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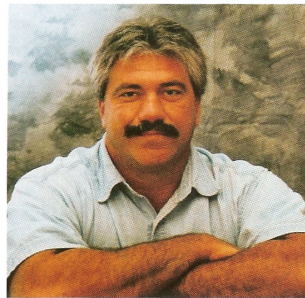
Free in Christ Ministries Foundation

A Word from Tony

Hello, Friends. As I began to think about what I would write in this article for our first news letter, this scripture came to mind: John 21:17. “‘Do you love me, Peter?’ ‘Yes, I love you Lord,’ Peter replied. Then the Lord said, ‘Feed my sheep.’” This was repeated two more times. Why three times? Maybe because that’s how many times Peter denied Him. I’ve often tried to put myself in Peter’s place at that moment when the rooster crowed. And then looking into the eyes of the Christ, no doubt, he felt like the lowest person in the entire world. I know that feeling. I took an innocent man’s life and then had to look into the eyes of his family. I truly felt like the lowest person in the whole world. The shame and guilt tormented me night and day. The horror of what I had done was always with me.

After giving my life to Christ, when I would begin to feel the guilt and shame returning, I would always hear that sweet still voice, “Do you love me, Tony.” “Yes, Lord, you know I love you.” “Feed my sheep.” Free in Christ Ministry was birthed before I was even released from prison. One night at a church service, the preacher called me up front and told me that the Lord told him I would be a prison minister. Now I had talked about this many times with different

people, but never really took it seriously. After all, who in their right mind would



Tony “Mac”

ever take a chance on Tony Mac and open the prison doors for me to come back in. I was released on January 3, 2001. Walking out of those doors into my wife’s arms was a moment I will never forget. And at that time, if you would have asked me if I would ever come back for any reason, my answer would have been “No.” The rooster would have crowed. I had spent 15 years inside and I would have preferred any other kind of ministry. But every time I thought about what that preacher said at that church service, I would hear that still quiet voice, “Feed my sheep.” I remember my prayer, “Father, where you send me, I’ll go.”

In August, 2001 I got a call from Chaplain Grant at J.H.C.C. (the same prison I was released from). He told me Deputy Warden Parker would take a chance on me. He wanted me to come back and speak at an anti-drug abuse rally. Fear hit me like a ton of bricks. How can I deny Christ and get out of this? I thought about the rooster crow-

ing when Peter denied Christ. I thought about my victim’s family and how I felt in that court room, and I said, “Yes, I will come.” The date was 09/11/2001. That morning was one that none of us will ever forget. I listened to the radio and prayed all the way to the prison. I remember walking back inside that prison as one of the most difficult things I ever had to do. I was secretly hoping they would turn us away. In fact one officer told us we couldn’t come in. I tried to look sad, but inside I was ready to leave. Another officer ran and told the deputy warden. He called Control and told them to let me in. As I walked into that prison yard and the steel door closed, men began to surround me. I heard them saying, “Tony, you came back.” Tears filled our eyes. Peter was so afraid, yet he became a powerful vessel used mightily by the Lord. Even his shadow had God’s healing power in it. Since that day, the Lord has opened many doors.

I just returned from Washington, D.C. where I was asked to be a panelist at a hearing on faith programs. Me...a panelist speaker in Washington, D.C.? It’s a Jesus thing. “Feed my sheep.”

Tony Mac

Updates

We have new addresses and phone numbers for Free In Christ. Please note these changes for your contacts with us.

P.O. Box 252
Coweta, OK 74429
Office phone: 918-279-1912
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“New Addresses and Phone Numbers”

Who is Tony “Mac”

Tony “Mac” McMullen grew up as an average teenage boy in Oklahoma. He was married at age 17 and fathered two children by age 20. Tony’s life quickly changed when he began using drugs and alcohol. The lifestyle of searching for a new high, transformed him into a violent drug dealer with few feelings for those around him. Eventually, this spelled the end to the things that had meant the most to Tony, including the life of a friend.

Mistaking his friend for another drug dealer, Tony shot and killed him. This act earned him 30 years in prison. He was known in prison for

his bad disposition and many feared him.

Through several miraculous events in prison, Tony finally found the answer he had been looking for all along. He found the saving grace of Jesus Christ and the freedom He brings. The joy was immediate and Tony began to share the Good News with those around him. A ministry was formed and many lives were changed.

Tony was released from prison in January, 2001, but the ministry he created still continues behind prison walls and in the outside community.

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Testimony DVD Available

A new DVD of Tony’s Testimony has been prepared. It runs approximately 45 minutes and is a great tool to use personally or with groups

interested in this wonderful story of God’s miraculous grace. We will send a copy to

you for a \$15 donation and a request for this DVD.

Letters from Prison

Dear Tony Mac,

I heard you on the Road Show today (July 12, 2005) with Dave & Becky. They have been close personal friends with our family for almost 25 years.

Anyway, as you were sharing your testimony, tears just started flooding my eyes and I paced back & forth in my cell praying in the Spirit.

What God did for you, He will do for me. I saw myself doing the Road Show & ministering to others. Yes, I have made mistakes, but God has changed me from the inside out and I will never be the same again. I finally understand what

being a new creation in Christ is about. Thank you for your ministry. I look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

Aaron

JHCC (Joseph Harp Correctional Center)

Tony,

Just a short letter to let you know how much I appreciate all the prayers. I was sure feeling down until I caught the show (radio broadcast) Saturday. There is not much to laugh about here, but I sure as heck got a good one

out of the story of Candy, the Bull tamer, and also when you were telling about the bologna sandwiches.

I had to praise the Lord for a 3 minute, cold as ice, shower last night. A few months ago I would have been cussing someone out for it, but it sure feels better to just be thankful for what we do get.

Well, bye, brother. You take care & give my love to everyone.

Thoughts & prayers,

Scott, At Big Mac

Keith Ward, Chairman of the Board

I am privileged to be on the board of Free in Christ Ministry. Our board consists of a great group of men and women who meet regularly to help Tony accomplish his mission. I can see God at work through this ministry in prisons and elsewhere.

Tony "Mac" is a great inspiration to all of us. Through his words and actions, we all can see God working. I appreciate all of your prayers and support. The benefits are far beyond this life.

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Tom Lawson, Director

Men and women behind bars have an uncanny ability to tell the genuine from the phony. The key to Tony "Mac's" success is his true and genuine love for the Lord and

his true and genuine concern for prison inmates. His amazing testimony is only matched by his God-given ability to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ.

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Jim Raymer, Treasurer

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When Tony's testimony is heard and his ongoing ministry is presented, people just want to respond and be a part of this "unique" ministry.

Tony knows the real needs in prison because he's been there. FIC provides prisoners with Bibles, training materials, tape recorders for the teaching material, musical instruments for their chapel services, and the list goes on. FIC also helps those just getting out of prison with food, clothes, jobs, transportation, counseling, and other support.

FIC funds a radio broadcast where Tony speaks on the air reaching inside the prisons. Prisoners tune in each week to hear Tony be-

cause they can put a face to the voice.

Tony's ministry takes him many places to speak: inside prisons, church services, to the youth, men's meetings, and to the individual who needs help. In fact, as part of the ministry, Tony has driven over 200,000 miles since this ministry began over three years ago. Your support provides the funds for these expenses. If you would like to be part of Tony's ministry and reap God's blessings, please send your love gift to the address provided.

Where We Minister

We are blessed to minister at five prisons in Oklahoma on a full time basis and we visit many others as they request. The five we currently visit on a full time basis are Joseph Harp in Lexington, James Crabtree in Helena, Davis in Holdenville, Great Plains in Hinton, and David L. Moss in Tulsa.

Our 30 min. radio program at 1:00 each Saturday, on Lighthouse Christian Radio,

KLRB 89.3 FM, ministers to inmates at Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, OK as well as Stringtown and several others. We are getting a lot of response from the dreaded H Block. Our Father is using this air time to shine His Light into the darkest places. To God be the Glory! Many of these men are responding to His call. We send Bibles to those who request them and we always respond to their many letters.

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**We appreciate
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Ministry Needs

Free in Christ Ministries depends on the generous gifts of supporters, like you. Radio air time, travel expenses, Bibles, and temporary housing, food and support for newly released inmates requires money each month. We are having a canned food drive this month for one of the housing ministries we help support, Wings of Freedom. If you would like to support the food drive, we ask that you drop off non-perishables at New Heart Fellowship (91st and County Line Road, Broken Arrow) or send

money with a designation for the Food Drive. Your donation will be used specifically for that purpose.

As always, we cherish your prayers and continued support. Through all of us, God's work can continue.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come."

