



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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Get Comfortable and Pray

Jeremiah 28. Here the Word of God tells us of a time when the Jewish nation was being held captive in Babylon, and as the story goes a false prophet comes along and tells them that they are going to be set free! Wow, how exciting, we are going home, pack your bags! While in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, I always heard, “*Get ready, the 3 judge panel is going to release us*”, and I even bought into it once and was ready to go home early. Just like the Israelites, I listened to the false prophets. But God had a different plan.

Now in Chapter 29 verses 1-14 God speaks through *His* prophet and says, no you are not going free, not yet, not until I have made a point to you. I want you to get comfortable and pray for peace with your captors. Don't complain, don't try to wiggle your way out, just sit back and live your lives where *I* have you. That's the message for us today, be content where you are because God is in control. You may be asking yourself what am I supposed to be doing while in captivity? Well, God told the Jewish nation to pray for their captors and to pray for peace. So pray for your captors and pray for peace.

We must do a few things as well while we are in our captivity. In January of 2005 I was arrested and I kept asking God to get me out of here and to get me the least amount of time and blah blah blah. Since I was sentenced to 12 years I had decided to do nothing and become a “bunk” Christian. The attitude of just sitting on my bunk and reading my Bible still stuck on me. I was pouting like a little kid. God had a different plan, not only was I not going to sit on my bunk, I was going to serve Him, by serving my brothers in prison. I became an usher, got involved in yard evangelism and so on. God had a different plan, pray for the men and women who held me captive, serve and live my life as if I belonged there. I was and am where God has me. You are exactly where God wants you, so buckle down and get involved with your local ministry in prison or out of prison. My point is God has a plan for your life. It may not be what you think or even want to do, but it is the area God wants *you* to be in.

Let me take a moment to talk about captivity. Captivity is not just prison, jail or even parole, it goes beyond that. It could be sickness, injury, financial difficulties, mental health, fear or any situation that we loose our peace over.

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Here are some things we need to do, not just in captivity, but always, whether in a physical prison or wherever you are at this moment.

2 Chronicles 7: 13-16. We need to repent and call upon the name of the Lord, not just repeating a prayer we heard (Matthew 6:5), but to really get a hold of God, crying out from our hearts. If you want a breakthrough, you need to pray. Again, don't think that God is a genie in a bottle, don't just ask God for "things", ask Him for forgiveness, healing and more importantly, ask God to help you know His will for your life.

Matthew 10:7-8 and Matthew 28:18-20. Share the gospel, no matter where we are, we are required to share the gospel. Jesus didn't say when life is perfect or when things go your way or when you meet someone you like, share the gospel. No! He simply said go and make disciples of all the nations speaking to all those I put in your path. Oh yeah, by the way *all* means **all**!

Romans 12:18. Be peaceful, if we are not peaceful with those around us, how can we expect to be at peace with God or have peace in our heart? I was sitting here thinking about the difference between peace and pride. Peace allows you to be content and to be humble, peace allows you to walk away from potentially confrontational situations. Pride leaves us feeling discontent, leads us to cause trouble and leads us down a path of destruction keeping us from being at peace where we are. When we are full of ourselves and selfish, we think we are owed something from everyone. God did not instruct us to be full of fighting, but to be at peace as much as it is in our control to do so.

2 Thessalonians 3:10-13. Work and be helpful not a hindrance. If we are not being helpful, then we are not showing Jesus at work in our own lives. The Bible tells us to do all things as unto the Lord and if a man chooses not to work he shouldn't eat. So, while you are where you are, WORK and be profitable to your Ruler. Look at Joseph in Genesis chapters 40-43. Joseph, using Godly wisdom prospers Pharaoh and the land of Egypt. By him being obedient, not only did Egypt prosper, his whole family was saved. So you see, being obedient and being helpful we are not just helping our captors, we could be inadvertently saving our family. Breaking that generational curse, would be the result of us being obedient to God and not doing the same stupid, unhelpful things we did in the past. If you want your kids or grandkids to live a life of crime, causing pain and suffering the way we did, then do nothing! As for me? I desire to be a part of breaking bondage of the generational curse. As for me and my household? We will serve the Lord?

To end, I want to leave you with this thought: repentance, true repentance *always* bears fruit. What is the fruit of your repentance?

Your Brother in Christ,

Kenny Johnson

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BE A BARNABAS

Are you eating right?

With man's appointed holidays, many of us are eating a lot more than normal lately. Thanksgiving just passed and Christmas will be here before we know it. One of the things that I like about this time of the year is all the different stuff I can put on my plate and in my belly. I am not as fit as I used to be, lol, it seems harder to maintain a healthy weight the older I get. Except, when I ask if you are eating right, I am not talking about feeding the body. I am talking about feeding your soul.

"For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come." 1 Timothy 4:8

When I talk about a balanced diet, I am actually referring to our spiritual health. In order for us to remain healthy Christians, we need to make sure we focus on the right things. Too much of one thing and not enough of another can lead to an unhealthy walk. Years ago I read a book about spiritual health and the author created 3 stick figure bodies. The first had a big head, small body and thin legs. He related this to a person who has gathered a lot of head knowledge. The second had a small head, large body and very small legs again. This image represented a person who had a big heart for people. Lastly, the third picture had a small head and body with large legs attached to them. This one being of a person who was always serving in the ministry involved in many different Christian activities but without much of the other attributes listed above.

Neither one of the three diagrams represented a healthy Christian. In the first, the believer had lots of time studying the word, but they didn't spend enough time praying and serving in their respective Christian community. In the second, the person didn't spend a lot of time in the word, but they had a big heart for prayer and compassion for others. While in the last model, the Christian was ready to get involved in all kinds of outreach and serving in ministry, but didn't have a strong working knowledge of the Scriptures nor had they put a lot of time in their prayer closet.

Paul says, physical training is of some use, but training in righteousness is both useful for this life and the life to come. When I think about the *big-headed* figure, I also thought of someone who attends Church every week listening to the word. They would have all kinds of Bible studies or books they have read. A daily regiment of reading the Word before they started their day. I mentally compared this to a person who eats a lot of healthy food, but never really got out of the house to work it off. But what about someone who eats of the wrong kinds of food, such as watching TV ministries that never talk about certain teachings in the Bible because they are seeker friendly and don't want to push people away. I think that is like having a high sugar or high carbohydrate diet. "*All* scripture is God breathed..." Or even a preacher who likes to give long introductions to their sermons and spends very little time if any in the actual word of God. That is like an artificial sweetener that tricks your body into thinking your eating something good.

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I also thought about spending a good portion of time talking to God everyday following the model in Philippians 4:7 really well, but not spending enough time reading and memorizing scripture that we can share it with people by living it or evangelizing the lost.

Then again, we could even spend a good portion of our time trying to reach the lost, but don't have the scripture written on the tablet of our heart's.

In everything we do, we should do it as unto the Lord because we know it is from Him that we shall receive our reward. It is important for us to eat right both physically and spiritually. A well balanced diet can make it easier to last longer when you are running a marathon, taking a long bike ride, working or participating in any other form of a long period of strenuous activity.

If I had only coffee and doughnuts before I went out surfing all day, not only would I burn out quickly, but I would also be more sore than I would if I ate something good before hand. Also, taking a break in the middle of the day to eat again is important. Not having a regular intake of God's word can also leave us spiritually parched. I would struggle living according to His word or sharing His love with others if I didn't take the time to study it or work on my memory verses. I know I need to spend time praying over His word before I try to share it in the newsletter, at work or with people I encounter throughout my days. I try to pray everyday about *what* He wants me to share each month, about *who* He wants me to share it with and about *how* He wants me to share it.

How about you? Can you relate to anything shared in this message or others to your daily life? We would love to hear from you and hear your insights. Please make time each day to insure you have a healthy diet of Jesus, the Word of God, and let us continually glorify our Father in heaven by doing the work He set out for us.

Be blessed in Him,

Brother Daniel Rodney

We want you!

That's right; the Lord's Mountain Movers Ministry wants you to be a bigger part of what we are doing in God's kingdom. We have received several contributions for your newsletter and thank those of you who have taken the time to send your submissions. We hope that more of you will share some of the talents God has given to you through writing, drawing, etc. Keep them coming. If you send something you need to have back, we will be glad to return it to you, just let us know.



Our Prayer Requests for God's Children

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Greetings to all our brothers and sisters in Christ who receive our newsletter through the mail. Due to financial constraints, we have revised the way we do our prayer requests. We are currently posting and maintaining all prayers requested on the Internet so your brothers and sisters all over the world can continue to pray for your petitions and praise God for the ones He has already answered.

We are encouraged by the work that God has already done through so many people praying for the needs of those they do not even know. What a privilege we have to go before the throne of God with our requests and the requests of others. Let us keep praying and seeking His will for our lives and the lives of others. If you have a prayer request you would like added to next month's newsletter and/or posted on the ministry website, please fill out the form below and mail it to us. Previous prayer requests are still there on the website for people to read. We are wondering if your prayer has been answered yet? We want to know and share it with everyone else who reads the newsletter, so keep us updated. We look forward to hearing from you and standing in the gap as a prayer warrior. Please note that we will be removing older prayer requests, especially when we do not hear about updates. The newest requests are at the top of the list and the oldest requests are at the bottom of the list. These will remain on our website prayer list.

November – December 2015 Prayer List

Sandra M.....Pray that she does well in hip replacement surgery and gets back on her feet in recovery without any complications. **She is recovering, walking with her new hip and a cane.**

George W.Pray for his recovery from a serious car accident. Pray for the family members during this trying time. He is in an Ohio long term care facility. He is off of feeding and breathing tubes. **Better news today 12-06-15, he is responding to external requests (wiggle toes, squeeze hand, follow finger with eyes, etc.) with prompting.**

Roger CPrayer for him in his current situation that it will be resolved soon.

Anthony S.Pray that my brothers in Christ; get blessed, have a speedy trial and go home soon.

Steve T.Pray for God's favor over trial- strength in fasting prayer, soften his wife's heart and not divorce him.

Winifred W. ...Pray that the attacks on chapel, pastor get resolved and evening services are restored.

Maurice A.Request urgent prayer for his young niece not to be tried as an adult and for his warrant to be dismissed.

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Richard L.Please pray that he gets right with the Lord before he gets a life sentence, he is messing up bad.

J. JacksonRequest prayer for Soledad Prison and its staff. Prayer for the Jackson and Packer family that God would become the center of their lives and reunify them again. Prayer that I will be a good person and husband and we will have a good life together.

Greg.....Prayer for clear vision on what God wants to do with “The Cure” Ministry. Maintain ministry’s focus on God only. Also prayer for his marriage to Shelia as he gets ready to go home. Also prayer for Shelia as she recovers from a work injury. Update on previous prayer requests; Aaron passed SD Sheriff’s test, Stephen is working at a Christian Camp, Justin has a job at Toyota Dealership and is working for EMT position.

Sonhai H.....Requesting prayer for her and the family so she could talk to her brother Jonathan.

Brian D.....Prayer for his relationship with his father and as he strives to give up drinking.

DouglasPrayer for God to help him become the man that He desires and change his old ways.

Steven W.....Prayer for himself and his mother as his father passed away and the family is going through the grief process.

R. WhiteThat the Lord will open doors for suitable housing upon his being paroled. **Praise report: He has found a place to welcome him and is doing well, reconnecting with brothers as well as family.**

Alice S.....Chesapeake VA – prayer for personal issues.

Sheila.....Prayer for her health issues, finances and God’s direction for personal decisions.

Greg.....**Praise report:** God is in control, using me, and I am being blessed by Him. Woo Hoo!

Helen &
Hazel C.....Prayer for their dialysis treatments and recovery from health issues.

Kenny J.Requests prayer for steady employment.

Gabriel SHis mom, Rosie, his Uncle and brother who need prayer for recovery from health issues.

Stephen.....Prayer for change in career course.

Justin**Praise report;** finished EMT school and looking for work.

Joshua.....Continued prayer for personal issues.

The C.U.R.E...Prayer for God's guidance and provision.

Greg FPrayer for answered prayer in his period of fasting.

Benjamin.....Guatemala, Praise report for Bibles that their church has received. Asking for prayer for his family, the church that they might finish the floor, the windows and doors.

Barbara MPray for her marriage and family.

Jamie PFavor with the Parole Board and upcoming hearing. **Prayer answered he has a date.** Pray that the Governor not interfere in his release date.

Linda DContinued recovery from health issues.

Rich H.....Living situation and employment. Prayer for his sister Darlene who was just diagnosed with terminal cancer. Please pray for the family also.

Sandy (Bill
A's Sister)Pray for her continued recovery from health issues.

Robert B.....Pray for God's direction and provision in his life.

George &
Amy.....Lift them both up in prayer.

TJ LPray for his health issues.

Bob P.....Needs prayer, was just diagnosed with stage two and four cancer in lymphatic system.

Joanne R.....Her and the rest of the family need your prayers as they continue to deal with the loss of a child to cancer.

Jose
Rodriguez.....Pray for his ex-wife as she deals with an abusive relationship. Also prayer for his parents (dad's recovery from surgery and mom's health issues).

Larry K.....Asks for prayer for The House of Hope Chapel, for these new ministries in evangelism and discipleship. That God would use their ministries to further His Kingdom.

Pray for.....Christians who are facing the loss of their lives for their faith in Jesus Christ.

Darrell R.....Prayer for his health and life issues.

G. GortonPrayer for housing and work upon his release.

Pastor Gray.....Pray that the Lord will continue to guide and strengthen him as he brings the light of the gospel to those who are still trapped in darkness of sin and false gospels. Prayer for all those who are following in his faithful footsteps.

Thomas M.....Pray for his upcoming review by the board and release back where he belongs. Also pray for his dear friend George that his health holds up.

Sebastian M....Prayer for his continual growth in Christ. Prayer for his children’s salvation and wellbeing.

Peter APray that he gets the needed help battling the worldly challenges and gets steady employment.

Randy CHe was in a car accident and needs prayer for healing and replacement of his vehicle.

The Lord’s Mountain Movers - Prayer request

Person requesting prayer _____

Pray for: _____

Nature of request: _____

Place request on Ministry website Yes No

Place request in Newsletter Yes No

(Use back of request if necessary. You can also use blank paper)

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Greetings to my family and friends,

What is the first thing that pops into your mind when you hear someone say, Merry Christmas? What fond memories do you have, or expect to create during this holiday season?

Can you recollect ringing a doorbell and being welcomed into a warm home that was filled with joy? Or do you think about the knock on the inn's door that creaked open just enough to say, Sorry there's no room for you here?

Does the smell of fresh baked cookies, pies, and honey baked ham stir up and tantalize your senses? Or do you imagine the smell of sheep, goats, and oxen standing close by?

Do you remember ornate decorations and brightly flashing lights covering the inside and outside of your house, and the homes around you? Or do you envision the cold bare walls of a dimly lit livestock shelter?

Are you reminded of excited children in their pajamas, all tucked into warm beds? Or do you recall a newborn baby wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying on cold stalks of straw?

There is quite a contrast between Merry Christmas and Mary's Christmas, isn't there.

It seems like every year the store shelves become stocked with Christmas decorations earlier and earlier. Advertisers start hammering away at your senses before our summer clothing gets put up for the winter. It has become a relentless attack on your pocketbook, time, energy, and most importantly, your focus on what the celebration is all about.

"Hark the herald angels sing..." What were they singing about again? Oh yeah, something about a newborn king. Wasn't He born on Black Friday, no no, I think it was Cyber-Monday? "Si - lent night, Ho - ly night...all is calm, all is..." Yeah, who are you trying to kid? Those have to be two different nights, right? When was the last time you had even *one* of those?

I'm trying to imagine God watching all this from heaven. Here we are frantically buying, wrapping and stuffing gifts under a decorated tree. All the while we're forgetting that the greatest "free" gift was unwrapped and hung on a tree. We buy things to make people happy, God purchased people to make them whole. We buy things and go into debt; God paid the debt so we could be free. I wonder if Jesus is still saying, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

I think things need to change. We don't have to throw the baby out with the bathwater, but maybe it's time to drain the tub and see if the baby is still there! Let's take a little effort this year to set aside all the rhetoric that is the Christmas of today, and reflect on Mary's Christmas. A Christmas far removed from what we know or celebrate. Let's begin to celebrate the birth of our Savior, not once a year in stress and chaos, but everyday of the year in solemn reverence for the greatest gift only God could give.

One last thought.

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On this Christmas I can't help but think about those who have, for whatever reason, found themselves locked up in prisons and jails for many years. Yes, they may have broken the law and are receiving the penalty for their sin against society and God. And yes, part of the penalty is being separated from family, friends and the freedoms they had so lightly regarded. But the paradox of the situation just might be that they are in a better place than most of us are, this Christmas.

Before you color me crazy, or think that I have lost my mind, let me explain. You see, those who have spent many years in these places have lived without all the glitter, glamour and gluttony of Christmas as it's celebrated today. The first couple of years were hard as the memories lingered from past Christmas' spent at home with family and friends. Then the memories began fading away. Christmas cards and letters became less frequent. Phone calls were harder to make and sometimes not even accepted. Christmas as they knew it no longer existed.

These men and women are far removed from the world's idea of Christmas. The truth is that they may be closer to Mary's Christmas than some of us have ever been. There are no decorations hanging around, no laughter or joy filling their bare cells or dorms. The air isn't swimming with the smell of fresh baked goods, nor are their tables overflowing with delicious food. No, they are like Mary and Joseph, alone, far from home, family and friends.

Their blessing is this. They are not alone; they have their Savior there with them. Everything that has hidden the meaning of Christmas from the world has been removed from their lives. The bathwater has been drained and baby Jesus is there! They have the best gift of all, One that fits perfectly into their hearts. A gift that can't be lost, but One that came to save the lost. A gift that won't be returned, but will one day return.

As you celebrate Christmas this year please take a few moments to pray for the men and women in jails and prisons. Pray for their families too. Thank God that He has spared you this cup in your life. Lastly, trust and believe this; that they are praying for you, that you have a Mary Christmas this year. How do I know this? I was there my friend.

God bless you all this year with the bare-bones reality of what Christmas is about.

Your brothers in Christ from,

The Lord's Mountain Movers

May you have a Mary Christmas!