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A Word from Tony

Hello Friends,

Isn't it awesome how our heavenly father will take our broken lives, and with his touch, heal us and use us for his glory?

It reminds me of a story I heard one time about an old violin, broken, dirty and scarred by years of use and neglect. It was held up for the audience to bid on at an auction. The auctioneer seemed irritated that someone would even try to sell what should obviously be thrown away. "Two bits, do I hear two bits," he shouted as the crowd began to laugh and scoff. "Two bits, two bits. Isn't there anyone willing to bid?" It seemed that the old violin was to be rejected, everyone believing it had no worth....

Then, from the back of the room an older gentleman began to move forward. Taking the violin gently, he began to work on it. In only what seemed like a moment, the old violin was shining, the dust was gone, and the strings had been changed. The scars were still there, but they looked, somehow, healed. Then the old fellow picked up a bow and began to play it. The music that came out of that old violin was so sweet. Every note seemed to pierce the hearts of the listeners. With the last note, the crowd shouted and



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clapped with joy.

Then the auctioneer broke in, "One thousand, two thousand, three, now four." The bidding began to climb. All it took was one touch from the Master's hand.

This story is a picture of our lives before Jesus stepped in. *Ps. 51: 10, "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me."*

11, "Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me."

12, "Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me."

I will never forget when the Master touched me and made me whole.

It's been an awesome year. Many good things have hap-

pened. The DVD's and CD's of our testimony are still touching lives. We have made them available for prisoner's families, all free of charge. Last month we sent around forty DVD's to families of prisoners alone. Then we have the truck drivers who call from the east coast to the west coast requesting CD's and DVD's. We also send these out free of charge.

Doors have been opened, and our DVD project "The Importance of Good Life Choices for Teens" is complete. We are ready to take it into the schools. That is where we need your help. I have spoken in one school and we had an awesome response. If you know anyone in the schools, such as a teacher, counselor, principal, etc....please talk to them about us and let's get the ball rolling. My phone number is on the news letter.

Without you, none of these things would be possible. *Matthew 25-34: 40, "May our father truly and richly bless you and yours."* From all of us at FIC Ministries, have a Merry Christmas and a Spirit filled New Year!

Much Love,
Tony Mac

Letters

Bro. Tony,

I'm a truck driver. A couple of weeks ago when I was heading out, I had stopped at a truck stop. I saw some CD's on the counter, so I grabbed one to listen to on my way to Birmingham. I tell you what, I hadn't had a good Holy Ghost spanking in a while, but I sure got one that day. I guess He had heard enough of my mouth. I had become so angry in myself and spirit about crime all over this country. Not a day goes by when I turn the news on -- no matter where I am, somebody has been killed for a little of nothing, children getting raped, or something everyday - everyday. My heart had hardened. Then I listened to you. Buddy, did I get ripped up one side and down the other - I guess that would be that very sharp two edged sword. He had to show me there is hope in all the depravity of this world.

I have been saved and filled with the Holy Ghost for 22 years. I know how to play church and look all holy. But God had had enough! In the past 2 weeks I have had to find my way back to my first love. Every day is getting sweeter and sweeter. I try not to listen to TV, but instead listen to different preaching CD's, which, in turn, I leave on the counter of a truck stop for others to pick up.

I remember the day I got saved June 9, 1986-sitting on a stool at my counter - broken, saying the sinners prayer over the phone with a little Baptist preacher I had met 3 wks prior. It felt like cool water hitting me on top of my head and running all the way through me. That morning I had been arguing with Him (God). I could hear His voice so clear telling me He loved me and wanted me-me-for His child. But on the other hand Satan was in my ear telling me God would never forgive me for murder. I had had an abortion when I was 18. I guess we know who won out in that war for my soul. I bare the scars of rebellion but I know that is all they are. I truly believe it's not the battles that I go through, but my reaction in the midst of it that the Character of Christ must shine through.

Well, I'll be signing off. Got to head for the mountains of WV. I can just about hear my truck saying....not again. (climbing those mountains)

Big Mama out

MR. TONY-MRS. CANDY,

HELLO. GARY RAIBORN GAVE ME YOUR CD TO TRAVEL HOME WITH YESTERDAY. I LISTENED TO IT AND CRIED MY EYES OUT. IT'S AMAZING HOW GOD GOES AFTER THAT LITTLE LOST SHEEP, EVEN IF HE'S BAD OR UNRULY. THANK GOD HE JUDGES OR LOOKS UPON THE HEART OF MAN. I WILL PASS YOUR CD'S ALONG AND PLANT THEM BECAUSE THE CALLING ON YOUR LIFE TO SHARE IS REAL. HEY, WHEN WE GET TO HEAVEN, I AM GOING TO COME HANG OUT FOR A WHILE WITH YOU. HAVE A GREAT DAY, STAY ENCOURAGED IN THE LORD, AND BE HEALED IN YOUR BODY.

IN JESUS' NAME.
(SOLDIER)

Hello Tony and Candy.

Someone gave me a CD that had Tony's story on it, and I can't tell you what a blessing it was for me. I was sitting at my computer working and listening to the CD and had to just finally sit and listen. I couldn't do anything else for the tears clouding my eyes.

I have a brother in Holdenville (prison). He has given his life to Christ, and has been doing a lot of studying for the ministry.

I just wanted you to know how your story filled my heart with joy, and how the angels must have rejoiced when you gave your heart to the Lord.

Keep up the good work. Sorry to hear about your back trouble. I know how that is. I had to have back surgery also.

I have found that if God brings you to it, he will bring you through it.

Keep the faith, Candy, and remember, you can do all things through Christ, who strengthens you.

A Sister in Christ

Tony,

Thank you so much for recording your testimony. I know it was God who placed that CD into my hands. It will be passed around my family and friends. My Dad heard the first part of the testimony and cried and didn't want to hear more, partly because I think he is a drunk.

Not only was your testimony a blessing, but it was a great blessing! We had listened to the CD at my Mom and Dad's house and when we got home, my husband revealed things that he had been keeping from me for a while! Like the fact that he was going to cheat on me when our youngest child wasn't even a month old.

I would really appreciate it if you would pray for my marriage! I knew that he was going to cheat on me all along, but he just kept denying it until the night we listened to the CD. It's really hard to get over something such as this, especially when I stay at home and take care of our two children because we can't afford day care! So the testimony was a great blessing in my life! Just please pray for us!

I pray that my husband will remember it and never hurt me again. I know that everything is a plan from God, but I still loose sleep with my heart aching just thinking about it.

May God bless you and yours through all of your days and thanks for praying for us.

Love in Christ



FIC Barbecue, 2008

The Lord blessed us with another lovely day for our annual FIC barbecue. The sky was blue and clear, and the temperature was perfect. Everything was in place and ready when the guests started arriving before 11:00 A.M. on October 11.



We hope to see you next year!



Music was provided by the FIC prison band with songs of prayer and worship.



The main entrées, chicken and brisket, were expertly prepared by Brent Davis. Others helped prepare side dishes, and cooked hotdogs and hamburgers for the kids. You couldn't ask for better barbecue anywhere!



Rob Pierce, pastor of Southeast Baptist Church in Pryor, OK delivered the inspirational message. His preaching style is dynamic and energetic. What a pleasure and blessing to listen to him!



A good time was had by all!!

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**Thank you for your
continued support!**

Our Ministry Needs

FIC IS LOOKING FOR A LARGE SUV

Tony Mac needs a Suburban-sized SUV to travel to and from the many Oklahoma prisons he visits each month. If any of our FIC friends has a vehicle that can carry six to eight wide-bodied adults and some band equipment, and would like to sell or donate it, please call Tony. Because of the large number of miles Tony travels across Oklahoma each year, a vehicle with 50,000 miles or less would be ideal. FIC is a charitable organization and any donation of a vehicle or a sale below market

value would be tax deductible.

REMEMBER

It is important to keep your address current with us. Year end contribution statements will be going out soon, and we want to be sure you receive yours. Each mailing brings some returned items for incorrect addresses. It is easy to update your address with us by calling Tony at the above phone numbers or by e-mailing us at fic@valornet.com.

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PRAYER REQUEST

Our latest DVD project is completed and it is very powerful! Let us continue to pray that the message will be used for the good of the young people who hear it and that doors will continue to open so that its message will get to those who need it. Peer influences are so great and many times young people will be drawn to activities that are not in their best interest just so they feel they "fit in." This message shows them in graphic detail how wrong choices can be a detriment in their life.