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# Melva's Corner

## DARKNESS YIELDS TO LIGHT!

(Mark 14:36)

**Central Truth:** The power of God gets the last word, and to surrender yourself to God in the midst of your dark night of the soul is the single way to participate in His triumph.

Some of us get up early and feel we do our best work in the morning; experience has taught us that early morning is when we are fresh and can be most productive.

The other day I was talking with a friend who is recovering from a physical injury. "I don't need as much medicine in the morning," she said. "Sleep heals and refreshes me. I wake up strong and ready for rehab. But in the late afternoon – especially on the days when they have worked me really hard – I really hurt and have to have something for pain. Then I sleep well again. And I know the morning will come, when I will feel strong again."

Sadness, discouragement, and melancholy seem to intensify in the darkness. There are studies, in fact, which support the thesis that depression and suicide are greater in wintertime and in regions where there is less sunlight. Diseases such as Alzheimer's have a "sundown syndrome" that sees patients suffer more profound disorientation as darkness comes on.

But every day has a night. Every period of light is followed by darkness. Or must we think in those terms? **Might we not choose to emphasize instead that every nighttime gives way to dawn? That darkness must yield to light? If we grant that thesis for a moment, we can understand one of the motifs in the Gospel of John.**

**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God.**

He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and without Him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in Him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him (1:1-10).

As surely as Jesus was the light, the light of the world, the true light that gives light to everyone, the Prince of Darkness was threatened by Him and determined to defeat Him. Forty days of relentless temptation, unbelief and opposition from within His own family, childish immaturity on the part of His closest associates, betrayal from His inner circle – all these and more were meant to extinguish the light and leave the world forever shrouded in the darkness of sin and wretchedness and death.

In the final dark night of the soul of Jesus, everything was at stake in Gethsemane. For Him. For heaven. And for all of us. Here is how the struggle ended. Here is how He survived and triumphed over the darkness. Here is how sin and death gave way to redemption and life, grace and light.

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and [Jesus] said to His disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took with Him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And He said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." And going a little farther, He threw Himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him.

He said, “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want” (Mark 14:32-36).

The decisive, final, and definitive defeat of Satan and darkness came with that decision to embrace not what He wanted but what the Father wanted – for Him to embrace not death but surrender, not defeat but sacrifice, not resignation but obedience, not His doom but our redemption. With that decision to surrender His will to the Father’s, He set His heart toward the cross. With that decision to surrender to the Father, He set the perfect example for us.


Before the bright morning of resurrection, Jesus had to endure that awful night. He had to embrace the cross. Before our light could dawn, He had to wrestle with all the terrors of darkness.

Some of you are terrified by the dark night of pain, uncertainty, failure, temptation, abandonment, poverty, sin, and death. You are remembering daylight hours when things were better, life was simpler, and hope was real. But you have it backwards! Darkness does not conquer light, death cannot swallow up life, and no failure need be final! The power of God gets the last word, and to surrender yourself to God in the midst of your dark night of the soul is the single way to participate in His triumph. Before morning can come, your dark night must be conquered via the only possible means – the obedience of faith, the surrender of your will.

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him (Heb. 5:7-9).

So can you pray His prayer: “Not what I want, but what you want”? Can you embrace God’s frequent answer to our uncertainty: Can you learn what Christ learned through His obedience to the Father: the glories of morning will always come.

### Scriptural References:

“Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want” (Mark 14:36). 

### POP CULTURE AGAIN! (Sexuality)



(Matthew 7:3-4)

**Central Truth:** Our culture needs to hear and see more from the people of God about sexuality that's pure and honorable and holy!

A couple of years ago in Texas you might have seen the strangest nautical accident in the history of nautical accidents. A double-decker party barge loaded with passengers capsized in Lake Travis, near Austin, Texas. This sent 60 people into about 39 feet of water for a surprising Sunday “baptism.” Fortunately they were all rescued with only two minor injuries.

There's nothing that strange about a boat capsizing, of course; that happens. Nor does the reason the boat capsized make the accident all that strange; it tilted and then took on water due to uneven weight distribution when most of the passengers moved to one side of the boat.

Travis County Sheriff spokesman Roger Wade was quoted after the accident as saying it was "unclear" why so many people were on one side of the boat. Maybe he was being charitable. The boat was tied up at Hippie Hollow, the only public nude beach in Texas.

Most recently we have seen television networks in a feeding frenzy over Paris Hilton. Would there be such a feeding frenzy if the public weren't so obsessed?

We live in a sexually-charged and sexually-preoccupied culture. That's such an obvious statement that it borders on insane. In an age that so values self-expression isn't it interesting that so much of what we feel the need to express (to whomever will pay attention) is sexual?

Immorality has become normal, while chastity is so out of fashion that we don't even use the word anymore. Homosexuality is fast becoming just as accepted. Unfaithfulness in marriage, while still not usually admired, is almost "winked at" in many circles. Pornography, historically only available to those willing to be seen in the red-light district, now flows into respectable living rooms and offices through videos and the Internet. Mainstream movies and TV package sex less explicitly, but no less enticingly. Pop stars flash as much skin as they can, and advertisers use sex to hypnotize consumers into buying.

What do believers do in a world like this? How do we maintain God's standards in such a society?

The answer is that we don't seem to maintain those standards very well. Oh, we point fingers. We argue in public forums against the agendas of homosexual activists.

We shake our heads over the declining standards of morality around us.

But you want to know the truth? Far too often, we join the stampede to look at whatever our hyper-sexual culture puts on display for us. And families, churches, and individual lives are being swamped because of it.

Oh, how that hurts to hear. But, I have to admit that it's true. We can't blame the media; they usually only churn out what they know we'll buy. Can't blame the Internet; thousands of new pornographic sites come on-line each day because there are millions of people willing to pay the fees to access them. We can't blame advertisers or MTV; we still snap up the products and music and the lifestyle they sell. And, while we're being honest, can I just say that a lot of us aren't just enablers? There are "Christians" on those web sites and in the back rooms of video stores and carrying on affairs. There are Christians whose lifestyles teach their children and the children in their churches, that sex outside marriage is OK for grownups.

Here's what I propose we do about our hyper-sexual culture. I propose that we start with ourselves. I propose that we start making some commitments not to let our eyes linger where they shouldn't. Sexual sin, you might remember that Jesus said, begins with a long look - whether it's at a picture or an image on a screen or a flesh-and-blood person is immaterial. That'll mean that we'll have to take some radical steps sometimes. To turn off a TV or walk out of a movie, to turn and look at a shop window instead of the person walking by and to use a filter or accountability software on a computer. It might even require some downright terrifying steps - to admit our struggles to a fellow believer and ask for help; to confess an affair; to end an immoral relationship; and to get qualified counseling and spiritual support to break free of what is sexually controlling us.

As our culture tips more and more drama-



## Higher Mountains...Higher Praises

### BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

Lena Williams

The month of June has been very challenging . . . but with the mercy and the grace of our Loving Heavenly Father . . . we made it. I faced spiritual opposition, challenges and distractions, health challenges, financial challenges, and a power supply failure with my computer . . . yet by the grace of God for this past 3 weeks I was still able to give 24 hour care to my two beautiful and busy grandsons Laurence Mikel and Jordan Tyler.

The Lord kept me as He always does and sent His angels to assist me with every need I had. When you live a consistent life of prayer . . . heavenly angels show up in people to bring good tidings when the enemy is trying to disrupt your life. I am thankful for my husband Oris, my daughter Kenesha and her husband Lawrence, my son Jarrett, my daughter Selika, my sister DiAnne, my brother Percy, my sister-in-laws Denise and Sylvia and Dominic Booker who got me back online. Everything they did blessed me and the boys. I know they had no idea what the needs were because I did not reveal it to them. What they each deposited into my life or the boys during that time . . . they know what it was and they shall see it reciprocated back to them from our Heavenly Father.

What a wonderful awesome God we serve and what a blessing it is to be a blessing to others . . . all of my needs are always met . . . I am confident in the faithfulness of God and I am thankful to Him in the name of Jesus and for the people He uses to show forth His goodness. He cares for us.


tically toward whatever disaster waits for societies completely saturated in sex, wouldn't it be nice if the people of God were moving purposefully toward the other side of the boat to help balance out our overturning culture? Wouldn't it be nice if believers, by the weight of our chaste actions and convincing lives, could tip things back toward sexual sanity and sobriety?

I don't mean that we treat sex as if it's bad; part of our argument must be the intimacy and fulfillment that comes from sex within marriage is more than satisfying, it is blessed and joyous. And I don't mean that we should beat people up who are hypnotized by the worldly view. Some of us can relate to their struggle, can't we? I'm saying that our culture needs to hear and see more from the people of God about sexuality that's pure and honorable and holy.

You can begin today by making a vow, a "covenant with your eyes," that you will not rush to the railing to peer at the peep show our culture has become. Make that vow. And begin to do what's necessary to keep it. God forgives the penitent; don't dwell on past mistakes in this area. But please, begin today to pursue sexual purity. Your children will notice. Your community will notice. Most importantly, you will be more available to the Holy Spirit. And God will notice and bless your choice to honor Him with your eyes and body.

The boat's tilting. Make your choice, and make it count.

#### Scriptural References:

"And why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in your own? How can you think of saying, 'Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,' when you can't see past the log in your own eye?" (Matthew 7:3-4) 



**TOP 10**  
**Frances Meeks**

I missed reporting this last month so I mentioned it at our Business Plan Meeting at Melva's house. She suggested that I send this information to you Jannice. My twin daughters, Sade & Jade, both of whom are known as participants in the entrepreneur workshop because they're always there with me, graduated from Siwell Middle School last month. A year ago, one of their sisters graduated, and at that graduation, I told them that I wanted them to be in the top ten next year. Both Sade and Jade are honor students in the IB Program, Sade made it into the top ten. Not only did she make the top ten, she was NUMBER 1! She was valedictorian of a class of 256 students. Praise God!

**HEDGE OF PROTECTION**  
**Melva McClain**

Monday, June 18 we had a severe thunderstorm in the Rankin County/Brandon area with sustained winds of over 60 mph for approximately an hour. There have been reports of roof damage; trees down and trees on houses. I am pleased to report that I sustained "no damage" whatsoever. I am convinced it was due to the Hedge of Protection I had around me. I give all praise and glory to God for His Divine Protection.

**AND MORE:**

**Original Prayer Request June 3, 2007:** Anitra Williams is requesting prayer for her mother Denise Jones. Denise will have a Colonoscopy done on Monday, June 4, at 11:00 A.M. CDT. Location of the procedure will be G I Associates on North State Street in Jackson, MS . . . Doctor Wilson. A Colonoscopy is an outpatient procedure in which the rectum and the inside of the lower large intestine (colon) are examined.

**Praise Report: June 10<sup>th</sup>:** Denise's polyps /biopsies were not cancerous or pre-cancerous. Praise God for Divine Health.

**A BOUQUET OF BLESSINGS**  
**Denise Jones**

On June 26<sup>th</sup> I was asked to decorate the church and fellowship hall for a wedding taking place on June 30<sup>th</sup>. It seemed that I was called-in to try and salvage the wedding . . . so I had to call for "OLE FAITHFUL" . . . Bonita Shay to help save the day! We were up every night getting everything together.

We made centerpieces; we made a SPRAY to put on the wedding party's table; we even sprayed flowers to match the bride's colors, the list just goes on (all in 7 days).

Well, needless to say the Holy Spirit orchestrated a beautiful and successful day for the bride & groom. Pictures to follow. Also my son Carlton surprised me when he showed up to video tape the wedding and put it on You Tube! Here is the link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oKHtdeC1MS4>

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**National Bulletin Board**  
**Synergy Session**  
**Entrepreneur Business Plans**

Instructor led workshops will cover a three-month period. All training material and supplies will be made available during each session. Sessions will be two (2) hour durations. Each class will not exceed twenty (20) participants.

**Future Course Enrollment Dates:**

- August 11, 2007
- November 10, 2007

**All activities are sponsored through donations to McClain Ministries and provided without charge to participants**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### McClain Ministries Internet Radio Station



Internet radio is a broadcasting service transmitted via the Internet.

#### July 1

We go “live” with our first broadcast. And because the radio signal is relayed over the Internet, it is possible to access the stations from anywhere in the world—for example; you can listen to an Australian radio station from Europe or America. This makes it a popular service for people who have interests that may not be adequately catered to by local radio stations.

Ownership of a 24 hour Internet radio station will increase our opportunity to share the uncompromised Word of God as well as current topics of interest. With one click you can experience recorded as well as live programming in an instance.

The live programming will be specifically geared to our Entrepreneur program as well as meeting the needs of our community. The programming is a massive undertaking that we initiated April, 2007 and will complete in its entirety - September, 2007.

McClain Ministries looks forward to serving the global community with yet another project.

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## Home Bible Workshop Schedule and Synergy Meetings



Mark your calendars for the months of July & August 2007. Please join us and take the next step in your walk with God.

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#### July 14

**National Bulletin Board Synergy Meeting  
(Entrepreneur Business Plan Training Session)**

**5:00 – 7:00 PM CDT  
1050 Ridgeside Drive  
Brandon, MS  
(601-824-7498 - Melva)**

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#### July 21

**Home Bible Workshop  
5:00 P.M. CDT  
(Biblical Law Of Attraction)  
Audio/Video Conferencing Only**

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#### July 28

**3rd Quarter Teleconference  
8:00 A.M. CDT  
Toll Free Dial - In Number  
1-888-422-7124  
Participant Code: 730940**

## August 11

National Bulletin Board Synergy Meeting  
(Entrepreneur Business Plan Training  
Session)

5:00 – 7:00 PM CDT  
1050 Ridgeside Drive  
Brandon, MS  
(601-824-7498 - Melva)

## August 18

Home Bible Workshop  
5:00 P.M. CDT

“The Covering of the Body of Christ”  
Includes Nationwide Video Conferencing

## IN HIS PRESENCE

6:00 P.M. HOUR OF PRAYER



### Please Remember Our Troops

Use this wonderful supernatural tool the Lord has blessed us with the 6 o'clock hour of power. This is the time to intercede for the needs of others, the concerns of the ministry, and to pray for the leadership within our community, our nation, and our world.

Bring all of your cares and burdens to the altar and encourage others to do the same.

Lives are being changed. Breakthroughs are happening in 2007.



## 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER PRAYER MONTHS

JULY – AUGUST – SEPTEMBER

### “Dedicated Prayer Time”

As McClain Ministries continues to launch into the deep, there's a need to energize Our Prayer Time; so we are designating the 3rd Quarter, that is, the next three months as Ministry Prayer Months. McClain Ministries' has always emphasized prayer, however, for the months of July, August and September we are going to turn up the volume. As a result, all of you will be beneficiaries.

Many of the prayers we designate during the 3rd Quarter will come from the **FREE PRAYER BOOK** distributed by **Christian Word Ministries**. I encourage you to check out their website and order the prayer book. I suggest you order two (2). One to keep and one to share. The book includes prayers on a number of powerful subjects. Please use the link below to place your order today:

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## MINI-MESSAGE



## PERFECTED PRAYER

(Romans 8:26)

**Central Truth:** "God grants the things we ask in Jesus' name, provided they are consistent with His will."

In his book *The Prayer-Centered Life*, Dudley Delffs devises an interesting analogy to help us understand what it means to have direct access to God in prayer. He suggests that you imagine having a remote business relationship with the CEO of a conglomerate corporation worth billions of dollars. For our purposes, let's make it the CEO of the Honda Corporation in Japan. You're having a problem with the dome light of your six-year-old Civic that has 160,000 miles on it. When you open the door at night, the light doesn't come on like it's supposed to. So you write a letter addressed to "CEO / Honda Corporation" and post it to the company's office in Japan. You explain how frustrated you are with the problem, give an account of the trips you've made to a local dealer in Mississippi and explain that you just want to know what to do next. Can he suggest something you've overlooked in trying to get it fixed?

In response to your letter, the CEO shows up on your doorstep. He calls you by your name, introduces himself, and pulls your letter out of his pocket. "I'm here to set things right with the car you bought from my company," he says. "I've brought these two expert mechanics with me. So if you will just show us where your car is, they'll get to work immediately."

While they work, the company's head man sits with you over coffee and learns about your family, your job, and your hobbies. It isn't long until the smiling mechanics reappear and take the two of you to see their finished work. As they prepare to leave, their boss shakes your hand and says, "We have a personal relationship now. You're not just a nameless customer with a car my company manufactured. I know you now, and you have direct access both to my office and home. I've written down my phone numbers for you on the back of this card. And my e-mail address is there too, just in case that's more convenient."

The problem is that the analogy is flawed. God is greater than a CEO. But maybe the analogy helps you — as it did me — to grasp how startling it must have been to Jesus' disciples to hear His words about immediate access to and favor with God on the basis of His name.

The commonest complaint I hear from my fellow-believers about their spiritual lives is that they pray so little, that they are so easily distracted from prayer, that prayer is such "hard work" for them. If we are as prayer-bereft as some believers say, I would have to agree with R.A. Torrey's comment: "When I stop to think how little time the average Christian today puts into prayer, the thing that astonishes me is not that we are so little like the Lord, but that we are as much like the Lord as we are."

### **The HOW of Prayer**

When some of us lament our lack of prayer, though, I suspect we are confessing a lack of formal, structured thanksgiving, confession, and intercession before the Lord of the Universe. And, true enough, Jesus gave us a model for prayer that we commonly call "The Lord's Prayer" in Matthew 6:9-13. It is a prayer that begins with praise and adoration, moves to a pledge of personal submission to His will and acknowledges dependence on Him for such routine necessities as daily bread. It both pleads for forgiveness and a forgiving spirit. And it further grants that, apart from God's sustaining grace against temptation, we would be hopeless before our enemy, Satan. So Jesus taught us to pray:

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from the evil one.

But there is another type of praying that God honors as well. It is one that I suspect most of us don't even acknowledge as prayer. Perhaps God accepts it as prayer for the simple reason that He knew how difficult and foreign so spiritual an exercise would be for us in our carnal existence. That He honors this alternative method of pleading with Him as legitimate prayer stands as another evidence that His grace is the basis for all His dealings with us.

Here is the verse I have in mind about what I've called "alternative" prayer: **"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express" (Rom. 8:26).** I not only understand this verse as praying in tongues but I also believe Paul is referring to the groans, sighs, and stammerings that come from believers when we are confused and incoherent in our spiritual lives.

These are the angry complaints of teenagers and the disconcerted laments of their parents. They are the sobs of single mothers or betrayed and abandoned wives. They are the whimpers of a car wreck victim. They are the private anguish of a man who has just lost his job and doesn't know how he will support his family. They are the groans of someone dealing with cancer's pain or enduring the side effects of her chemotherapy. They are the sobs of a young widow and the wounded-animal cries of grieving parents. On the authority of Paul's apostolic interpretation of their meaning, I can assure you that the Holy Spirit transforms such inarticulate sounds into intercession on behalf of God's people. Isn't that comforting? Doesn't it reassure you? More than that, it affirms that most of us are not nearly so prayerless as we sometimes think.

### **The WHEN of Prayer**

As to planned and proper prayers of the first sort, we should all strive for more rather than less of them. Ralph Neighbour tells about meeting with well-known South Korean pastor David Yonggi Cho in Seoul several years ago. The two had an appointment and visited for some time. Then Dr. Cho's secretary entered the room to inform him it was time for his next appointment. The American visitor dismissed himself and sat in the waiting room outside his office to wait for a friend who was coming to pick him up. Fully a quarter hour later, he had still seen no one go into the office he had just left. So he asked the secretary, "Has Dr. Cho's next appointment been delayed?" She smiled at Neighbour and said, "Oh, no. They are together now. You see, each day he uses this time to talk to the Lord." Perhaps that explains why Cho's church is the largest in the world — with over 730,000 members!

Whether you are a minister or a mother, a businessman or an electrician, in school or in real estate, you would do well to reserve a time on your calendar each day for prayer. Book an "appointment" for prayer! If you aren't in a situation where that is either practical or inviting to you, then realize that prayer isn't a prescribed posture or a ritualistic form. C.S. Lewis once wrote: "No one in his senses would reserve his chief prayers for bedtime — obviously the worst possible hour for any action which needs concentration. My own plan, when hard-pressed, is to seize any time and place, however unsuitable, in preference to the last waking moment. On a day of traveling . . . I'd rather pray sitting in a crowded train than put it off till midnight. On other and slightly less crowded days a bench in a park or a back street where one can pace up and down will do."

### **I Can Ask for Anything? Anything?**

"But what are we to make of Jesus' words about getting 'whatever you ask in my name'?" someone asks. "Can we take that seriously? Can I just get anything I want from God — by asking in the name of Jesus?"

God grants the things we ask in Jesus' name provided they are consistent with His will. That much is said explicitly in I John 5:14. And James pointed out that first-century believers sometimes asked for things but didn't receive them because they asked from "wrong motives" and for the sake of their selfish pleasure (Jas. 4:3). The same sort of requests today will get the same sort of answer.

God grants the things we ask in Jesus' name, but He does so out of His wisdom rather than according to our folly.

Paul's experience leads to a third observation. We must trust God to answer our prayers in His own way and not always by the method we expected. In the words of a contemporary Christian piece, God sometimes "stills the storm" and some-times "stills His child" who is frightened by the storm's thunder and lightning.

### Conclusion

Mrs. Oswald Chambers gave an account of an event in her husband's life that serves well to end this message on prayer. At the close of a public meeting he had conducted, a woman came to him and said, "Oh, Mr. Chambers, I feel I must tell you about myself." So the preacher's wife resigned herself for a long wait. But he was back in a matter of only a few minutes.

As the two went home that night, she said something about the speed with which he was able to deal with the woman's request. So he told his wife, "I just asked her if she had ever told God all about herself. When she said she hadn't, I advised her to go home and pour out before Him as honestly as she could all her troubles, then see if she still needed or wanted to relate them to me."

Chambers knew the importance of encouraging people to take their troubles, heartaches, and doubts directly to the Lord Himself in prayer. Done in sincerity and faith, the result he would have expected would be either a change in the person's circumstances or a change in the person's ability to deal with a perplexing situation — and sometimes both. In either case, the Lord would fulfill His word to supply the needs of His people. He will give His answer out of wisdom that is infinite and resolve that is always redemptive. I claim that promise for myself today, and I encourage you to do the same in your situation.

### Scriptural References:

"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express" (Romans. 8:26). 📖







McClain Ministries has taken on yet another project; building a girls school in Burkina Faso, Africa. Many of you know that we support Peace Corps' volunteer Theodis Lever (third from the left kneeling). Theodis is assigned to a village in Burkina Faso. Burkina Faso is one of the poorest countries in the world. Minimum wage rate for Agricultural Workers is approximately \$ 0.40 an hour. Education in Burkina Faso is divided into primary, secondary, and higher education. However, schooling is not free. Secondary school costs approximately \$65 a year; with uniforms the cost jumps to \$75 a year, which is far above the means of most Burkinabe families. Boys receive preference in schooling; as such, girls' education and literacy rates are far lower. In order to pass from elementary to middle school, middle to high school or high school to college, national exams must be passed to proceed.

There is also an immediate need for classroom benches in the existing schools, many of the ones that they are presently using are in serious disrepair. The cost of each bench is \$40.

Building a four (4) classroom school will cost approximately \$25,000.00. Most of the volunteer labor will be provided by the local villagers.

The overall project is three-fold:

- Burkina Faso Girl's Scholarship Fund
- Burkina Faso Classroom Bench Fund
- Burkina Faso Girl's School

You will hear more of this project soon.





# McCLAIN MINISTRIES

**Deuteronomy 16:17:** Every man shall give as he is able according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee.

This Ministry has been such a blessing to me I want to share in reaching others with a **monthly gift** of:

\$30       \$40       \$50       \$100       Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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