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**Hattie Ranson
Betty Bryant
Shelia McDougles**



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

June 15

**The father of a righteous man has great joy;
he who has a wise son delights in him.**

Proverbs 23:24

FLAG DAY

June 14

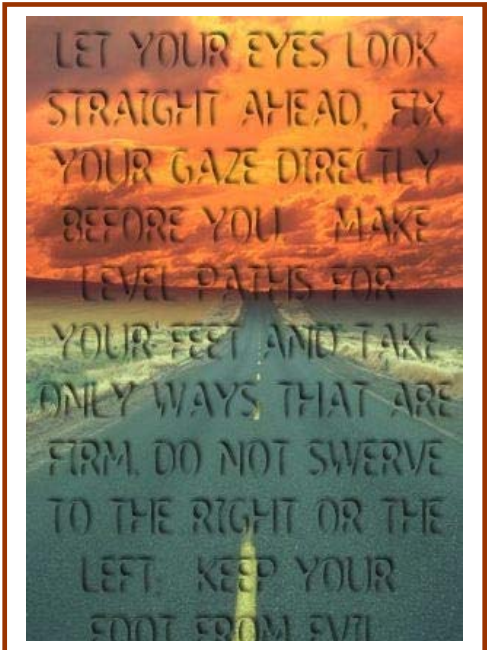
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MELVA'S CORNER

IS YOUR HEART BREAKING?

Tapping the Source of Power



Central Truth: When your heart is breaking, cry out to the One who hears and binds up the brokenhearted. If your heart is breaking, cry out to the One who is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Question: "Can you die of a broken heart?"

Answer: "I don't know, but there are times when your heart is breaking that you wish you could die! It would be easier than enduring the pain."

Some hearts break because of unfulfilled love. Some hearts break due to unfulfilled dreams. Some hearts break because of the loss of a child, the loss of a parent, the loss of a friend, or the loss of a mate. Some hearts

break when others are hurting and there is nothing that can be done to help them or to ease their pain. Jesus expressed this as described by Matthew, "**When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd**" Matthew 9:36.

When your heart is breaking, you want help. You long for relief. You long for someone who can fix it. Ron Peltzman's little children's book, "Mr. Bell's Fix It Shop," is the story of Mr. Bell, a man who could fix just about anything, "Even a broken heart."

In Michael Card's song, "I Will Not Walk Away," these words speak the thoughts of a broken heart:

Don't read me pointless poems friend.

Don't diagnose. Don't condescend.

Though you may be right to disagree.

I need someone to weep with me.

When your heart is breaking, that is what we want, isn't it? We want to know that someone can fix this. When it cannot be fixed, we want to know that someone is there to weep with us. We don't always want explanations, even though we may ask for them. We don't need another book to read, or another famous quote, or another story that proves "You are not the only one who has ever had a broken heart." We need someone to weep with us. We need someone to comfort us.

Job had that from his three friends ... for awhile:

Then they sat on the ground with him for seven days and seven nights. No one said a word to him, because they saw how great his suffering was Job 2:13.

Unfortunately, for Job, they started talking.

Your heart may be breaking today. You may have spent the night weeping. You may be longing for someone to come sit and weep with you. You may be crying out to the Lord for help because you feel like a sheep without a shepherd.

I do not promise a Mr. Bell who can fix anything. I cannot promise that well-intentioned friends won't share "pointless poems" and useless platitudes. But I do promise that you can cry out to the Lord and that when you cry out you will be heard. And, I promise that the One who hears is close and will provide you the comfort you need.

The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles. The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit Psalm 34:17-18 NIV.

Jesus said the following passage referred to Him:

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion — to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor Isaiah 61:1-3 NIV.

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Scriptural References:

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"Great Minds Discuss Ideas . . . Average Minds Discuss Events . . . Small Minds Discuss People"

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GLOBAL PRAYER TIME

(Tapping the Source of Power)



Central Truth: In your own life - your own home, community, state, nation and the world where you personally are concerned - determine, on a clearly scriptural basis, what God would have you vividly imagine, ardently desire, sincerely believe, and enthusiastically act upon to help fulfill the Great Commission.

In 1954 Roger Bannister broke the four-minute mile. It had never been broken in all the centuries of recorded history, but Bannister believed it could be done. He developed a mental picture of himself breaking the four-minute mile record, and he did it. Since 1954, several hundred other athletes have broken the four-minute mile, simply because Roger Bannister proved that it could be done.

If an individual with only human resources is able to accomplish outstanding success, how much more can you accomplish when you place your faith in the omnipotent God and draw upon His supernatural, inexhaustible resources?

It is a simple fact that whatever you vividly envision, ardently desire, sincerely believe and enthusiastically act upon must inevitably come to pass - assuming, of course, that there is scriptural authority for it.

Consider, for example, the Great Commission. For many years since that memorable moment when God gave me the vision for His ministry and for the world, I have been strongly impressed that the Holy Spirit wants the Great Commission fulfilled in our generation. Since that original deep

impression in 1987, the Great Commission has been my number one priority as an expression of my love for our Lord and my desire to obey Him.

I see clearly with my mind's eye a day in the immediate future when billions of people on earth will become aware of the great truths concerning God's love and forgiveness. I know that the fulfillment of the Great Commission is the will of God because it is His command and the desire of His heart, and I ardently long to have it come to pass.



Furthermore, I sincerely believe that the Great Commission will be fulfilled because it is God's idea, not man's. It is inconceivable to me that our Lord would have given us the command without giving us the needed resources with which to fulfill his command.

And finally, because I so vividly imagine, ardently desire, and sincerely believe in the fulfillment of the Great Commission in my generation, I can enthusiastically act upon it by giving myself completely to the task and helping to mobilize millions of others toward its fulfillment.

In your own life, your own home, community, state, nation and the world where you personally are concerned determine, on a clearly scriptural basis, what God would have you vividly imagine, ardently desire, sincerely believe, and enthusiastically act upon to help fulfill the Great Commission.

It may be that, in addition to your own personal needs, God would have you pray for the personnel of a radio or television station or a newspaper to be an influence of righteousness. It may be that He would have

you claim for Him a high school campus, a college campus, an office, or a community; or that every person within the radius of a mile of your home, or every home within the entire city would be personally visited by trained workers who would lovingly, prayerfully and intelligently present the claims of Christ.

Remember that, as you pray, you are tapping a source of power that can change the course of history. God's mighty power, His love, His wisdom and His grace are available to you if you will but believe Him and claim them. Remember always, Jesus promised that you would do the same miracles which He did, and even greater ones.




Will you join with us in praying for the Lord of the Harvest to send forth millions of disciples to work with thousands of local churches of all denominations and with various movements and organizations who desire to see the Great Commission fulfilled in this generation?

Will you pray also for a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit upon the entire world and resources to fulfill this God-given task?

Prayer is the greatest privilege of the Christian life and the most revolutionary source of power known to man. If you were to take seriously the promises of God and begin to claim by faith in prayer all that you have been promised, miracles would attend your way, multitudes would be introduced to our Lord Jesus Christ, the whole course of history would be changed, and you

would help to fulfill the Great Commission during your lifetime.

Scriptural References:

“This is the confidence we have in approaching God; that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us whatever we ask we know that we have what we asked of Him.” (I John 5:14-15) 

Higher Mountains... Higher Praises

COMMUNITY PANTRY

Melva McClain

I have a wonderful praise report. We have approval from Feed the Children to receive food distribution for our Community Pantry. We were going to use another source but that source has cost involved. Feed the Children has no associated costs. Praise the Lord! You will be hearing more details soon.

GOD IS SO AWESOME!

Denise Jones

MOTHER'S DAY GIFT BASKETS & FLORAL ARRANGEMENT SALE... I made (thirty) 30 Mother's Day Baskets. The remainder of my on-hand inventory consisted of floral arrangements, wreaths and centerpieces. I always ask the Lord to let my customers be happy with the GIFT He has blessed me with.

One lady purchased for her mother a wreath and a centerpiece. Later on that evening a car pulled up but nobody got out and all I could hear was someone SHOUTING out the window, “My Momma loved her wreath and centerpiece”. She went on to say, “You really do good work”.

Then another customer placed an order for floral arrangements for her home.

At the end of the day, there were a few pieces left but when I got home my phone

was ringing off the hook. I sold **EVERYTHING!**

My total for Mother's Day was \$1100

Lastly, my GRADUATION BASKETS are by request only. I received a request and sold a \$100, 5- year old, kindergarten Spiderman GRADUATION BASKET. God is so GOOD! Try Him!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Home Bible Workshop Schedule



Mark your calendars for the months **June & July 2008**. Please join us and take the next step in your walk with God.

June 7 and July 12

Home Bible Workshop
5:00 P.M. CST

“The Power of Intercessory Prayer”
Includes Nationwide Video Conferencing

June 14

National Bulletin Board Synergy Meeting
(Entrepreneur Brainstorming Session)
Preparation For Next Networking Party

5:00 – 7:00 PM CDT
1050 Ridgeside Drive
Brandon, MS
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CONTINUE TO PRAY

Companies Are Poised to Profit

**Oil Prices are Soaring and Oil
Companies Are Poised to Make Mega
Dollars**

**What's Causing Oil to Spike and How Do
Investors Capitalize**

Oil prices are expected to continue their upward march. It crossed the \$100/barrel threshold that energy analysts have predicted. Their next prediction: “Black gold” could reach price points up near \$200 within 12 months.

But if that happens, it won't be a straight line. Oil's price moves reactionary to geopolitical events, especially those in the tumultuous Middle East. That, along with slowing major economies and a falling dollar, causes oil's price to fluctuate wildly.

Regardless, exploration companies are going to continue to buy and install deepwater, sub-sea production systems.

If oil is high, they reap profits. If oil is cheap, then customers will line up to buy, therefore reaping profits . . . a virtual can't-lose scenario.



Have you contacted your representative yet?

<https://forms.house.gov/wyr/welcome.shtml>

THE GOD EFFECT OF PRAYER

6:00 P.M. Hour of Prayer



SPEND TIME PRAYING FOR OTHERS

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.

Hearts throbbing as one, prayers ascending to heaven multiplied by those praying in **one accord**. Sharing burdens, joys, and petitions to bear. Lay all your cares at the foot of the cross and encourage others to do the same. Lives are being changed. Breakthroughs are happening.

The Power of Partnership

I am so thankful our paths have crossed. In fact, I believe it was a divine appointment. Over twenty - five years ago, an encounter with God changed my life forever, and I believe He'll do the same for you. I consider it a privilege to have the opportunity to share the truth of His life-changing power and grace with you.

God called me to teach the truth of the Gospel to the body of Christ with special emphasis on God's unconditional love and the balance between grace and faith. At McClain Ministries we are working diligently to fulfill that call by training others and by developing ministry materials designed to help you in your relationship with the Lord.

Your interest in partnership is evidence of the fact that not only has this ministry affected your life, but you also have a desire to help someone else and believe this message can provide that help. Together, through partnership, you and I can reach thousands of people with the good news of the Gospel.

I believe the message the Lord has entrusted me to deliver will change the way the body of Christ perceives God. However, it doesn't matter how important the message is or how well I deliver it, until the message is sent, no one will hear. Partnership makes the delivery possible.

The Apostle Paul understood his role as the messenger, but he also understood that partnership was not only about what he received but what the partners received as well. In **Philippians 4:19 he wrote, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."** This was written by Paul to his partners. The Philippians were the only ones who supported him after leaving town. In fact, they wanted to give more but didn't have the opportunity. Paul was saying that there is a special provision for those who recognize the power in partnership.

For me, it has never been about "you" supporting "my" ministry. If you're a partner, then consider this our ministry, and together we will accomplish God's will. In fact, I'm an extension of you and your obedience to God. Like Paul, I'm just the messenger that God has called for a specific purpose. If I fulfill that call, the fruit will be evident to everyone, and if I don't, then God will find another messenger and direct your support to that person.

Although I am committed to doing my part to bring revival to America, we have an awesome opportunity to make a big difference in people's lives around the

world. Our current projects must be funded by those of us who are more blessed.

Do you remember when you first began to partake of the message from this ministry and how it affected your life? There are thousands just like you all over the world, waiting to hear the truth that will set them free. Will you help us? Together, we can do it.

You may never realize what your gifts accomplish during your life on earth, but I can promise that in eternity, people from all over the world will thank you for your investment in their lives. I want to thank you in advance for your consideration and response.

Please make your gifts payable to, "McClain Ministries". All funds given for Community Outreach projects will be used for that purpose exclusively until the projects are fully funded. Any surplus will then be applied to the McClain Ministries general account.

HERE ARE OUR SIX CURRENT PROJECTS:

Computer Clinic



Tutoring Classes



Community Pantry



National Bulletin Board Service



Internet Radio Station



Girls School in Africa



All of our projects are funded through donations. We are pleased to offer the ability to make donations to McClain Ministries online using your credit or debit card.

Just simply use the link to go to our website at:

<http://mcclainministries.org/>

Then Click onto the **DONATE** button

Enter the amount and update

Scroll to the bottom of the page and you will see the following narrative.

Your credit card or bank account (where available). **Continue**

Click on **Continue** and follow instructions

STANDING TOGETHER AS 1

Thank you for your Support!

ENTREPRENEURSHIP IS FREEDOM!

Owning your own business represents a wonderful degree of freedom that I know you have considered at various stages of your life. Most people think about Entrepreneurship during some points of their existence on planet earth but shrink back because of lack of knowledge as to how to get started. At McClain Ministries we are here to help. Here is a link that will help you get started:

STEPS TO FOLLOW WHEN STARTING A BUSINESS

By the way if you have not registered for our E-List, please do today!

ELECTRONIC E-LIST REGISTRATION FORM

Want to know more about our Entrepreneur Program:

http://mcclainministries.org/national_bulletin_board

GLOBAL PRAYER TIME



The Global Time of Prayer is an opportunity for Christians to not only continue in persistent prayer, but to become actively involved in serving and reaching out. This is a time of being creative in the Spirit, a time of becoming the hands and feet of Jesus in broken communities.

For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the water cover the sea. - Habakkuk 2:14

If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. (2 Chron.7: 14)

Who:

- Africa
- Asia
- Canada
- Central America, Mexico and the Caribbean
- Europe and Russia
- South America
- United States of America

When:

We Will Gather From 6:00-7:00 P.M. CST. Daily

Length of Global Prayer:

April 21 – July 21, 2008

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GROWTH EXPLOSION



What A Difference A Day Makes

- ✦ **January 28, 2004 McClain Ministries relocated to Brandon, MS**
- ✦ **November 19, 2004 Equipment & Supplies stocked**
- ✦ **March 4, 2005 Bible Workshop Renovations completed**
- ✦ **May 8, 2005 our Bible Workshop was launched**
- ✦ **September 1, 2005 we distributed our first CD collection**
- ✦ **October 1, 2005 our website was launched**
- ✦ **October 14, 2005 our Educational Media Center was launched**
- ✦ **March 6, 2006 our Entrepreneur Program was launched**
- ✦ **October 7, 2006 - 2nd Entrepreneur Networking Party**
- ✦ **March 10, 2007 – 3rd Entrepreneur Networking Party**
- ✦ **March 3, 2007 our Global Video Conference Feature was launched**
- ✦ **April 14, 2007 our Internet Radio Station was purchased**
- ✦ **May 5, 2007 our first Entrepreneur Business Plan Course was conducted**
- ✦ **June 11, 2007 our African Program was launched**
- ✦ **September 15, 2007 we received 9 computers for our Computer Clinic**
- ✦ **October 6, 2007- 4th Entrepreneur Networking Party**

It always amazes me what we are able to accomplish as a team. With everyone doing their part we can do extraordinary Kingdom exploits.

You see, functioning primarily as a virtual ministry we are not burdened with the overhead cost of building maintenance, so the donations you furnish are applied directly to our outreach programs. With the stringent stewardship management we give to your sacrificial resources you experience your donations in action daily.

Together, we are making a difference!

CATCH THE VISION OF OUR GIRL'S SCHOOL IN AFRICA

NEWS FROM AFRICA

Loretta Lever Of McClain Ministries Assessed Our Progress By Chronicling Her Recent Visit To Burkina Faso, Africa With Both A Photo And Written Journal. This Presentation Is A Snapshot Of Her Life Changing Visit

ARRIVAL AT THE PALACE



LORETTA SPENDS TIME IN THE VILLAGE



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Together, we are making a difference!

God has blessed this ministry to reach thousands of people around the world. We've been providing positive resources for daily Christian living for over 8 years. And we want to continue as well as expand our mission.

We need your help to make it happen! Twice a year, we take time to directly ask for your help in this ministry. Now is the perfect time to give a tax-deductible donation that will help keep this ministry working for God's Glory in 2008. Will you join us in that mission?

We are specifically and prayerfully asking for 100 new pledges of \$30 per month. Will you be one of the 100? Of course, there are those, of you, who are able to donate much more than \$30 a month.

Below you will find our 2008 Budget. I am sure that you are aware that all of our activities are sponsored through donations to McClain Ministries and provided without charge to participants.

As you can see our budget is relatively nominal when you consider the number of captives that are being set free through the work of this ministry. Have you been blessed by our efforts. If so, why not take a few minutes and commit to a first time pledge or increase your existing pledge. Please do not assume that someone else will give if you do not. Listen to your heart and allow the Holy Spirit to guide your decision.

This year we are pleased to be able to offer the ability to donate by credit or debit card. Just simply go to the top of our website home page www.mcclainministries.org and click the donate button.

While you may not always be able to donate or to volunteer your skills-your greatest contribution to McClain Ministries is through the power of prayer. Prayer helps remove barriers, increase vision, and offer protection. Thank you for your prayerful support!

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AFRICAN SCHOOL PROJECT

Our goal is fourfold:

1. Build a school that includes 4 classrooms, 2 bathrooms and 1 administration office at a cost of approximately \$25,000.
2. Provide 300 Girl's Secondary School Scholarships at a cost of \$117,000
3. Supply 160 benches for the new school at a cost of \$6400
4. Supply 100 benches for existing schools at a cost of \$4000

Our total target goal for this project amounts to \$152,400.

Here is how you can help with this vital project:

School contributions: \$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 other _____

Scholarships:

\$75 (1 year of secondary school including uniforms)

\$450 (6 years of secondary school)

other _____

Benches:

Bench for school \$40 (*specify no. of benches*) _____

Thank you in advance for your support!

**Please send to:
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God is Increasing Our Territory Daily!

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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 \$ _____

Enclosed is my ministry **additional financial donation** of: \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

Home Number _____

Work Number _____

Fax Number _____

Email _____

Please send to:

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GLOBAL OUTREACH MAILING LIST

Fill in the information below and mail using the self addressed envelope enclosed.

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone Number () _____

Fax Number _____

Email Address _____

Send To:

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