

Warm greetings in the NAME that is above ALL names, JESUS CHRIST, our soon coming KING, LORD & SAVIOR to ALL who trust HIM into their hearts (Rom. 10:9, 10). May the LORD shine HIS GRACE & LOVE upon you DAILY.

September was one of the most incredible months of ministry this year. I even got to spend three wonderful days with my daughter Lea & grandchild Elijah. I flew to Portland August 31st & stayed with them until September 3rd, then flew to Pasco, WA. Elijah, who turned 5 this month, took me to the parks & playground. It was a blessed bonding time together.

Bob & Helen Hagen again had me stay at their home for the nine days of ministry. They are true servants of the LORD & showered me with GOD'S LOVE. Bob, who is the anointed praise & worship leader during the services at the prisons, & Helen, a powerful intercessor are part of Bob Dickenson's Day Springs Ministry. Brother Dickenson said I am officially affiliated with Day Springs Ministry. I will be going to WA & Oregon every six months instead of annually for the prison ministry.

I landed in Pasco, WA at 3:30p.m. & at 5p.m. I preached the sermons for the Day Springs T.B.N. regional TV show. Two programs were taped. On Sunday I was invited back by Pastor Terry Wetmore as the guest speaker for the Highway Tabernacle Church. We sure had a blessed time in the LORD. Coyote Ridge Prison was Monday's service, & Bob said they usually get 5 to 8 inmates at the chapel services. They advertised my coming with my flyers & a rousing number of 77 attended. There was a huge harvest of souls & well over 50 who never FORGAVE themselves also raised their hands, repeating a prayer that I led them in to forgive themselves. When one has not forgiven themselves, they carry shame on one shoulder & guilt on the other, as Satan heaps condemnation on the mind (Rom. 8:1). That person has a hard time praying & asking for themselves. Jesus says, "You have NOT because you ask NOT" (James 4:2). On Wednesday, at Walla-Walla Penitentiary, at the maximum-security facility, there again was a nice harvest & large attendance. Thursday was a long day from 9a.m. to getting back to Bob's home at 11p.m. We walked the tiers, ministered to those in the hole & also went to the chain (the new arrivals), encouraging them to come to the church service. The chapel service that night was for the minimum security & again there was a good crowd & harvest. I also got my Red Badge that day for Walla Walla Penitentiary.

We drove to Eastern Oregon Prison in Pendleton, Oregon on Friday & there were many inmates who remembered me from last year. They are praying the arsenal prayer daily. Chaplain Peck graciously gave me his 2p.m. service Sunday at Walla Walla & I preached an hour & twenty minute sermon. They hung on every scripture & we had another fine harvest. The 6:30p.m. service that night was jam-packed & another huge harvest along with a high percentage of those forgiving themselves. What a way to end a most blessed time of ministry, P.T.L. I kept hearing, "When you coming back Mel?"

I was also able to do 2 services at the L.A. County Jail this month along with several hours of counseling (16th & 29th). Chino Women's was & always is packed with those who are hungry for the Word. The Long Beach Rescue Mission was packed on Sunday the 18th with a big harvest of souls, as was the L.A. Mission. My home Bible Study was on the 19th, the day before I left for Pittsburgh, PA. to work on a Christian Sitcom called, "Pastor Greg". Greg Robbins, creator & actor is very talented. I enjoyed working with the cast.

On August 27th & 28th that took me to Chucka Walla Penitentiary was an awesome weekend. Sister Lydia

Castillo of Inner Vision Ministries took me in & each service was full, with large harvests. I saw Brother Eddie G. & some others from Donovan Pen. & other prisons. They are truly walking the walk. It is amazing how GOD'S WORD changes & pierces hearts.

GOD could have kept Joseph out of jail, kept Daniel out of the lion's den & kept the three young Hebrew men from being thrown into the blazing furnace, BUT HE DIDN'T. GOD let those problems happen & each one was drawn closer to God as a result (Ps. 34:19). Problems force us to look to GOD & depend on HIM instead of ourselves (Eph. 6:10). You'll NEVER know that GOD is ALL you need until GOD is ALL you've got. Everything that happens to a child of GOD is FATHER-FILTERED, & HE intends to use it for good even when satan & others mean it for bad (Rom. 8:28-29). Because GOD is sovereignly in control, accidents are just incidents in GOD'S good plan for you (Jer. 29:11-13). Because every day of your life was written on GOD'S calendar before you were born, everything that happens to you has spiritual significance. STAND & again I say, STAND (Eph. 6:10-17). Don't give up (Luke 18:1; II Cor. 4:16). PRAY!!! Until next month, may GOD RICHLY BLESS you, & to you who sent LOVE offerings, may GOD bless you 100-fold. Always remember GOD LOVES US SO MUCH

In His Majesty's Service,

Mel Novak