



## *The Lord's Mountain Mover's* **NEWSLETTER**

*"If you have the faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you."*  
(Matt. 17:20)

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### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

The Lord's Mountain Movers Ministry is celebrating its first year of service for God and to those He has brought into our path. All the staff and I here at The Lord's Mountain Movers would like to take this opportunity to thank God and all those who have supported this ministry over the past year. We could not have done it without the collaborative effort of everyone involved.

Over this past year the Lord has taken us along a path we could not have envisioned by ourselves, and as we reflect back over this past year, we are thankful that God has allowed us to touch so many lives all over the world. The Lord's Mountain Movers website has been visited by individuals in St. Petersburg, Russia, Moscow, Brazil, Italy, Venezuela, United Arab emirate, Argentina, Bangladesh, Switzerland, Germany, Ecuador, and many states across our nation. We may never know the impact that God's work, through this ministry, has accomplished in these places but we are thankful for the work itself.

In addition to this website, we publish and print out over 100 copies of the newsletter each month for mailings to several states and many different prisons and jails across the United States. God has also been very busy answering the many prayers you have submitted over the past year. We thank those of you who have taken the time to separately or collectively pray for these requests. It is awesome to see God working in so many ways.

We look forward to what God has in store for us in the coming year. We ask for your continued support in whatever and however God leads you. Our desire is to be effective in the ministry He has called us to and we ask for your prayers in this task.

May the Lord of Lords, and King of Kings be your all-in-all today and forevermore. May we all trust Him for everything and share Him with those who do not know Him personally. God bless His children! I pray you are one of them. Thank you again for letting us be a small part of your lives.

In His service,

Pastor Pete

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## THE WORD IN MOTION message

### **I saw, I realized, I confessed, I was cleansed, I heard, I volunteered.**

One of the misconceptions in Christendom today is the assumption that just anyone can volunteer as a worker for God and His kingdom. That they can come up with some plan of action or program and then pray God's blessing upon it. This is so far from the truth. God is not swayed by the ingenious plans of man. He never says, "Now why didn't I think of that!"

In Ephesians 2:11 it reads, "*For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, **which God prepared beforehand** so that we would walk in them.*" I have specifically underlined the key part of this verse, "which God prepared beforehand." Nowhere in Scripture does it say that God gave you or me a brilliant mind so we, under our own cunningness, can develop or create things for God to be a part of. If God wants something done, He will prepare, direct, and empower the individuals He chooses to complete what He wants to be done and how He wants it done. Anything contrived or done outside of God's initiating will is an exercise in futility, make no mistake about it. Who's the master and who's the servant?

A proverb that is often quoted and memorized is Proverbs 3:5-6, "*Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.*" Is it not the plans and the will of God that prevails, or do we serve a weak and mindless God who can't keep His people busy doing the things He wants and has prepared for us to do. I don't remember reading about a "suggestion box" being located at the narrow gate. If I have a good idea, it is from me. If I am given a God idea, it is from Him.

The other part of this misconception is that just anyone can do God's bidding. That any Tom, Dick, or Harry is capable or even competent enough to carry out God's plans. In 2 Timothy 2:20-21 it reads, "*Now in a large house there are not only gold and silver vessels, but also vessels of wood and of earthenware, and some to honor and some to dishonor. Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these things, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, **useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.***" This passage lets us know that if we are to be "useful to the Master" then we must be a cleansed vessel. We must not only be willing to do things for God, we must also be worthy of doing those things.

Being a cleansed vessel is being a vessel that is emptied out of self and the things of the world. It is a vessel that has been set aside and prepared to receive the things that are necessary to fulfill God's will in their life and the lives of others. You can be a Tom, Dick, or even a Harry, but you better be a cleansed one.

It also means maintaining that cleanliness. 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8 reads, "*For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God; and that no man transgress and defraud his brother in the matter because the Lord is the avenger in all these things, just as we also told you before and solemnly warned you. For God has not called us for the*

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*purpose of impurity, but in sanctification. So, he who rejects this is not rejecting man but the God who gives His Holy Spirit to you.*

God does our initial cleansing and we, through right living and confession, maintain that cleansing. Remember what 1 John 1:9 says, *“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”* So we see that God provides us with all that is necessary for us to be who He wants us to be and doing what He wants us to do. If we are in tune with God then there is plenty for us to do. All we have to do is be ready, willing, and able. God has some great things for us to accomplish in and for His kingdom. He doesn't need our hair-brained schemes and brilliant ideas. All He needs is some worthy vessels. Is that you?

Now about the title of this study, *“I saw, I realized, I confessed, I was cleansed, I heard, I volunteered.”* I can think of no better passage in Scripture that illustrates what we have been talking about than Isaiah 6:1-8. *“In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple. Seraphim stood above Him, each having six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called out to another and said,*

*“Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts,  
The whole earth is full of His glory.”*

*And the foundations of the thresholds trembled at the voice of him who called out, while the temple was filling with smoke. Then I said, “Woe is me, for I am ruined! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.” Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs. He touched my mouth with it and said, “Behold, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away and your sin is forgiven.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I. Send me!”*

This is a great example of how God creates a useful vessel for His kingdom. Isaiah saw the Lord and His glory and the first thing he realized was his own sinfulness. The only natural response for him was to confess who he was. God responded to his confession and cleansed him. Once cleansed, Isaiah was capable of not only hearing from God, but responding to that call as a worthy vessel. He was ready to do the good works God had prepared before hand that He wanted Isaiah to do.

Most of us do not lack the desire to serve God; we just lack the direction and understanding of how we are to serve Him. God chose to save you and me for grander purposes than we could ever imagine. I am not just talking about the big things that others see, but those little things that only God sees. What we do here in this life is not measured by how others see it, but by how it pleases our Heavenly Father.

Let's all strive to be who God wants us to be. Let's be ready, willing, and able to hear and follow God's plan for our lives and complete the things He has called us to do. Let's set aside those things we do in futility and do something of eternal value for God and His kingdom.

I leave you with a short epitaph to the credit of King Hezekiah, *“Every work which he began in the service of the house of God in law and in commandment, seeking his God, he did with all his heart and prospered.”* (2 Chronicles 31:21)

*Pastor Pete*

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## BE A BARNABAS (Acts 4:36)

*“How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word. With all my heart I have sought You; Do not let me wander from Your commandments. Your word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against You.”* Psalms 119:9-11

Keeping in theme with what Pastor Peter just shared with us, I would like to encourage you this month to memorize Scripture. Once we start to clear out the junk and sin in our lives, there must be a way that we can help to maintain our sanctity. Scripture gives us the best way to do that.

When I was a newer believer, one of the first weekly Bible studies I attended called us all to memorize a passage or verse each week. Then the following week when gathered together again, we would test each other to see how well we were able to memorize the Scripture. For the majority of that first year of study I couldn't seem to memorize one single verse when I was called to recite it. This puzzled me and made me feel embarrassed. It took this long for me to cry out to God to ask Him for help in memorizing His word. You see, I was able to memorize lyrics from songs and even scenes from movies that I liked. So, why couldn't I memorize the Scripture?

This passage helped me to realize that I must treasure His word, in my heart! At that time, I treasured my sin. But as God and I worked together to clean out my sin, He enabled me to replace it with His word. To be transformed by it, this led me to treasure it even more. Then as different moments of temptation were presented, I was able to recall Scripture to battle the temptations. This is the same example Christ gave us during His earthly ministry and even Paul called it the “sword of the spirit.”

Sharpen your sword brothers and sisters, so God can use you more and more in His ministry!

Be blessed in Him,

*Brother Daniel Rodney*

Another poem submitted by one of our readers.

### **Because it's Your Precious Hands**

Oh Lord every breath I take, with every step I take I see you Jesus.  
Every move I make  
You never take your Holy Spirit from me  
Every time I take the time to know you I see you Jesus.  
Because it is your precious hands  
that are holding me.

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I could never walk so far away that I could not hear you say  
That you love me  
And you would surely know where I would go  
Because it's your precious hands  
that are holding me.

I could walk into the deepest sea and you would surely find me.  
I could climb the highest mountain that I could climb  
And praise you because you are mine.  
Each time Lord, I would see you Jesus.  
Because it is your precious hands  
that are holding me!

(W. Walker)



## *Our Prayer Requests for God's Children*

### Calvary Church, Santa Ana

Kevin S .....Is in Wasco, pray for his safety and salvation.

Kathy .....Please pray for my sister Patty that she will receive salvation.

Bobby C.....Needs prayer for his addiction issues.

David & Jeannie M.

Missionaries

to Kenya.....Back on leave pray for housing. Son to attend Moody Bible College, needs prayer. It is hard to leave Africa after 25 years. Pray for Jeannie's mom who is now in hospice.

**ANSWERED PRAYER, SHE IS DOING MUCH BETTER NOW. FOUND HOUSING IN OREGAN**

Chet .....Has throat cancer and will be undergoing treatments. Still recovering, but not singing in the choir yet.

Ralph .....Recovering from a coma.

**ANSWERED PRAYER, DOING MUCH BETTER, OUT OF HOSPITAL.**

Pat M .....Had serious back surgery and is doing great back at church. (Praise report) Almost back to normal.

Chip C.....Needs prayer for a back injury will be seeing a doctor soon.

**HE IS FULLY RECOVERED**

Joanna.....Went through 12 hour surgery for cancer and needs prayer for recovery. **WENT HOME TO BE WITH THE LORD AT THE FIRST OF THE MONTH. PRAY FOR THE FAMILIES HEALING.**

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Pat P.....Having a heart valve replaced. Please pray for her and her family.  
**90% RECOVERED BACK IN CLASS.**

Trent B.....Just completed OCS and started Ranger School.

Bill B. ....In hospice care, pray for him and his wife and two adult children.

#### **Liberty Church, Moreno Valley**

Lee P.....Pray for his health issues and God's strength through them.

Baby Mary.....She is just about six months old and has severe heart problems and needs a transplant.

The Church.....Pray that God would continue meeting their financial needs in the coming year.

Harold B .....Needs continued prayer for his recovery from a broken hip.

Manny.....His family is dealing with some illness issues and needs your prayers.

Sam B. ....Went to be with the Lord.

The church.....Please pray as the church begins reaching out in a bolder way to help those who deal with issues of addiction. Pray that our youth would have a greater impact on their peers.

#### **Harvest Valley Church, Santa Ynez**

Congregation .....Pray that God will continue to bless and provide for their needs as they have reached out to so many. They are a real small church that has sent in thousands of life changing Bibles to men in prison. (I personally experienced God working through these gifts.)

Mary & Bill .....Mary is went through some health issues recently but God chose to keep her with us. Her heart is healthy and we know that it is filled with God's love. The world might have seen that as a problem but not God or us. Amen!

#### **California**

David D .....Pray that God would help him with serious family and personal issues and that he become strong in the midst of trials and temptations. Praying for a job.

Victor A. ....Pray that God would open opportunities for him to begin teaching and preaching again.

Faye A. ....That God would bless and guide her in her musical ministry work.

Carlos R. ....Still not able to find a job. Fighting against depression and trying not to lose hope. Please pray for him.

John B.....Needs prayer for favor with the court system and be vindicated for wrongful conviction.

Steve L.....Praying for wisdom and guidance in fulfilling the ministry God has given him. Looking for another home for sober living.

Eddie S.....Continued reconciliation with family members. Needs a good job.

Joanne R. ....Pray that God give her strength to overcome the loss of her grandson and that He would bless her for her many gifts, prayers, and love for those in need.

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Christine B.....Pray for her as she is fighting cancer, since insurance changes, she is having problems getting coverage for her treatments.

Daniel R.....That his boss would be saved by faith in Jesus and the business would flourish. Praying for a home church to fellowship in. Salvation of his Dad and brothers. Have more patience with the lost who curse God and Jesus. Keep his eyes fixed on the cross daily.

Tom C.....That God would bless him with a more fruitful job so he could be a blessing to others.

Pete C. ....Prayer for God's will in his life as he steps into the next phase of his life.

#### **Florida**

Scott F.....Pray for resolution to his health issues and the safety of his children who are serving in the armed forces.

#### **Minnesota**

TJ & Julie W.....Pray for God's wisdom in conducting the marriage classes.

**ANSWERED: JULIE IS BACK HEALTHY AGAIN!**

#### **North Carolina**

David's family ....Please pray for them as they grieve the loss of their son and pray that God will fill the tremendous void in their lives that is left from his passing on.

#### **North Dakota**

Tyler .....Please pray for Tyler as he seeks direction for his career aspirations. That he would continue doing well in college and in his relationship with the Lord.

#### **Washington State**

Stephanie .....We are praying that the Lord will convict and correct her. She is traveling down the wrong path and has a lot of people who care for her.

Todd S. ....Pray that God will bring the right lady into his life to be his soul mate.

Wes & Ashley B. Prayer for strength as they work on becoming a new family. Wisdom is raising the children.

#### **Wisconsin**

Rick & Beth.....This Christian couple need your prayers desperately as they face unthinkable circumstances in their lives.

Dr. White .....Prayer for his cancer.

**ANSWERED: LAST TWO TESTS SHOW NO CANCER! PRAISE GOD!**

Mona & Willie....Pray for Willie as he gets ready to be with the Lord, and Mona as she deals with this loss.

#### **Guatemala.**

Benjamin A.....Praying to get Spanish Bibles for prisoners in Guatemala. Pray for the new, larger sanctuary being built around the old one since there isn't enough room for all who are coming to the services.

#### **Kenya**

Larry S. ....Missionary to Kenya, is having health issues and needs prayers for strength and healing.

#### **Ministries**

The Lord's Mountain

Movers .....Pray for continued direction from God in where He wants the ministry to go and do. Also, for His guidance in obtaining the 501(c) 3 status for tax purposes.

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Acts

Foundation.....Praying for continued support for their prison ministry.

Lost and Found

By Jesus .....Pray that the Lord would bless and increase their ministry. Pray for God to meet their financial needs this coming year. Seeking God's direction for an additional home.

Saving Grace

Homes.....God is bringing opportunities for expansion. Pray for His wisdom and discernment in every decision they face. Pray for their patience in God's timing.

#### **Brothers in Chino**

Facility A .....That God would continue to honor and direct their efforts in putting His church in order. Prayer for the chaplain, New Facility Captain, Prayer Team, Brown Card Volunteers, all chapel programs.

**PARTIALLY ANSWERED: COMPLETED GUIDELINES AND ESTABLISHED SOUND LEADERSHIP**

Tom H.....He wants prayer for greater understanding and knowledge in the word of God. That God will also guide him as he shares God's word with others. Ex-wife (DeeDee is fighting cancer), Daughter (Megan) is having a baby girl soon, and his son (Joshua) is in fire fighters school.

**PARTIALLY ANSWERED: DEEDEE IS CANCER FREE! TOM HAS A NEW GRANDBABY GIRL!**

Larry K. ....Pray that he will be guided by the Holy Spirit as he helps to lead the church back under the will of God.

Bob G. ....Pray that God continues to restore family and friends back into his life.

#### **Brothers in Tehachapi**

Gabriel S.....God's will for his family. Pray for his wife who has a cancerous lump in her breast. His sister and her husband need employment and housing. His older brother who has liver disease. Prayer for his son who is facing serious legal issues.

**PARTIALLY ANSWERED: COURT FOUND IN HIS FAVOR, AWAITING FINAL DECISION. GOD WORKING ON OTHER PRAYERS TOO,**

Kenny J.....Praying that the door for communication with his children will be opened up. Also that his son Jeff will be delivered from his addiction issues. Kenny needs a place to live upon his release.

**PARTIALLY ANSWERED: HAS A PLACE TO GO UPON RELEASE.**

Tim P .....Pray for salvation in his family, and restoration with all his family members.

Wallie R.....Prayer that God will continue to guide him towards a release date.

#### **Brothers in Chowchilla**

Johnny L .....God would prepare him to get out and further the Lord's kingdom. Pray that God would open his eyes to the truth about His word.

Trinity W. ....Pray for his families ministry and the men's home they desire to open in God's will.

#### **Brothers in Desert View**

David P. ....Pray that God will continue to guide him as he shares God's word and help him to be a good example to all the men and staff there.

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Greg F.....Sheila (his wife) needs prayer for her health and finances. That he and his wife can work some things out between them. That God will continue to use him. For his finances. Finances for Stephen to go to school (Ministry \$2500) Justin's camp fees (\$1000). Son Joshua who is in prison in Arizona and will be getting out in 2017, needs smooth transition. Pray for "The Cure" ministry, that God would have His way with it.

Matthew R. Deepen his relationship with God. Prayer for his cousin Johnny and the brothers in Tehachapi. Prayer for Yang's father

Yeng Y.....Pray for his sister who is dealing with cancer, his father's health, and his family's salvation.

**Brothers in Mule Creek**

Sebastian M. ....Pray that God will continue to grow him in the confidence of the faith that God has given him. Please pray for his son who is prison in Arizona (their relationship and his salvation), also his three kids (their salvation), and finally for wisdom in dealing with children

**Brothers in R.J. Donovan**

Gabriel .....Pray for chapel services to run smoother and for the Kairos Program.

Robert Mc.....Pray for healing for Rudy Betsy and Maria (Valley Fever, Carpal Tunnel)

James .....For the program on the yard to change for the better.

Matlock.....Pray for a closer relationship with his son.

Joe S. ....For his family to come to know the lord Jesus Christ.

Geno .....For help with his soon to be wife's family. To have them come visit him.

Pastor Jack.....For his health to improve and to get instruments on this yard.

Tom S. ....Pray to give him time with his wife.

**Brothers in Corcoran**

David G. ....Please pray for God's protection and provision for his kids; Emily, Natalie, and James, and their mom, Eileen. Pray for his ministry – that it would be fruitful, and that God would be glorified.

Chains for Christ

Ministries.....Is a powerful ministry God is using to bring the truth to those who are seeking it. Please pray that God will create a seeking heart in many men that they may know and live out God's truth.