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A Word from Tony

Mathew 5:16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Every once in a while we run into someone whose life richly glorifies the Lord. The Bible tells us in Matthew 7:16, "You shall know them by their fruits." The fruits are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Chaplain Dennis Burrell went home to be with the Lord on May 11, 2006. He was the first chaplain I ever knew. I had been incarcerated for 12 years. I knew some men who had the title of Chaplain, but it was only a job description. There was no light and no fruit. Chaplain Burrell was so full of life and an open, honest joy, that you just wanted to be near him. He was the type of man that, while daily reaching for new heights, he would take you there with him. He had an open



Tony and Candy "Mac"

door policy. Inmates filled his office to standing-room-only daily. He taught me to crawl, to walk, and to run. He taught me how to stand. He was my brother and my friend. Let me ask you a question, "What will they be saying about you when you are gone? Will they say your light shined the way to Jesus? Will they say you bore the fruit of the Holy Spirit?" More importantly, will you hear these words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Since our last letter, we are now blessed to be able to share a service at Jess Dunn Correctional Center on the second Monday of the month. We have also been able to go into the Tulsa Boys' Home in Sand Springs for the last two months on the fourth Sunday night. What a blessing to be able to speak into young peoples' lives.

Later in this newsletter, you will read a letter from a man at H-Block in Oklahoma State Penitentiary's supper maximum security unit in McAlester. There are also some pictures of our tent set up at Holdenville for Kairos Ministries "Family Day."

Thank you so much for your generous support. Your gifts make it possible to continue to minister at these locations. May God richly bless you.

Tony

A Word from Candy

Hello to everyone.

Most of you who are reading this newsletter probably know me very well. For those of you who don't, I would like to tell you about myself. Tony and I married at a very young age (16 and 17). We were definitely too young. We have two beautiful daughters who have grown up to be wonderful young women. When our girls were 5 and 6, their Dad was sent to prison, thus changing all of our lives. They never really knew what it was like having Dad at home. As the years followed, we were to spend many hours on the road to prisons and on the visiting yards of prisons. Life could be very trying at times, to say the least. I am not going to go into all of those details, but to any of your who may have loved ones that are incarcerated, I will say this, "Don't despair and don't give up. Just continue to love them and pray for them with your whole heart."

James 5:16 says, "Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for

one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." To me being healed means being whole. And being whole means being part of the kingdom of God. So continue to pray with all you have. Believe me, I spent many years praying for Tony.

Tony served 15 years in prison. Only the last four of those years were as a Christian. I am writing to say what a blessing it has been to our family since he has been saved. God not only answered my prayers for his salvation, but He is using Tony so greatly in His kingdom! I am so very proud. He is such a pillar of strength to his family now. It brings such peace that I can't even describe the difference. Even the last four years in prison were so much easier to bear. I didn't have to worry with each phone call that there would be bad news about Tony. I didn't have to worry about his drug issues or that visiting him would cause trouble to break out in the visiting room. The change in him even caused the guards' atti-

tudes towards me to be different. When we visited, we had such wonderful talks of the Lord. It was so cool! The last four years of prison went faster than any before. He has been home for 5 1/2 years now. These are the best years of our life ! We truly are best friends. God is so great!

Tony gets a lot of mail from men who are incarcerated. I don't always read every one. Some ask for prayer. Some just write to say "thank you." My heart is with those of you who are still doing time. You are in our prayers. I would like to say "thank you" to all of you who write. The letters of gratitude and encouragement for my Tony Mac just make my heart swell with pride. Many thanks to our loving Savior who is using him mightily. Thank you for taking time to give back to him! He needs your prayers, too. May our God in heaven bless you all.

Candy Mac

Editor's Note

Candy has a heartwarming story of her own to share with you. Her devotion to the Lord and to Tony

during their hard times is an inspiration to hear.

Candy is available to speak to

your group, particularly lady's events. Contact FIC to arrange a date.



A letter from Prison

Dear Tony and Family,

How are you guys? Sure hope and pray you are doing great!

Listen Tony, I am so proud of you, my friend, for your unwavering stand for our Lord. I have listened to you, your family members, even your true friends on the radio every Saturday preaching the word, and giving your testimonies, and I have never been moved so much in my life. You all are a great inspiration to myself and to many others in these stinking prisons, especially down here on H Block.

It is fair to say, I live from Saturday to

Saturday waiting on you to come on the radio to refill my spiritual reserve and to get me though the week. It's not just a hit and miss thing you are doing, Tony. You hit a "HOMERUN" every Saturday! GO my friend!

You are making a huge difference and giving a lot of hope to many lost souls in here. I've witnessed many "hard heads" get excited about you coming on the radio on Saturdays, so I know you are penetrating hardened hearts where no other person would or even could. What God has and is still doing for you is not going unnoticed. Feed His sheep Brother, feed His

sheep!

God bless you and your family, Tony!

Brothers in Christ,

Barry

P.S. I'm sorry I could not give more, (this man sent \$5.00) but I assure you more will follow. My heart is in your ministry and what you are doing. I surrendered my life to our Lord in Aug., 2004 and have not turned back since. My life and spirit have never been more blessed.

Kairos Ministries "Family Day" in Holdenville

Families spending time with their loved ones in prison. The mission of the Kairos Prison Ministry is to bring Christ's love and forgiveness to all incarcerated individuals, their families and those who work with them, and to assist in the transition of becoming a productive citizen.



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**We appreciate your
continued support.**

Odds and Ends



We have re-designed our DVD (same content) of Tony's Testimonial and have added

the audio on CD and cassette. We will be happy to send any of these to you for a donation of \$15 each (\$10 for cassette.) Please specify your chosen format in your request.

Watch for new DVD's in the near future. Tony and Candy will be filming new content soon!

The FIC Barbeque at Tony's and Candy's house scheduled for May 6 was postponed. God blessed our long drought with abundant rain! Unfortunately, the wet conditions made the yard impossible to navigate. A new date will be announced later. Look for this event to be re-scheduled for the Fall.

Your gifts have made it possible to purchase a new (and smaller) tent. This will help us to simplify the set-up of smaller events. We can also accommodate two events at the same time or those close together.

PRAYERS FROM PRISON

- Pray for my family.
- Pray that I get out of prison alive.
- Pray for my struggles with the demons inside me.
- Pray for my Mom in jail.
- Pray for my sister in jail.
- Pray for peace between families.
- Pray for my children.
- Pray for the lost.
- Pray for the hungry.