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A Word from Tony and Candy

Dear Friends,

It has been awhile since our last newsletter. We would like to let everyone know what has been going on in the ministry.

Summer months are usually our busiest months on the road. This summer slowed down somewhat and it caused us some concern. But then the phone began to ring; the chaplains, the wardens and the deputy director were all calling asking us to bring the tent into the prisons to have Tent Revivals. In our revivals, we use 99% ex-offenders to share their testimony. These are men who are living full productive lives on the outside today. But because of you, our supporters, something awesome happened. When we were worried about the finances, you just began to give. Wow, how awesome is our God. He knows our every need.

The Bible says in Psalm 119:105,
¹⁰⁵ *Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*

My pastor who is a big sports fan, refers to the Bible as our playbook for life. The more we trust the play book and its instruction for life, the more it grows in our hearts. The more we know our Bible intimately, the more we know our Father. The Bible says, Proverbs 3:5-6: ⁵ *Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.* ⁶ *In all thy ways acknowledge*

him, and he shall direct thy paths.

When we were in Mardel's the other day purchasing a Bible for a man in prison, we saw these quotes posted on their wall and wanted to share them with you.

Trying to absorb the depths of the Bible is like trying to mop up the ocean floor with a sponge.

Other books were given for our information; the Bible was given for our transformation.

It is impossible to govern the world without God and the Bible. – George Washington

Nobody ever outgrows scripture; the book widens and deepens with our years. – Charles Haddon Spurgeon

The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold on me. Martin Luther

No one ever graduates from Bible study until he meets the author face to face. – E. T. Harris

As the summer months draw to a close, and all the tents will be put up for the winter, the phone continues to ring. The calendar is filling up with places for us to go. We just returned home from Illinois where we had a great time in four

different churches. We will be leaving in early November to minister in Louisiana with Wild Horse Ministries. You can go to the calendar on our web site to see our schedule. (It changes on a daily bases and is actually current as of today).

We want to send an "At-a-Boy" to Granville Ratliff, Tony Davis, Mike Lawson, and Jeff Parnell. These guys have all done time and have recently been going with the ministry and giving back to the Lord.

Life can be kind of spooky sometimes, whether it be a doctor's report, loss of a loved one, loss of employment, or just worrying about finances. We always need to remember He said to cast all our cares on Him, for He cares for us, no matter how big or small those problems may be.

Candy and I began to worry about the natural and we forgot about the super natural when our Father is involved. Thank you so much for your generous hearts, you're giving spirit and you're willing commitment.

We pray our Lord will richly and abundantly bless you.

Tony & Candy Mac
Free in Christ Ministry Foundation

A Word from Our Treasurer: Jim Raymer

As Treasurer of FIC, every time I see a contribution come in from one of our incarcerated friends of FIC, it makes me stop and think how much of a financial sacrifice is represented in that gift. I'm reminded of the impact it made on Jesus when the poor widow gave her two mites as an offering. She gave out of the little she had (MK 12:44), but God can take that "little" and make big things happen.

We are richly blessed in this ministry; our motives are not directed by money and finances, but humbly by what we believe God's program

and direction is for FIC. If God is directing Tony and Candy in a certain direction, then we know, by faith, He will provide the resources to accomplish that task. It's never been about money, it's about serving God faithfully.

I hear only a fraction of the miraculous stories resulting from Tony and Candy's ministry. There are just so many that are very unique and heartwarming. God is using Tony and Candy in such a special way, that we really don't have any idea how many lives are touched and changed. Tony's testimony on CD/DVD is all around the world, literal-

ly, and this simple CD/DVD has changed lives from truck drivers all around the country to individuals in Europe and Africa and communist countries. God took "little" and has made it "Huge".

So, thank you, and bless you for your prayers and contributions. Your involvement in this ministry allows us to share in all the wonderful things God is doing to change people's lives, and this fruit will also be added to your account (Phil 4:17).

Editorial: Charles and Nancy Stanphill

You have probably noticed our newsletter is in a different format from our previous issues. We have always been very proud of our colored printing with nice photos to go along with some of our articles. As we discussed writing his issue, we began to wonder if we were using the resources God has given us in the most responsible way possible, by using expensive color reproduction methods. We decided to give black and white reproduction a try to see what we thought of the result. We would appreciate your feedback as well. Many have said they love receiving and reading our newsletter. Will as many love it in black and white??

One gauge of how well we are doing as a ministry is reading the many letters and e-mails we receive from you. We are constantly uplifted by the heartwarming stories we receive from people all over the world who

hear Tony and Candy speak, and who listen to the CD/DVD of Tony's testimony. We think you will be equally blessed by reading some of them too. That is why we include excerpts from a few of them. Through reading them we hope you can gain a sense of what we're doing and what kind of impact we are making on people's lives.

All of this is possible through your continued faithful prayers and giving. In everything we do, we strive to follow God's direction for this ministry. Every action is bathed in prayer before we act upon it.

This leads me to a special prayer request. We (the ministry) own a diesel one ton truck that is used for pulling our trailer which holds the equipment we use in our tent revivals. We have used this truck for many years and 240,000 miles. It has served us faithfully. But lately the repairs need-

ed to keep it safe for long distance travel are becoming a burden. Through God's guidance we are looking for just the right lower-mileage vehicle that we can purchase to replace our "Old Faithful." Please help us pray that we are led to the truck that God wants us to have. We are looking for a late model one ton diesel crew cab Dodge or Ford. If you know of one for sale, please let us know. If you would like to designate a gift to help cover the cost of the replacement truck, please note "Truck" on your check.

We are always amazed at what God is doing in this ministry and in our personal lives. As we pray for you, we hope you are feeling the wonders that God provides. "Through Him, all things are possible."

May God bless you richly!!

We Get Letters and E-mails

Here are excerpts from some of the latest letters and e-mails:

...Hey, this is Danny from Rural Grove Baptist Church. Thanks for helping me get saved. I have had a wonderful life thanks to you.

Danny

...Thank you both for letting God minister through the both of you last week here in Sumner.

We are really grateful to get to know you both and to be in the presence of two people who love the Lord so much. My prayers are with you as you are setting up the tent today and then the revival.

I went up to the coffee shop at 6 AM this morning and your ministry was the talk of the coffee shop here in Sumner. You finally hit the big time when you made it to the coffee shop in Sumner, Illinois. We look forward to having you back, maybe next year, and I am praying about the Lord opening up doors for me to come to Sooner Country and minister with you in the near future. Only God can open them doors. Again, Thanks for coming to Sumner, Illinois. We love you both with the Love of the Lord.

*In His Service,
Pastor Jerry*

...It would be a blessing to receive more information about the man who is so profoundly impacting my brother's life.

*Dr. Arthur Maricle, Pastor
New Hope Baptist Church*

...Tony, love ya brother. Your CD was given to me by a fellow truck driver a few days ago. Last night your CD's made me laugh and cry all at the same time...truly inspirational and amazing testimony. One of the CD's I was listening to seemed that you were talking directly to me.... like the CD was made just for me. Just a little note to say thank you and God bless. Thank you.

Reggie

...Thank you for coming to Zanesville. Your testimony really stirred up the Holy Spirit in me. I rededicated my life that morning. Alcohol has been a gorilla on my back for many years. For some reason, I could not (would not) give that part of me to God, which kept me in the 90% group, not the 100% group. The spirit was so powerful right there, right then, he took the desire and the mental obsession from me. I don't think I asked him to take it. As we prayed together he just took it!

Mark

.... I would like to take a moment to also tell you how you have inspired us in two different situations. First, my husband was in a truck stop chapel in Atlanta, Georgia about 2-3 months ago and he was handed your CD testimony. Wow, what a testimony.! it was your testimony that has now lead us to do some trucking ministries from state to state to share the gospel of Jesus Christ while he is out driving his semi. We send CD's of our pastor

with Dennis each week to give to other truckers who want to hear the word. Just a HUGE THANK-YOU for your CD being in a truck stop chapel that day! You inspired us!

The second situation is of our new next door neighbor. She is 19 years old and so angry with God. If there was a way to show God's love, that would be through yours and Candy's testimony. I could not think of a better example to show her. You see, her Dad was murdered 3 years ago and still no solving the case. Tonya blames God and wants to know if there is a God. Where was He that morning and why didn't He stop the murder? She blames God for allowing it to happen. I sat her down Saturday night and brought your testimony up on the computer and she watched it with tear-filled eyes. We cried together, and I said to her, "See how good God is? There is truly a God and He is so good." God saved this family. Tony, your testimony and the strength and faith that Candy has, touched Tonya and so many of my family members. Because of your testimony, guess what? Tonya went to church with us today. You have no idea what you have done for this young girl. And I thank you both. Her mother could not even break down the wall of hatred she had for God. But you did, and Praise God!

Brenda

...Please pray for my ministry. I am doing church ministry in my Hindu community.

Bro. Kiran

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I'm sure you know about our website,

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But don't forget to use it when you have a need, or need help with another who has a need. Remember, Tony's complete video testimony is posted on the site. You can sit down with a friend in front of your computer and use it to help witness to that friend. You don't need the physical DVD. However, if you de-

sire the testimony CD or DVD, we are happy to send it to you. We do ask a \$10 donation for each CD/DVD you request to help cover our reproduction costs and mailing charges.

We are also happy to tell you that Tony has several heartwarming sermons on CD that are available through www.rigministries.com. You can request them for free through the Rig Ministries website. Their ministry is to provide CD's for free to truckers and others who are interested in them. Besides Tony's sermons, there are many others in their catalogue that will help

you grow in your walk with God.

If you need significant quantities of Tony's CD/DVD testimony, request them through Rig Ministries.

As the holidays approach, we wish for all of you the greatest of God's blessings. Take time to love on one another as God loves us.

