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Praise Report to the Glory of God!

By Wade Anderson

Let's pray: *"Gracious and Almighty heavenly Father, I thank You for Your Word which is the seed, and when planted deep in our hearts will produce a crop of right living, from the inside out. I thank You for Your promised Holy Spirit that You promised is alive and living in each and every one of Your children, us! We love You Lord! I thank You for Your guidance and Your healing power in my life. You, Sir, have NEVER let me down and have ALWAYS been faithful to Your Word. It's in Jesus' name I pray and believe. Amen! Amen! Amen!"*

It's been a couple of months now, so I decided to sit down here at my desk and give you all a praise report from my own personal life. As you all may remember, in the December issue of the newsletter, I mentioned how I love the Christmas season and usually decorate our home BRIGHTLY for the glory of God. Well, that was the plan ...

On November 4th, I woke up at 6:00am to get ready to head up on the roof and trim some tree branches out of the way, in order to place the lights on the entire roof. Heading outside it was now about 7:30am. Inside of 15 minutes on the roof I realized the task would be much easier with a cordless saw-zaw. I went back over the roof and onto the ladder. I made it down about four steps when the feet on the ladder decided to start sliding away with me on it. The next 45 seconds seemed to take forever as I watched myself headed to the ground. Even as I was sliding with my feet still on the rungs, I kept saying, out loud, "Lord, NO! Lord, don't let this be a disaster! NO! Don't allow this to interfere with my left hip replacement." And this is how God did exactly as I asked.

Last year, I'd built a new 20' x 20' shop with a 5' vaulted area above with pull downstairs for attic storage. I built this on to the already 20' x 20' existing shop. The complete shop is now 20' x 40'. In the previous months to the ladder incident, I'd been building out the inside the way that I wanted to set up all of my machines. I had the concrete poured 23 years earlier with this vision in my heart this entire time, and now it was a reality!

Every other time I've set the ladder up to climb up on a roof, I always put a 50lb weight behind each foot of the ladder. As I set the ladder in place this time, I did have a quickening to do the same, but didn't! The climb up was just fine, but evidently the ladder was at too steep of an angle and as soon as I started down it caused the weight on the top to push the bottom feet away from the house. The top of the ladder slid down the roof until it came to the edge and DROPPED DOWN, with my 235lb body weight, until it hit the block window stoop with a FORCE! With my right foot still on the ladder rung and my left foot wrapped in the ladder, at the point I hit the window stoop it turned into a DEAD STOP and it threw my body sideways and onto the concrete walkway.

While I was first falling backwards, I hit the top of my head on an existing water pipe and spicket, causing it to break off and SHOOT water everywhere! That water line was 7" outside of the new building I'd built. So, what does that mean? That means that had I hit 1" further to the right I could have hit my head on the corner of that building and possibly split it open. I did have three large knots on my head, but it was NOT split open! Someone say, "PRAISE JESUS!" But that's not ALL. In the same area where I landed, I had two huge steel vises, mounted on 4" steel pipe with thick steel bases, waiting to be painted and taken into the new shop. In the same area I'd stacked other types of metal, sawhorses, and a metal safe-like cabinet I had planned to use inside. All of this was in my landing area. BUT I landed precisely between it all!

Hitting the ground just outside our bedroom window with my adrenaline pumping, the water spewing in the air, and my body already feeling like I'd been wound through a ringer, I yelled to Michelle, "COME TURN THE WATER OFF!!" As she ran outside, she seen me sitting there on the ground in the water. With her not knowing where the shut off valve was, I directed her to where it was and said to her, "Look at the level I will go just to teach you where the water shut off is!" She laughed and then asked me if I could get up. Again, with the adrenaline pumping I attempted to stand up and nearly fell again. Michelle asked if I needed an ambulance, and I said no. At that point she immediately ran into the house and got the walker I used 12 years ago with the hip replacement. With no weight on the right leg, I was able to hobble my way into the house, change my wet shirt and jacket and then make it out to the car.

All the way to the hospital Michelle and I both kept thanking God for His hand of protection in all of this! Arriving to the ER by 8:30am I quickly seen that the WAIT would be a long one. After an hour or more in the waiting room, they took us back in the ER room to see a doctor. Seeing the knots on my head they immediately sent me in for a CT scan to make sure there was no internal bleeding. With this 'melon' of mine hitting the asphalt many other times I was pretty sure it would be just fine. The CT scan of my head came back as I'd believed it would. After a while they took me for x-rays on the rest of my body. It all came back great, except for a couple faint lines on my right ankle area. While lying there waiting, staying in a good frame of mind, and thinking about NO Christmas lights, I had Michelle get online and order a HUGE 11' 6" tall blow-up Grinch! I figured with that in the front yard it would tell the neighbors why the Christmas lights were not up, the Grinch stole them.

It was now about three o'clock in the afternoon when the on-staff ER doctor came in and told us he had contacted and sent the x-rays to a Podiatric Surgery Specialist (foot doctor) to look at. Still in the ER, it was about 7:00pm when that

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surgeon came to the hospital to review the x-rays with us and give us his plan. He also told us that this time of year he always has at least three or more ladder related falls and operations to do. "Some people are not as lucky as you," he said. And went on to say, "Many people die from falls like the one you had." After revealing that the heel was indeed fractured in three places, he stated that he would schedule me for surgery, but not until the next afternoon. After he left the staff doctor came back in and told us they were getting a room ready, but it could be several more hours before I was taken upstairs. It was now about 10:30pm so I assured Michelle there was nothing else she could do. I would be just fine, and I sent her home to get some sleep. It was now 11:30pm, and after fifteen hours in the ER they came and transferred me to my room.

In my relationship and life experiences with God, I always know that He can and does use me wherever I land, whether on my feet or on my back! So, when I arrived at the hospital, I had my spiritual eyes and ears open to receive His direction. Even as the nurses were taking me through the halls to my room, I was sharing how good God was that this heel thing was all I'd experienced. I was finally in my room and settled by 12:30am. By 6:30am the day shift nurses were coming on duty, and I quickly realized that God had directed specific nurses on two shifts, the full three days of my stay, to hear the Good News about Jesus. Being told I would be there for a couple of days I gave Michelle a few hours to rest before I called and asked her to bring me my Bible, a few different issues of newsletters, a couple family pictures to hang on the wall, and some lounge pants and t-shirts. As the days went on, I started to wonder if I was going to get these nurses in trouble for being in my room so long talking about Jesus. I quickly realized, if God had directed them to hear the Good News, He would most assuredly keep them safe from losing their jobs, and I kept sharing Jesus with them.

Through the day I kept asking the nurses when I was going to have the operation. They only told me, "The surgeon would be in soon to let me know." It was about 1:00 pm when he did come in and told me we were headed for surgery at 6:00 pm. At 6:00 pm they came to take me to surgery, where I then was told it wouldn't happen until 8:00 pm. He told me he decided we would be the last ones into surgery, so that he could take his time and get all the pieces back where they are supposed to be. What was supposed to be a 2 ½ - 3 hour surgery turned into 4 hours! At the end of the surgery, I ended up with a plate and nine screws in my heel. On Sunday, I went home with the instructions that I would be off my foot for 8-10 weeks. That's when I said, "Maybe you don't know my Jesus."

I will be the first to admit that this heel injury was WAY more intense than the complete Hip replacement I went through. As the days went on, I began to realize just how many of my other body parts had been twisted in the fall. Being someone that is generally always busy, I now found myself laid up in a bed barely moving at all. I started out in a 'boot' on a knee scooter, which by the way had a basket on it, a squeeze horn AND Christmas lights. I felt like the kids, flying up and down the halls running the wheels off of it. After six weeks, the doc still had me in a bandage and a 'boot' but now with light weight and a walker. About four weeks ago, he released me for light local driving and to physical therapy, two times a week. This progressed to no 'boot' and a cane.

At this point, thirteen weeks from surgery, ALL of the modes of 'get along transportation' have been boxed up and put away. I have been in BOTH my shoes for a few weeks now, and I only have two more physical therapy sessions next week. Not often, but I'm now working a couple hours at a time out in the shop, building my strength and confidence to get back on my motorcycles and ride again. By the time you all read this, all of it will be in the past.

My intent with this praise report is to of course give Jesus Praise, but as well to encourage someone out there that; While in the middle of trials and hurdles it always seems like such a long time to the other side of it. Yes, about the 8th week into all of this I was the same way. It 'felt' like it had been so long, but in it all I know that God doesn't promise any of it will be easy. What He does promise however is that we have victory in Him, when we choose to not grow weary and faint, we will reap a harvest in due season. And we all know that some seasons have a longer gestation period, right? We can't allow our 'feelings' to dictate our outcome. Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever, AMEN? Through all of this Michelle has been my angel and my rock for all of my needs. She waited on me hand and 'foot' while I couldn't do much for myself. She carted me around from one appointment to another without hesitation. Even at that 8th week mark, when I was a little discouraged, she encouraged me that I was almost to the other side of it all. Of course, I love Jesus more than anything else in this world. Yes, even Michelle. But she also wouldn't have it any other way. Michelle knows that if I don't put Jesus above EVERYTHING I will never love her the way Christ loved the church! I'm sure she would willingly and gratefully tell you, "I loved that other guy for thirteen years before Jesus and there is no comparison to these last almost sixteen years WITH Jesus!"

Oh yah, I almost forgot. The second week I was home from surgery I asked my grandson, Caleb, to come over and climb in the shop attic to take down all of the yard blow-ups and other lights, which he did. The next week I contacted this young brother in Christ and friend about coming over and putting the two rows of lights on the gutters of the house. Within a couple of days, him and his girlfriend came and put them up in just a couple of hours. A day or so later I had a little cabin

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THIS IS THE CONFIDENCE WE HAVE IN APPROACHING GOD: THAT IF WE ASK ANYTHING ACCORDING TO HIS WILL, HE HEARS US. AND IF WE KNOW THAT HE HEARS US - WHATEVER WE ASK - WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE WHAT WE ASKED OF HIM. 1 JOHN 5:14-15 (NIV)

Prayer Requests

I would like to ask you and the **OC4C** prayer warriors to please pray for my family and myself ... **R.R.**

Please pray for my father, awhile back he had a minor stroke and problems with his lungs. He also has cataracts on both his eyes and is supposed to have surgery soon. Please keep my loved ones in your prayers ... **R.S.**

Please pray for my family. Pray for my daughter Jacklyn. I don't know if she has become angry or sad. She has up and disappeared seven months ago. I've been asking God for His divine intervention to bring her back to me. Or at least bring her back to my mom's house. I hope she is not alone and lost. I'm asking everyone of the **Overcomers for Christ** family to join me in prayer to find my daughter, or at least to have contact with her ... **E.G.**

Would you all please keep my kids in prayer. I have so many kids, I call them my seven angels. I miss them like cray and haven't heard from them since 2002 ... **J.R.**

Please keep my father Cliff in your prayers. He has been fighting skin cancer for the last four years. He is 86 years old, an ex-Air Force Special Forces. He once told me he had colds worse than the skin cancer, I'm sure just to make me smile. When I talk to him now, I can hear the fear in his voice. So please, everyone, join me in prayer for him ... **D.L.**

Grace and peace to you guys at **Overcomers for Christ**, Amen! Always keep me in your prayers, please! Thank you very much, in Jesus' Name ... **P.L.F.**

I actually get to go across the freeway to the juvenal facility to do work. It sure was weird to see 'kids' dressed in orange. Let's all keep them in our prayers ... **M.B.**

I hope and pray this letter finds you in good health filled with joy, you're always in my prayers. I have a request to make of you, I need your advice and wisdom, you remember my ex-wife well she's been trying to come back into my life. But I'm not in love with her, I have love for her but not in love. I feel bad for her. I've talked to a few close friends some tell me maybe God wants you to help her that I might be the one to save her, but she truly doesn't want nothing to do with God. I don't want to fall again, I need advice. Keep me in your prayers, you're all in my prayers ... **U.S.**

Best way I can offer my hand, physically, is praying with you all ... **J.S.**

In December 2021, you and I baptized forty men here. Now in December 2022, we are in a different season here. Father God has had us in a different season now that Chaplain T has left. Those were my best years thus far serving as his clerk. We stay strong in our Bible studies. Please pray for this prison and the new chaplain ... **J.T.**

Praise Reports

I am so happy to write to you with some good news. Sixty days ago, we did a writ petition to have my time changed. Since the law has changed, they did remove 1 year. I was recently contacted, and the Judge took that year taking my 15 years 4 months to 14 years 4 months. My out date was 8 months from now, so I have time served. I'm waiting for them to recalculate my date to be released. God is good and I know you all were praying for me ... **R.L.S.**

I want to thank you all for your prayers for my brother over the years. I truly believe that it was all the prayers that kept him alive for so many years. My brother recently passed to liver cancer. The praise report is that he is no longer in pain, he is with our Lord Jesus Christ and free from any suffering ... **E.G.**

I want to thank you all for praying for my mother, Dalene. Her surgery for her hernia went well and she has fully recovered ... **D.L.**

I recently received some news about my little sister. She was in the hospital, and it didn't look good for her. I don't understand all the medical stuff that was wrong with her, but it wasn't good. Anyways, one of the Lt's here arranged for me to talk to a field minister and we prayed for her. I asked the Lord to heal her and make her feel better. I've prayed every day and last I heard, she DID get better and returned home with my niece and is doing good! GOD IS GOOD ... **S.M.**

All I know is that I'm trying 1000% to change my whole life. I am now on a level 2 yard, yes level 2, which is completely not the norm for me. I now have a Complex Special Job. Praise God! ... **M.B.**

I'm good I have been moved to the second chances program, so I'm 35 days until I'm released finally, Praise God ... **U.S.**

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From the Inside

The Power of Acceptance

By O.T.

The power of acceptance comes from God, to accept could be a beautiful thing in our lives or it could become a bad thing, you agree. What I mean is, you could accept that the enemy has won the fight and we have lost, or we could accept that God has already won every fight. It's up to us to accept that the enemy has NO power. In fact, the only power he has is the power that we give him. AMEN!?

We could accept that Jesus died for us and that on the third day He rose from the grave and we could accept that our sins are forgiven. Amen! We could accept that we are free, or we could accept that we live in chains, and I don't mean just in prison. There are people out there that live in their own prison, people that live in their own hole. But 'we' have the power in our Lord Jesus Christ to accept that He that lives in us is more than a conqueror, AMEN!

We could accept that we are new creations in Christ, and we could accept and agree that He has given us the power to create and destroy what comes our way, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Today, brothers and sisters, accept that we are chosen and that we truly mean something, that we are loved by God. Accept the things we can change and trust that no matter what comes your way, God is by your side. Say it with me, "He's got this!"

Brothers and sisters pray this prayer with me, "Lord, today, I accept that no matter what the enemy tries to do or tries to stop me from doing for Your glory I'll continue forward. I accept that everything will start to get better. I accept that You love me and that You will always be there by my side to fight for me. I accept that whatever is going on in my life It's part of Your plan. I accept today that You are already doing amazing things in my tomorrow. AMEN!"

Let This Be a *Matthew 6:33* Year

By J.H.

I truly appreciate the Christmas Card, let us continue to push forward for the real reason with no shame, and no hesitation. I bet a lot of people give their lives to Jesus during these times. Let us fight the good fight and shine light on what really matters.

We truly have the secret of life, let us give it freely! Let 2023 be a *Matthew 6:33* year, "*Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.*" Let us seek first the Kingdom in everything we do, let us move with the Kingdom on the tip of our tongue.

Let us tell everyone we meet that Jesus loves them and has a plan for their life, let us start each morning on our knees, and before we turn on the news or the phones, let us fellowship, let us study. Strive for a deeper understanding a more personal relationship with our Father, a deeper development of the fruits of the spirit, an ever-increasing development of love, joy, peace, self-control, faithfulness, patience, kindness and goodness, gentleness.

Let 2023 be a *Matthew 6:33* year. Let us move with this mentality, this priority, then and truly then we can be that "city on a Hill."

86,000 Seconds a Day

By M.H.

Glory be to Jesus the Christ! I have been thinking and praying for you all. Thank you for the Christmas card, it was encouraging and a pleasure to receive. I'm still fired up and flying high and hope you all are as well! You are absolutely correct there are still soldiers being raised up in the army of the Lord. I look forward to the revival you are talking about. I think about it often, I also think about what it will be like when I'm physically free to complete the next mission that Christ has for me.

Just want to let you know that your work is not in vain it has been just the opposite. There are many people who are being blessed, encouraged, uplifted, and enlightened. There are many people that are being affected that you will never know about until you get to heaven! Your accounts are being credited, so continue to store up your treasures in heaven!

What if you had a bank account and there was a credit of \$86,000 and at the end of the day whatever is not used would

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be taken from your account. You would use every cent, right? Each day we are credited with 86,000 seconds of time and it deletes after the day is over! If satan knows his time is short, we must realize that our time is short too. Walk in wisdom towards them that are without redeeming the time. **Colossians 4:5** – ***“Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity.”***

Here are some facts:

- There are 31.4% of the world population that profess to be Christians.
- Based on 8 billion people that is 2,480,000,000 professing Christians in the world today.
- That would mean that 5,520,000,000 people potentially going to hell if they died or if Jesus Christ were to come back today!
- 108 people die globally every minute or 2.5 every second.
- Life expectancy worldwide for males is 66 years and for females 70.8 years. In the United States, it is a bit higher males 77.32 years and females 81.97 years, now subtract your age from these averages.

But we know that life is not promised to any of us. When they put us in a casket will people be able to say we made an impact, lived in the perfect will of God for our lives and ultimately left a lasting legacy. The fact that we are all still breathing confirms the fact that we all still have work. We have our mission and destiny to complete. Don't count yourself out! Every person's destiny is as unique to them as their fingerprints and DNA. Nobody can claim your assigned seat that is attached to your destiny!

Thank you for everything you all do. Your newsletter is always right on time. I read them cover to cover then share them with others. Let's always remember that the devil doesn't play devil. He is the devil! So, we as born-again believers in the Lord Jesus Christ cannot play church! We are the church – the body of Christ. We must be spiritual snipers and soldiers of Jesus Christ destroying the works of darkness and setting captives free. The devil understands the battlefield of the mind, if he can capture your mind and weaken it, he can then capture your heart, will and emotions. If he weakens your mind, he knows you will not have the mind of Christ. **Philippians 2:5** says, ***“You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.”***

Lest satan should take advantage of us. For we are not ignorant of his devices. In **2 Corinthians 2:11**, ***“So that satan will not outsmart us. For we are familiar with his evil schemes.”*** The greatest weapon we have against Satan, as Jesus Himself told us, that we sit in heavenly places with Him. **Ephesians 2:6** – ***“For He raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus.”***

We have the ultimate fire dwelling inside of us, His Holy Spirit, wherein lies all the POWER! For as many as are led by the Holy Spirit of God, these are sons of God. **Romans 8:14** says, ***“For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.”*** But as many as received Him, to them He gave the POWER to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name. **John 1:12** – ***“But to all who believed Him and accepted Him, He gave the right to become children of God.”*** That's why I'm fired up and flying high.

Stay encouraged to fight the good fight, finish the race set before us and keep the faith! In **2 Tim 4:7-8**, it says, ***“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of His return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to His appearing.”*** Our ultimate reward, finally there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give ME on that day, and not only me, but also to all who have loved His appearing!

Now may the Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord makes His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Much prayers and love!!!

Bless God we made it through another year and we look forward to what HE was going to do in 2023!

Foot's Bible Study

Ezekiel 21:1-23:49

The leaders, whom God chose, were responsible for the moral climate of the nation. The same is true today. See **James 3:1**, *"My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment."* Unfortunately, many of the same sins mentioned here have been committed in recent years by Christian leaders. We are living in a time of unprecedented attacks by Satan. We must uphold our leaders in prayer, and leaders must seek accountability in order to help them maintain their moral and spiritual integrity. **(22:6-13)**

The Israelites went so far as to sacrifice their own children to idols and then to sacrifice to the Lord the same day. This made a mockery of worship. We cannot praise God and willfully sin at the same time. That would be like going to bed with a neighbor and then celebrating one's wedding anniversary. **(23:29)**

Hebrews 10:1-39

Christ came to offer His body on the Cross for us as a sacrifice that is completely acceptable to God. God's new and living way for us to please Him is not by keeping laws or even by abstaining from sin. It is by coming to Him in faith to be forgiven, and then following Him in loving obedience. **(10:5-10)**

Hebrews encourages believers to persevere in their Christian faith and conduct when facing persecution and pressure. We don't usually think of suffering as good for us, but it can build our character and our patience. During times of great stress, we may find God's presence more clearly and find help from Christians we never thought would care. Knowing that Jesus is with us in our suffering and that He will return one day to put an end to all pain helps us grow in our faith and our relationship with Him. See **Romans 5:3-5**, *"And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us."* **(10:32-36)**

Psalms 108:1-109:31

Do our prayers end with requests for help to make it through stressful situations? David prayed not merely for rescue but for victory. With God's help we can claim more than mere survival, we can claim victory! Look for ways God can use your distress as an opportunity to show His mighty power. **(108:13)**

David was angry at being attacked by evil people who slandered him and lied. Yet David remained a friend and man of prayer. While we must hate evil and work to overcome it, we must love everyone, including those who do evil, because God loves them we are called to hate the sin, but love the person. Only through God's strength will we be able to follow David's example. **(109:4)**

Proverbs 27:12-13

A diligent person will look ahead of where he or she is going and take precautions to avoid any danger where a lazy person just stumbles along blindly and ends up suffering all kinds of consequences and repercussions for their poor planning. **(27:12)**

Make sure to get collateral from anyone who guarantees the debt of a stranger, some form of a deposit so you will be sure to cover yourself from loss. **(27:13)**

"Foot" Notes

Hey y'all!!! I was just thinkin', how many times we have been in a situation or circumstances that we think God is guiding us to be some kind of light in that particular darkness? Maybe a situation where you are continuously running into things that tend to irritate you making you question if you're God's right choice for the circumstances. You end up focusing all on the situation instead of just maybe God's using the situation for you to work on you. Perhaps it's your own patience or tolerance. There are times I run into these things and after so many years I quickly decide that apparently God's using this to work on me. LOL!!

That being said God put this on my brain, "God's focus may not be on the situation you are in but more about the lesson within."

Vaya con Dios ... Love to y'all short and tall ... Don't ride faster than your angels can fly!!!

fever, so Michelle and I drove to Hobby Lobby just to get out of the house. While we were there looking at Christmas trees on display, she told me she was going to surprise me and get a tree for inside the house this year. I told her thank you, but that wasn't necessary. As we cruised the aisles, she came up with the idea to get these two old trucks, with Christmas trees in the back of them, to set on the living room table. Then she slipped around another corner and came back with a couple small sets of led lights to wrap around them both. "AWESOME", I said. So, we ended up with 2 Christmas trees and a great story to tell everyone.

In the meantime, I'd been talking on the phone with our oldest daughter, Monica, who lives in Ohio, and said, "At least there are some house lights up and a blow-up Grinch." About a week later, our daughter Courtney came over and we sat and talked for a while before she said, "I've got to run some errands dad, I'll see you later," and she left. A few hours later the front door opens and in walks Courtney again. She smiled really big as she came in and sat down on the couch and said, "HI DAD!" I was somewhat puzzled and surprised because she was just here talking with me a couple of hours earlier, so I wasn't expecting to see her again so soon. A couple of minutes later the door opens again and in walks Monica from Ohio! WHAT!? Even writing this I still get tears in my eyes for the surprise they all were a part of, even Michelle knew. I'm always excited when my kids come to see me, but I asked her why she was here? She told me, "After you told me about the Christmas light being up on the house I started planning with Courtney and Michelle to come help you get the rest of the blow-ups put in the yard for you." And she did just that! Christmas was amazing! And not because all the lights and decorations got put up. But because of all the love from my family and friends!

Through all of this I've never taken my eyes off of these two events/goals. The first goal was the Men's Conference in Colorado in March. In fact, this year with Michelle's help, I've put together a group of ten men to go with me. Michelle arranged for us to stay in a huge Airbnb and a 12-passenger van for our three days of transportation while we are there. And of course, we always have plans with Anthony for a summer road trip vacation in June. This year's adventure starts by flying to Oregon. While we are in Oregon, we're surprising Anthony with a deep-sea fishing trip before we head up to Seattle, Washington. We'll be there for two days driving around getting Harley Davidson poker chips, of course. Then we'll fly out of Seattle for ... ALASKA! We will be there for seven days, in another motor home, traveling to glaciers, dog sledding, helicopter rides, train rides and lots of other events. Never taking my eyes off of Jesus, the desires of my heart are now becoming a reality!

FUN FACTS

March 20th – In 1947, The constitution of Japan forbids the country from participating in wars.

March 23rd – In 1806, American explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark began their return trip east after reaching the Pacific coast.

March 23rd – In 1956, Pakistan became the first Islamic republic.

March 23rd – In 1983, U.S. President Ronald Reagan proposed the "Star Wars" plan for the development of missile intercepting technology.

March 23rd – In 2010, U.S. President Barack Obama signed into law the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

March 27th – In 1980, silver prices plummeted when brothers Nelson Bunker Hunt, William Herbert Hunt and Lamar Hunt attempted to corner the silver market and failed.

Christian Comedy

The penny-making machine at the mint suddenly stopped working for no reason.

It just doesn't make any cents!

Quote Worthy

"The future depends on what we do in the present."

- Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948) - an Indian lawyer, anti-colonial nationalist, and political ethicist, who employed nonviolent resistance to lead the successful campaign for India's independence from British Rule, and in turn inspire movements for civil rights and freedom across the world.

Overcomer's Testimonies

First off, I want to thank you for taking the time to personally write me back. I wasn't quite sure what kind of a response I'd get but was glad when I got your letter. I for sure believe God's hand of protection was involved in all of your past and your present life. That you're still alive and not all crippled up is for sure a modern-day miracle. Again, I do appreciate you getting back to me and sharing some of your story. It's always inspiring hearing how God is working in other people's lives. It helps me have hope that He'll help me turn my own life around.

I've definitely been wearing my guardian angel down myself. It really wouldn't surprise me if God has had to make an exception and put a couple extra angels in the rotation for me. Even though I haven't been in as many bike accidents as you, fortunately, I've definitely still been pushing the line in many other areas of life.

I truly believe in God and believe that 'YES' Jesus is God's Son. I've experienced times when I felt like God was walking with me. Then, many other times when that I feel so far away that I wonder if I were just delusional. That's been the biggest struggle in my walk of faith so far. But then again, drugs have been a huge problem in my life as well. I'm hoping with God's help I will stay clean this time around. I say it like that because I know when I'm out running and gunning, I lose sight of God and anything at all positive.

I need this kind of support action in my life. When I read your letter's, I get a feeling of God truly working in your life. I need help with that, like I don't feel that way in my own life right now. People talk about complete surrender and all that. But I don't feel that fire inside like should probably be there. I mean, I try to get into the Word everyday for a little while at least. I do pray in the mornings and at night and then I do start to feel like I want to change, but then I'll go right back and do the very things I know I shouldn't. Like getting high and all of the other things that I know halt forward progress.

I truly do want to experience the change I hear everyone talking about. I've given my life to the Lord dozens of times but eventually I seem to fall back into my old patterns. Those are the times it really gets me in the place of feeling, well, like I'm chasing some kind of fictional dream. It's sad for me to even express these sorts of things, because even to me it sounds like I'm saying God isn't real. Believe me, I am NEVER EVER trying to say that. It's just sometimes my faith seems to be there and then not there. That confuses me spiritually.

That's where I seem to be struggling. I guess I could use some prayers because I know that I do need a change in my life and lifestyle. I don't want to be doing this again. I've spent so much time behind these walls and fences. I want to live and experience the abundant life Jesus talks about. You sound like you are living this abundant life. With your family around it's apparent God is in your life. You sound happy and healthy. You said it wasn't until you totally surrendered and began to believe Jesus as the only real truth that your changed life truly began. At this moment, I'm not even sure what that means.

I do appreciate you personally writing me back. It's kind of different writing someone I don't even know, telling them about my issues. I'm not really the type to confide in people in general. But on the other hand, it doesn't really feel like we don't know each other. – P.K.

Meaning Beyond Accomplishments

By Steve Arterburn

"Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come." - 2 Corinthians 5:5

Rod felt that his life had real meaning when he was an assembly line foreman for an automobile manufacturing plant. Sixteen people on his shift depended on him, and he felt that his work was significant. Without the hoods and trunk lids his team installed, the cars would be incomplete. He was confident that there were few men in the plant who could do his job as skillfully as he did. He knew that if he died suddenly his superiors, coworkers, and family would sorely miss him.

But Rod is now sixty-six. He's retired from the plant and someone just as competent as he was is running the crew. Rod realizes that he's no longer needed on the assembly line. What's more, Rod realizes that his family doesn't need him either. His children are grown and gone. He hears from them briefly on holidays. His wife is in poor health, but a home-care nurse tends to her needs three times a week. And he wonders if anybody will show up at his funeral or miss him when he's gone.

Someone older without a mission in life feels empty, and can eventually feel despondent. If this sounds like you, then you need to find another outlet for your gifts, your skills, your abilities . . . that will give you a sense of purpose. The stability and maturity of a senior adult is often preferred and needed. How can you be of help in your city, neighborhood, church or even abroad? Check your passions and see how and where you can continue to serve God.

What Others Are Saying...

"Thank you so much for writing me back. I have to be honest; I was shocked to get a personal response back. I can't even begin to tell you how many churches, Pastors, Bible Theologians, and ministries I have written over the years, and I almost never get a personal response back. God bless you and your ministry for having enough humility to reach out to the very least of men." – M.R.

"Hello beloved **Overcomers for Christ!** I have been working very hard, five days a week with two days off. Everyday I'm walking and talking with our Lord Jesus. My soul and my spirit are being renewed together – with each new day working more in tandem so to speak. The delights, joys and rest Pappa provides, because of this reality, are surprising and give me spiritual giddiness. That's the best way I can describe it. God bless you all and **PRAISE JESUS!**" – J.S.

"Hello, it's been a long time not seeing the Living Word Bible Church. When I see all the people in the pictures in the newsletter I remember them, like it was yesterday since ... the last time I was there. I've been here in prison for a few months now and receiving your newsletters every month. Thank you for sending me God's Spirit and blessings. I'm very grateful for receiving them. You all are wonderful; I miss you all! I read every one of them clear through and pray each time I receive the newsletter. I see and remember everyone, and I say, "God bless" ... thank God for the newsletters." – K.K.R.

"Hello, I'm writing to let you all know they have changed our mailing address again. I also want to thank you so much for the newsletters and birthday cards over the years. It does make a difference, so you brothers and sisters keep it up." – D.H.

"A bird house built and hung up high, like our heavenly homes. Visited by those with wings. Hello my friends! I am so grateful for your friendship. It has helped me through many hard times when I felt alone. Thank you for letting me lean on you." – D.W.

"**Overcomers for Christ**, thank you all for the birthday card." – M.B.

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Editor's Note

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Hello everyone! We have been working with Andrew Wommack Ministries, Charis Bible College, to have their books and Inmate Bible Study (IBS by mail) available to ALL of you that are currently incarcerated. The request was finally approved! This is **FREE** of charge! Each month when you write they will ship your requested book, **FREE!**

To obtain these materials in either English or Spanish you simply need to write: **Andrew Wommack Ministries - P.O. Box 3333 Colorado Springs, CO 80934-3333** and begin to grow even deeper in your relationship with the Lord. Get started today, your walk will never be the same!

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What You Going To Do?
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Life is what you make of it, what you going to do?
Make it tough, make it cool
Run it to the end, what you going to do?

Feel the day, see your life
Keep true to yourself, what you going to do?
Love is God, God is love
God is waiting for you, what you going to do?

The door is open, the door is for you
Enter or not, what you going to do?
Christ died for you, the Holy Spirit is here to guide you
Heaven awaits you, what you going to do?

Do it or not is your choice to make,
While all of us brothers and sisters await
We hope to see you in heaven too,
But what you going to do?

Help us be better stewards by sending your change of address when you move to help reduce unnecessary waste and expense

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