

GRACE & PEACE to you from **GOD** our **FATHER**, who sent our **LORD & SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST** into the world, that **WHOSOEVER believes** in **HIM** should **NOT** perish, but have **ETERNAL LIFE** (John. 3:16 & 18). By the time some of you receive this newsletter, **CHRISTmas** & all the festivities will be over until next year. I love the celebration of **CHRISTmas**. I hope you & your loved ones enjoyed the beauty of the season because of **JESUS**. The message of **CHRISTMAS** is not giving, but **SAVING**. **JESUS CHRIST** is the ultimate gift!

The **ADVENT** of **CHRIST** is our own reminder that **GOD** is in **CONTROL** of **ALL** things. **HE** is the **LIGHT** of our **SALVATION**, the **ONE** true source of eternal **PEACE**. **AS** you celebrated the birth of **GOD'S SON**, did you pray that **GOD** will make you sensitive to at least one person trapped in darkness who needs to hear of **HIS SAVING GRACE**?

A simple word of **HOPE**, **TRUTH**, or **ENCOURAGEMENT** may be all it takes to open Heaven's door to a lost & dying soul. My goal is to continue to take an inventory of how well I managed both my personal life & the calling **GOD** has given me in my **ROW & PRISON** ministry. I am blessed & humbled that **HE** has taken my human efforts & supernaturally anointed them for an eternal impact.

I had 17 services this month with over 350 praying the **SALVATION PRAYER**. Because of **CHRISTmas**, many inmates trapped in loneliness & hopelessness made a commitment to the **ONE** who **NEVER** leaves us nor forsakes us — **JESUS** (Heb. 13:5; Matt. 28:20).

This year was a battle for souls. In 2013, 5150 souls won; 2014, 5200 souls won; 2015, 4080 souls won; but 2016 is one of the lowest number of souls ever won, 3300. Of course, I lost 2 months of ministry because of a fractured femur.

Remember, it is **NOT** me! The **HOLY SPIRIT** is the **ONE** who draws them to **JESUS** (Jn. 6:44). I give **GOD** all of the **HONOR, WORSHIP & GLORY**. Any time I lead one, it is a wonderful feeling.

At L.A. Co. Jail Men's Central, the 3 services were very good & well attended, with nice harvests. One day, while in the High-Power-Super Max, I led 4 inmates in their early 20s to **CHRIST**. They were all facing life without the possibility of parole. These are the ones that were snatched from the jaws of hell. **P.T.L.!!!**

I had a great harvest & service at Chino Woman's Prison on New Year's Eve. It was a good way to start the New Year, winning souls for the **LORD**. Some of the sermons this month were on "The True Meaning of **CHRISTmas**," "**GOD'S** Salvation Chest," "The Most Wonderful **CHRIST**," & others to encourage, edify & uplift those who are lost, lonely & discouraged.

My two monthly Bible Studies were well attended & my **CHRISTmas** potluck study had 60+ attend. We celebrated **CHRIST JESUS**. Another opportunity to share **GOD'S WORD** is on my two monthly Omega Man Radio Worldwide Show that goes to 167 countries.

This has been another month of calls for prayers & need of healing & miracles. In their hour of need, I'll give encouraging scriptures that are words of blessings & healing. I ask them to meditate on them, pray over them by **FAITH**, standing on **GOD'S** promises (II Cor. 1:20). Some that I give are Ps. 56:3, 4, 8, 9 & 13; Ps. 107:20; Ps. 30:2; Jer. 17:14; Matt. 8:17 & Matt. 15:13. Many would write the scriptures down to do this.

The need for a **SAVIOR** is just as great today as it was when **JESUS** was born. The light of **GOD'S** mercy & grace has **NOT** grown dim. In John 1:9-12, John wrote, "There was the **TRUE LIGHT** which, coming into the world, enlightens every man. He came to **HIS** own & those who were **HIS** own did **NOT** receive **HIM**. But as many as received **HIM**, to them **HE** gave the right to become children of **GOD**, even to those who believe in **HIS** name."

The **LIGHT** of **GOD'S LOVE** permeates our entire being, causing us to desire **HIM** over the idols of this dark fallen world. In Matt. 5:14-16, **JESUS** told **HIS** disciples, "You are the **LIGHT** of the world." Technology, human reasoning, or a one-world view cannot satisfy the inner longing of mankind's heart. Only the **LOVE** of **GOD** can fill the emptiness of a broken soul.

Because **CHRIST** lives in us through the presence of the **HOLY SPIRIT**, we are **HIS LIGHTS OF HOPE** to a lost, dying world. The Apostle Paul admonished us to "shine like stars in the universe, as we hold out the word of life" (Phil. 2:15).

Did **CHRISTmas** burn in your heart? Did it shine from within you like stars on a dark night bringing **HOPE** to the hopeless & lifting those who are struggling? I pray that it did.

The Skid Row Services were well attended & some 15,000 had **CHRISTmas** feedings at the Missions. It is hard to believe but there are over 25,000 homeless people on Skid Row & streets.

As 2016 ends, my encouragement to everyone is to have a desire to discover & fulfill your **TRUE** potential, to become the person **GOD** created you to be. Your rich reward will be a life filled with purpose, peace, joy & contentment. Examine your life. Give us the strength to accept **YOUR** unflinching **LOVE**.

Until next month, **LORD** bless you & to you who sent love offerings, a 100-fold return,

In His Majesty's Service,

Dear Friend,

If the Lord leads you to send a love offering for my Skid Row and Prison Ministry, please send it to:

Heavenly Manna Inc.

8942 Willis Ave. Unit 9, Panorama City, CA 91402

My tax I.D. number for your records is 93-1112647.

May God abundantly bless you.

In His love,

Mel

TESTIMONY OF SHATTERED SILENCE

The story behind the SHATTERED SILENCE documentary

When my husband passed away in 2004, it left our family of 8 and our 'white picket fence' life in shambles. Death has a way of rearranging even the best of scenarios. Suicidal thoughts crept their way into one of my son's mind and heart. Thankfully, he conquered it and went on to turn his pain and loss into great purpose. I was privileged to assist him through his film company JackMorgan Films, in producing a documentary film titled **SHATTERED SILENCE**, where we interviewed people from all walks of life. They shared stories of abuse, depression, PTSD, addictions, bullying, self harm, and yes — suicide. They also shared stories of survival, hope, and purpose! We partnered with www.LighthouseNetwork.org, www.LRJfoundation@live.com and www.newvinemedia.org. to create this 21st century style media tool for bringing hope, purpose, and life where there is hopelessness, aimlessness and death. My son came full circle from thoughts of suicide himself, to reaching out to save others from its dark clutches through this project. I can sum up the theme of **SHATTERED SILENCE** with this quote from my son — "Through our pain and suffering we must fight to survive; taking responsibility for ourselves and our actions, so that out of the darkness we will arise to our full potential." We all will face hard times in this journey called **LIFE**. Giving up should **NEVER** be on our list of options. As we open up dialogue and cast aside judgment, we can end the silence — share our pain — heal our wounds — create awareness and prevention — and live the full life God intended for **ALL** of us to enjoy! We are now praying Mel Novak's Arsenal Prayer.