

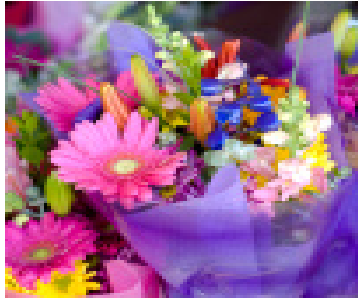


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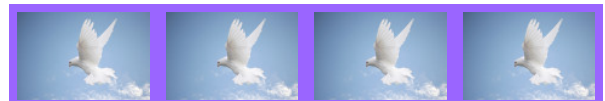
### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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THE MOTHERS THAT ARE  
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You are always remembered in Love.



# Melva's Corner

## The Real Kingdom of God



**Central Truth:** The kingdom of God advances are typically without fanfare, as individuals hear, receive and are redeemed by the almost imperceptible planting, nurturing, growth, and fruition of the gospel in heart after heart.

Jesus could have used the slogan "The Real Kingdom of God"—to summarize a key fact about His ministry. Certainly the four parables in Mark 4 could be listed under the single heading "The Real Kingdom Of God." Each of them calls attention to the steady and gentle — though ever-so-productive — power of the kingdom of heaven at work on Planet Earth.

Oh, there are other truths to be found in this sequence of parables. But I think this is one of the most obvious and thematic of the four. First comes the Parable of the Sower (4:1-20); a farmer sows seed that fall on various kinds of soil and the seed sown on good soil "produce a crop — thirty, sixty or even a hundred times what was sown." Next is the only non-agricultural parable in the group, the Parable of the Lamp (4:21-25); the lamp of divine light that had been given the world in the person of Jesus would illuminate spiritual truth and draw people to God — as silently and effectively as a candle flame draws a moth. Third is the Parable of the Seed Growing Secretly (4:26-29); "Night and day, whether [the farmer] sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how." Finally comes the Parable of the Mustard Seed (4:30-34); a tiny seed put in a garden

would routinely grow into a garden plant big enough and sturdy enough for birds to perch on it.

So many people like noise, splash, and the tooting of horns — especially their own. They are inclined — even in church and Para church ministries — to favor show over substance, numbers over authenticity, buildings over spirituality. It seems that we cannot get over the ancient temptation to build monuments and make a name for ourselves (cf. Gen. 11:1ff). The kingdom of God advances are typically without fanfare, as individuals hear, receive, and are redeemed by the almost imperceptible planting, nurturing, growth, and fruition of the gospel in heart after heart.

### A Parable of Silent Advance

Jesus loved to teach through parables, and he was the master at it. Especially when trying to tell his disciples about the kingdom of God, he used parables rather than straightforward declarations. There were so many entrenched notions of the kingdom as "splash" — a militaristic Messiah, a Jewish army under the flag of revolt against Rome, the glory of David and Solomon's time restored — that He had to find an effective way to counter and correct them. It is unlikely that a blunt denunciation would have produced anything other than the alienation of the masses from Day One.

So Jesus went about His task of correcting wrongheaded ideas more subtly. He used simple stories, metaphors, and figures of speech to squash the nationalistic agenda of Israel's rulers. And the "secret" to their correct interpretation was in the knowledge that Jesus Himself was their hermeneutical "key" (4:11). Listen to Him. Watch Him. See how He treats people. That is the kingdom of heaven. One writer points out that Jesus managed both to claim that He was fulfilling the old prophecies, the old hopes, of Israel and to do so in a way which radically

subverted them. The Kingdom of God is here, He seemed to be saying, but it's not like you thought it was going to be.

And the kingdom of God is often not like we expect it to be. There are those who want Sunday morning to be the focus point of their faith. They want a tingle powerful enough to carry them through the week. They want to help with a ministry that will get headline attention. They want a tame and establishment-acceptable preacher everybody knows and loves, an ostentatious building that is a monument to their vanity, and a reputation as the "trendiest" or "best" or "biggest." Everything about the life of a kingdom person is His or Her worshipful gift to God, not just the things we do in our assemblies. I like Peterson's translation of Paul's words on this point: "Take your everyday, ordinary life — your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life — and place it before God as an offering" (Rom 12:1, The Message). Again, "God's kingdom isn't a matter of what you put in your stomach [résumé, portfolio, or ecclesiastical vanity], for goodness' sake. It's what God does with your life as He sets it right, puts it together, and completes it with you. Your task is to single-mindedly serve the Lord. Do that and you'll kill two birds with one stone: pleasing the God in you and proving your worth to the people around you" (Romans 14:17-18, The Message).

God does more kingdom work through a mother loving and nurturing her children than he can possibly get done through an ego-driven preacher. A man who is faithful and loving to his wife teaches his little girl more about her worth as a human being and does more to protect her against drugs and teen promiscuity than all the school or government programs ever designed to nurture their self-esteem. Somebody on the production line or in the top executive spot who maintains personal integrity day after

day, a Sunday School teacher staying with that ministry through tight budgets and tighter room space, a teenager choosing not to follow his peers onto Internet porn sites, a frustrated church member who is fed up with the lack of faith the congregation's "leaders" demonstrate yet stays and continues to pray for them and an alcoholic or sex addict who takes responsibility and begins a lifelong process of recovery over sin — these quiet victories in the power of the Holy Spirit are the low-profiled and inconspicuous advances of the kingdom of God.

Your willingness to plant the good seed of the Word of God with your art or your music, in your junior high classroom, or by mentoring an exasperated person through CCSI or Welfare is the silent progress of God's work in the world. Your praying, your giving, your note to a sick person, your work at the prison, your effort to get one person to hear the gospel at the next revival, your commitment to follow up with that person, your bag of groceries brought to a family in need, your help with children — these are the humble events by which God does His work in the world.

### Conclusion

The kingdom of God really is a secretly growing seed rather than a gaudy brass band. It is love, joy, and peace in the Holy Spirit. It is a father's purity and a mother's compassion. It is the faithfulness of a Bible School worker and a Welfare mentor. It is our teens challenging one another to a lifestyle built on Jesus' words and lifestyle rather than anti-Christian cultural icons. It is dealing with cancer in faith and getting someone else's attention onto the Christ who is seen you through. It is your early morning quiet time in the Word of God, your secret prayers, your generous gifts, your daily offering of yourself to God.

The growth, progress, and outcome of God's kingdom is His responsibility. We don't have to beat drums and create events. We simply do what He puts it within our power to do — as Paul planted, Apollos watered, and God gave the increase (cf. I Corinthians 3:6).

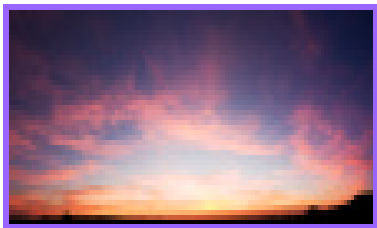
So don't sell yourself short in God's scheme of things. You are important to the kingdom of God. You are the kingdom of God.

#### Scriptural References:

I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. (I Corinthians 3:5-7 NIV)



### We Have Been Redeemed Special Edition



Our born-again spirits are already eternally redeemed (Hebrews 9:12). The other two-thirds, our soul and body, have also been purchased by His blood, but their redemption has not yet taken place. However, God has made provision for them as well.

Romans 8:23 reads, "And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body."

Ephesians 1:14 says, "Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory."

When redemption is complete in spirit, soul and body, we will know Him as we are known (I Corinthians 13:12). But until then, we can experience a renewed mind through His Word. And although we are waiting for the redemption of our bodies, we can receive healing while we live in our mortal bodies. God has made provision for both the soul and the body even though their redemption has not yet been made manifest.

Unfortunately, most Christians are not taking advantage of these provisions. They have not renewed their minds, and they still don't understand that we are also redeemed from the curse of the Law (Galatians 3:13). The average New Testament believer is still trying to get God to respond to them based on their performance. Why? Because they don't know that the performance covenant of the Old Testament Law is over. We are now under the New Testament ministry of grace and faith (II Corinthians 3:7-8).

The Law was given to convict people of their self-righteousness so they could see their need for a savior. Praise God, we are now no longer under the Law. I Timothy 1:9 says that the Law is not made for a righteous man. And who is righteous? Any person who is born again (II Corinthians 5:21).

Hebrews 7:12 and 18 says, "For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law. For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof."

What a radical statement! A disannulling! The word dis-annulling literally means cancellation, to make null and void. The Old Testament Law has been nullified, canceled, done away with. The Law was weak and unprofitable. It was only a stop-gap measure until Jesus (Galatians 3:23-25).

Ephesians 1:3-5 says, “[He] hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings . . . hath chosen us . . . Having predestined us unto the adoption of children”

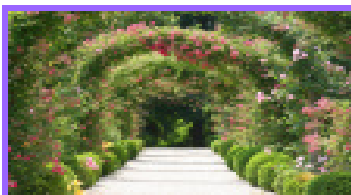
In the Greek, “hath” is an aortas tense, which means it is a done deal—it’s an accomplished fact. So how blessed is all spiritual blessings? Verse 6 says that we have been accepted in the beloved. Really, that is a super understatement. The Greek word that is used for “accepted” is only used twice in the New Testament. The other place is in Luke 1 where the Angel Gabriel appeared unto Mary.

Gabriel said, “Hail thou that are highly favoured, the Lord is with thee” (verse 28).

The Greek word for “highly favoured” is the only other time that this word was used. When it says that we are accepted in the beloved, it is saying He has made us highly favored. Mary hasn’t got anything on a born-again believer. Every one of us is accepted, chosen, and highly favored. It’s all part of redemption.

Understanding redemption, the complete forgiveness of our sins, is foundational to understanding the New Covenant and how God deals with us today. If you’re born again and still asking questions like these: “Can I lose my salvation?” “If I die with unconfessed sin, will I go to heaven?” or “Does God answer the prayers of someone who still sins?” then you do not understand redemption.

Redemption is very practical, and your understanding of it will determine what you are able to receive from God, not just in the so called ‘here after’, but here and now. 📖



## HIGHER MOUNTAINS...HIGHER PRAISES

### SWEET SLEEP Mary Jordan Smith

This is one for the record books, as far as I am concerned. As fate would have it, Satan sent his imps to attack me (4/8/08.) It had to start about 4:45 this morning.

Since I am a very heavy sleeper, and have been all of my life, I did not hear anything at that time. The would-be burglar/attacker/assailant broke in my house, with my bedroom light on all night. The alarm system I have alerts me as soon as the door is ajar. The alarm woke me up; but, I guess I was so out of it I still did not realize there had been an actual "break-in." The alarm "monitor" called me to see if everything was alright "at the front door." Still not too aware of the happenings in my surroundings, I said, "I don't know." I eased to the hall and turned the light on, while the person was still on the other line. When the hall light was turned on, I immediately heard movement toward the front door the perpetrator had entered. I told her to call for help, and tell them to come quick!

The alarm company's monitor called me at 5:00 a.m. The police had not arrived in what I thought was a reasonable amount of time. I called back to the alarm company's monitoring station. I was informed they (the police) had been called. Then, I called 911, myself. The police record states they got here at 5:17 a.m.

Irony? This is blessed irony. I had had an alarm system for a few years. Because I was angered by the company, I had it disconnected about October 1, 2007. On March 25, 2008, God sent a young man by here to talk with me about an alarm system with his company. I hesitated because I to

decide where these "fixed income" dollars were to go first. I told the young man to let me think about it; but to call me when he finished in my area. When they called back, I allowed them to come and take my application, believing God would provide a way for me to pay for it. The system was installed the next day -- March 26, 2008. This is worthy of mentioning because I feel God was preparing me for this day! I knew I needed an alarm system, especially since I am away so much. But, I would not have done it right then. It is just a blessing to step out on faith. It is also a blessing to lift up each other. I have been thanking God all day for keeping me covered with His blood. What a mighty God we serve!

Thanks for your prayers and your listening ear.

#### LIFT CHAIR Gloria Wallace

About a month ago I started working on getting a Lift Chair for a friend of mine that had a stroke back in 1996. Her whole right side was paralyzed. When I would visit her I noticed the chair she was sitting in was old and falling apart. It was a rocker recliner that she has had over a period of ten or more years and the only way she could get up was to rock back and fourth taking her at least 30 minutes to get up. I talked with her rehab nurse and she told me she had reached her maximum point of recovery. I tried to go through Medicare, Social Security, and Dept of Human Services and quite a few of the medic pharmacies that carried Lift Chairs. Medicare said she would have to pay her co-payment before they would do anything and the different medic pharmacies indicated she would have to pay the full amount of the lift chair and Medicare would reimburse her for their part. I advised them she did not have that kind of money to pay for a lift chair. At that point I just asked God to help me because I did not

know which way to go. I decided then to go to my church and I asked a friend to go to her church for help. Between the two churches and her brother we were able to get her the large version of the lift chair. She called me to say thank you and that we had saved her life. I told her that God had given her that chair and to praise and give Him the glory. I told her that God went through me to get the paper work done. She is now sitting in her lift chair and amazed at how the chair lifts her up to an almost standing position. She said she is trying to get accustom to raising and lowering her new chair. What a wonderful God we serve. He is worthy to be praised. Praise His Holy Name.

#### PRAYER FOR GOD'S WILL Jannice Horton

After prayer for God's will to be done,, Kofi's (my son) determination and consistency and still praying and thanking God, Kofi and a long time friend has become part of the Subway franchise. They are owners of the Subway inside of Wal-Mart Super Store on County road. So when you are out that way, please drop in and pay them a visit.



April 21 - July 21 2008

#### GLOBAL PRAYER TIME

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

## A TRIBUTE TO ALL MOTHERS



For those lucky to still be blessed with your Mom this is beautiful. For those of us who aren't, this is even more beautiful. For those who are moms, you'll love this.

The young mother set her foot on the path of life. "Is this the long way?" she asked. And the guide said: "Yes, and the way is hard and you will be old before you reach the end of it. But the end will be better than the beginning. But the young mother was happy, and she would not believe that anything could be better than these years. So she played with her children, and gathered flowers for them along the way, and bathed them in the clear streams; and the moon shone on them, and the young Mother cried, "Nothing will ever be lovelier than this."

Then the night came, and the storm, and the path was dark, and the children shook with fear and cold, and the mother drew them close and covered them with her mantle, and the children said, "Mother, we are not afraid, for you are near, and no harm can come."

And the morning came, and there was a hill ahead and the children climbed and grew weary, and the mother was weary. But at all times she said to the children, "A little patience and we are there." So the children climbed, and when they reached the top they said, "Mother, we would not have done it without you."

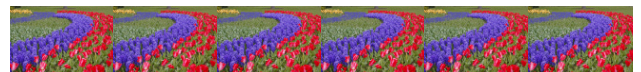
And the mother, when she lay down at night looked up at the stars and said, "This is a better day than the last, for my children have learned fortitude in the face of hardness. Yesterday I gave them courage. Today, I've given them strength." And the next day came strange clouds which darkened the earth, clouds of war and hate

and evil, and the children groped and stumbled, and the mother said: "look up. Lift your eyes to the light." And the children looked and saw above the clouds an everlasting glory, and it guided them beyond the darkness. And that night the Mother said, "This is the best day of all for I have shown my children God."

And the days went on, and the weeks and the months and the years, and the mother grew old and she was little and bent. But her children were tall and strong, and walked with courage. And when the way was rough, they lifted her, for she was as light as a feather; and at last they came to a hill, and beyond they could see a shining road and golden gates flung wide. And mother said, "I have reached the end of my journey and now I know the end is better than the beginning, for my children can walk along, and their children after them." And the children said, "You will always walk with us, Mother, even when you have gone through the gates." And they stood and watched her as she went on along, and the gates closed after her. And they said: "We cannot see her but she is with us still. A mother like ours is more than a memory. She is a living presence.

Your Mother is always with you.... She's the whisper of the leaves as you walk down the street; she's the smell of bleach in your freshly laundered socks; she's the cool hand on your brow when you're not well. Your Mother lives inside your laughter. And she's crystallized in every tear drop. She's the place you came from, your first home; and she's the map you follow with every step you take. She's your first love and your first heartbreak, and nothing on earth can separate you.

**Not time, not space... not even death!**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Home Bible Workshop Schedule



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

**May 10**

Home Bible Workshop  
5:00 P.M. CST

“The Power of Intercessory Prayer”  
Includes Nationwide Video Conferencing

**May 24**

Home Bible Workshop  
5:00 P.M. CST

“The Power of Intercessory Prayer”  
Includes Nationwide Video Conferencing



### 10th ANNUAL NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH MAY 2008

- FLY THE FLAG ON YOUR HOUSE, CAR, OR BUSINESS DURING MAY
- SEND AN EMAIL OR LETTER OF THANKS
- WEAR A SUPPORT OUR TROOPS WRISTBAND OR SHIRT
- WHEN YOU SEE A PERSON IN A MILITARY UNIFORM, SHAKE THEIR HAND AND SAY, "THANK YOU FOR SERVING OUR COUNTRY"

- SEND A CARE PACKAGE TO A SOLDIER THROUGH USOCARES
- ASK LIBRARIES, SCHOOLS, ORGANIZATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN RECOGNIZING OUR ARMED FORCES
- ASK LOCAL MEDIA (TV, RADIO, NEWSPAPER) TO FEATURE OUR MILITARY



### 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.





# WEBSITE OFFERINGS

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## FROM MEDITATION TO MANIFESTATION

I have now completed writing a new manual entitled simply "From Meditation To Manifestation." You can find the entire manual on our website. Today I want to share chapter fifteen with you.

### CHAPTER FIFTEEN REAL LOVE

By love, I mean a much greater love than the emotional attachment and possession that so much 'love' on Earth has become. I don't mean "I love you if I'm attracted to you, darling." Nor "I love you if what you do is acceptable to me, or if you conform to my idea of someone who deserves to be loved."

I mean "I love you, whatever you do". That kind of love. Without condition or possession. It is the love we have for our children. We don't always agree with what they do and say, but we love them just the same.

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If we can see each other in that light, the ills of this planet will fade away.

With this unconditional love for self and each other, we would not produce economic arguments for why homeless people must sleep in the streets. The economic system would become subordinate to love and reflect that love. The idea that we would allow one person to be without adequate

shelter would be unthinkable. We would stop charging interest on money, remove the debt so far accumulated, and spend what was necessary, interest free, to build enough good quality homes for people to live in.

The love in our hearts would accept nothing less. We would dismantle the economic tyranny and encourage communities to take back the power over their lives, providing what is necessary for the benefit of people, not some Elite Group. Love would eliminate the pain and suffering we impose on the animal kingdom. We would recognize that the privileged minority on this planet cannot, with love, go on living off the backs of the Third World and then ease their conscience by putting a few dollars in a collection plate here and there.

Love would insist that we withdraw from such economic dictatorship and allow those oppressed billions to live their lives for the benefit of themselves and not the multinational corporations.

Love would cease to cooperate with the present structures of global power and in doing so, it would show just how little power they really have. They only exist because we created them and because we continue to cooperate and bow to their will. The real power in a pyramid lies at the base, not the top. Nothing survives if it is not founded on love and the present structures of control will not survive. The governments we select in a world of love would reflect that desire to serve, to set free, and not impose.

How many people today vote with love in their hearts? People vote overwhelmingly, for what they believe is best, materially, for them in the short-term. That is the reality they create - governments which serve themselves, short-term self-interest, and not the interests of others. We get what we vote for, because we get what we are feeling in our hearts when we, collectively, decide how to vote.

If the human race voted out of love, it would attract and elect such people into government. It is no good hurling all the blame at politicians for what is happening in the world. Politicians can only get elected by telling people what they have been programmed to want to hear. What people want to hear is what is in it, materially, for them. The kind of politicians we elect are an exact reflection of the collective attitudes which voted for them. When the collective human mind changes, so will the kind of politician we elect. Try getting elected on a policy of ending the Western dictatorship of the Third World which would affect the incomes and imports of the industrialized countries. No chance. Only with love in the collective heart will that be possible. Power to the people with the power of love.

Love for self and others will transform our lives, not least in the way we heal ourselves and others. Today, the medical services are controlled by the multinational drug companies. Sixty per cent of the US drug industry is owned by the Rockefellers alone. As a result, what claims to be state-of-the-art 'medicine' offers the scalpel or the drug in response to almost every ill. Both are motivated, at their controlling levels, by profit, not people. Wealth and not health.

The infinite knowledge of healing in the world which understands how imbalances in our eternal selves create physical dis-ease is kept out of 'official' medicine. The body-as-machine so farcical, that a hospital doctor I once met treats the nurses with homeopathy, but cannot treat his patients in that way, except secretly, because the wrath of the official drug-company-controlled medical establishment would be brought down upon him.

Millions die of cancer while many cures are suppressed. If you can't sell it at a vast profit under contract to a drug company, every effort is made to destroy methods of healing that would remove the so called

"incurable" diseases of today. There are no incurable diseases. Every one is caused by an energy imbalance - an imbalance that can be returned to harmony and in doing so, the body returned to health. This is happening every day outside the medical establishment.

Love for self will insist on taking back power over our own bodies. The drug companies dominate because the human race has, largely, handed over control of the body to doctors and pharmacists. It is an expression, yet again, of the way humans look outside themselves for answers. We look outside for confirmation that we are ok; for someone else to blame when something goes wrong; and for the answers to our discomfort when our body is ill. The answers for all three are inside us.

Self-hatred and frustration leads to cancer and heart disease, and every other ill can be linked to a mental, emotional, or spiritual imbalance, all of which can be corrected. As we begin to love ourselves and let go of the fears, guilts, and resentments accumulated over the years and the aeons of time, disease in the world will plummet. The cause of it will have diminished. We will see the illness that does occur as a sign of something amiss inside us. We will then address that, and think ourselves well again. Our physical dis-ease is also the result of our inner dis-ease.

Love is not just a word. It is the power that holds creation together. It is the power that holds us together and, as we can see, whenever love is missing, a life, or a world, simply falls apart.

### Respect

This, together with love, is the self-balancing mechanism of any balanced society. An imbalanced society creates endless rules and regulations to say "you will" and "you won't" to overcome the lack

of respect. When you have respect for the Earth, you don't need laws and government agencies to tell you not to damage or pollute the environment.

You would not dream of doing so. When you respect life as sacred, you don't need laws against cruelty to animals because you would not dream of harming a fellow expression of creation. When you respect another's right to live their life as he or she sees fit, you don't seek to impose your view on them.

You respect and celebrate their right to be different. Not wrong. Different. When such respect is awash in the collective human being, people will be living their lives in a way they believe to be right, while allowing others to do the same. All will shape their behavior so they do not impose their thinking upon another. There will be no need for laws as we know them today because love and respect will be the balance that allows different beliefs to live in harmony.

This respect for others comes, as always, from respect for self. A lack of respect for others is the outward expression of a diminished respect for self. When we respect ourselves, we stop looking to others to tell us what to do and think. We have respect for our own infinite capacity to decide what we can do in any situation. We might seek another's advice and view, but in the end self-respect decides for itself. Self-respect also has the confidence to go against the majority view when appropriate and to decide on God's morals and values.

With God as our guiding light, there can be no fear, or guilt, or resentment.

### **Forgiveness**

The burden of guilt carried by the human race is caused by a refusal to forgive ourselves. If we do not forgive ourselves, we find it so much harder to forgive others. If

we don't forgive others, we eat ourselves away with resentment, and seek revenge against those we consider to have acted badly towards us. Hence we have the conflicts and feuds that span the generations and the inherited prejudice and divisions which the enemy exploits.

The fact is you should get angry with others and try to exact vengeance on them because they are victims, too, the physical result of the emotional and spiritual imbalances within them which desire to control and dominate others. These broken places in them represent 'unmet' needs that they are trying to get met through you. The last thing they need is more hatred. They need our love. By that, I don't mean a love that walks away and allows all this to continue unchallenged. I mean a love that does challenge the imposition, but without hatred or a desire for revenge. We are one. We are each other. The two approaches, the love and the challenge, are not incompatible.

Forgiveness of self and each other will bring an end to visceral hatred and revenge. Let the divisions between us fall away, for they have been manufactured on the classic principle of divide and rule. That is the reason behind the engineered wars and the divisions of race, color, country, class and income bracket. When the us and them becomes we, which is what we really are, all part of each other, the manipulation of the enemy will end.

Let us put our arms around each other, the Arab and the Jew, the Christian and the Muslim, the manipulator and the manipulated. It's been a nightmare, but the nightmare can be over. It's time to dream.

You are a beautiful spirit. You can be whatever you want to be. You are unique and you are loved in a way that we find so hard to comprehend on this planet. I experience that love from all, and for all, of Creation. It is a love without fear, guilt,

resentment, judgment or division. It is an experience beyond words and it is ours, yours, for the taking, the thinking, the feeling.

We've been away too long, my sisters and brothers. It is time to come home and reconnect with all that is. In the words of a lovely song recorded for the Comic Relief Appeal:

When we stand together,  
It's our finest hour.  
We can do anything, anything, anything,  
anything,  
Keep believing in love's power.  
Love can build a bridge,  
Between your heart and mine,  
Love can build a bridge,  
Don't you think it's time?

There are gathering millions who are screaming "YES WE CAN!" to that question. As love, respect, and forgiveness sweep across the human mind and we love out of existence the misunderstandings of the past, we are destined to be the first generation for thousands of years who will leave our children a better world than the one we found. That is our gift to, and from, this glorious planet. And the Universe. It is truly a great time to be alive.

## PRODUCE FROM OUR COMMUNITY GARDEN IN AFRICA



## 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.

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

## DONATE

We are pleased to offer the ability to make donations to McClain Ministries online using your credit or debit card. As you all know we have six (6) ongoing projects at this time. And all of our projects are funded through donations. Thank you so much for your support.

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

<http://mcclainministries.org/>

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

**TELL SOMEONE YOU  
LOVE THEM THIS MONTH**



# BURKINA FASO AFRICA

## Tibga Village

The girls who received McClain Ministries Scholarships were encouraged to plant community gardens. And just look at the results.



# THE STORY OF OUR COMMUNITY GARDEN CONTINUES



# McCLAIN MINISTRIES

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

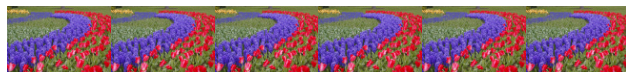
Benches:

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

**Thank you in advance for your support!**

**Please send to:**

**McClain Ministries  
1050 Ridgeside Drive  
Brandon, Ms 39042**





# 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 \$\_\_\_\_\_

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

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