row & prisons daily who have fallen on the battlefield, becoming a

**P.O.W.** to the enemy satan, who has **NO** authority or power. **ALWAYS** remember the three greatest words ever spoken, when **JESUS** on the cross at Calvary said, **IT IS FINISHED**. The enemy was **CRUSHED** & all strongholds broken. However, we cannot take spiritual warfare & **PRAYER** lightly. As always, our **HEAVENLY FATHER** is touched by the very feeling of the walking wounded & **HE** hears their cries. (Ps. 34:6, 15, 17) Don't give up, keep on praying. (Luke 18:1 & II Cor. 4:16) Pray in expectation. (Ps. 62:5)

May was a most incredible month of ministry with 30 services & over 400 giving their life & heart to **JESUS CHRIST** or rededicating. I left for Washington & Oregon on April 27<sup>th</sup> & preached that night at Walla Walla Penitentiary. The night before, I preached at Chino Women's Prison where 130 attended the service. During an 11 day period in Wa. & Or., I ministered at 14 services along with a morning of walking the tiers & wings, praying & encouraging each one. They all received an Arsenal prayer. Walla Walla was locked down for 6 weeks because of inmates attacking the staff. It was lifted 3 days before I came. **PRAYER** works! I thank all of you who prayed for these 2 ministry trips, & **AGAINST** lockdown.

The next day, Bob Hagen & I went to Eastern Oregon Pen. & we had a packed chapel, & a large harvest. I preached an hour & 15 minute sermon that had them shouting & praising. On the 29<sup>th</sup>, I was a guest speaker on 2 T.V. shows, a regional T.B.N. slot & Daysprings Prison Ministry. The founder, Bob Dickenson has been in prison ministry for 40 years. On the 30<sup>th</sup>, I was a guest speaker at the Assembly Faith Keepers Church where I was well received. May 1<sup>st</sup>, I ministered at Coyote Ridge Pen. in Wa. to a large & enthused group. That A.M., they had seen 'The Game Of Death', the Bruce Lee movie that I did which brought more inmates to the service. On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, we drove to Two Rivers Pen. in Oregon & I ministered at 2 back-to-back services. Again, they came in droves, remembering me from last November. There are many spirit-filled on fire for **JESUS** inmates here. Multitudes of inmates on this trip are praying the Arsenal prayer. (www.melnovak.com) On the 3<sup>rd</sup>, we went into the Walla max security chapel service with another strong service & some wonderful praise & worship by Bob & inmates before the message. On the 4<sup>th</sup>, we went into the MSU yard of Walla Walla. It is always exciting when a new convert receives the **LORD**. The services were 2 hours long so we could fellowship after the alter call. Countless numbers thanked me for the encouraging messages. On the 5<sup>th</sup>, we couldn't get in to EOCI Pendleton, so I ministered at the Faith Innkeepers Mission. The next A.M., I was a guest speaker at a prayer breakfast. On Sunday, the 7<sup>th</sup>, I was at Highway Tabernacle Church where it is always a blessing to be with Pastor Wetmore. It was the 3<sup>rd</sup> time I've ministered there. That evening, for the first time, I was the guest speaker at the Kennewick Church of the Nazarene. It was a great time in the **LORD** & Pastor Swanson asked me to do a 4 day revival at his church when I come back in September. I am already excited!!! Bob & Helen Hagen really blessed me by taking me into their home treating me with love, like family.

I traveled on the 8<sup>th</sup>, got caught with things to do on the 9<sup>th</sup>, preached at the L.A. Mission the 10<sup>th</sup>, & flew to Crescent City (via San Francisco) on the 11<sup>th</sup>. For the first time, I ministered at Pelican Bay Penitentiary & **GOD** again gave me favor. Chaplain Bliesner, a Viet Nam vet who has been there 16 years, is doing an awesome job. I was blessed to meet & minister with him. I ministered at 2 services on Friday, 2 on Saturday & 4 on Sunday. There were new converts & scores of rededications. The first new convert was Jewish, **P.T.L.** I kept hearing, 'Hey bro, when are you coming back?' Chaplain Bob & I set the next time of ministering there for August 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. Every yard I was to minister at was open except yard B. It was locked down because of a stabbing. This was a most fulfilling & rewarding weekend of ministry & the word brought forth by the **HOLY SPIRIT** (Luke 12:12) was so well received.

The rest of May had 2 services & 10 hours of counseling at the L.A. Co. jail, 2 services at the Union Rescue Mission, 4 services at the Fred Jordan Mission, a Sunday service at the Long Beach Rescue Mission & a Bible study. In these prisons & on Skid Row, there are multitudes of struggling people buried with despair, discouragement, & depression. This mental & emotional bondage also brings them down physically. When I go into these dark areas behind enemy lines, it is the **WORD OF GOD** that pierces the darkness & **PRAISE**, that **ALWAYS** puts the devil on the run, **GLORY TO GOD**. In the hole, I encouraged those that I ministered to that they are not alone. **JESUS** is **ALWAYS** with the believer. (Matt. 28:20 & Heb. 13:5)

Until next month, may GOD RICHLY BLESS you & to you who sent LOVE offerings, a 100-fold return. In HIS Majestyís Service,