

DESTINY DIGEST

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." (Luke 4:18-19)

Destiny Outreach Newsletter

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Destiny Outreach Prison Ministry

"...I was in prison and you visited me."

- ✿ Pray for all the men and women incarcerated in our country and their families that are serving time on the outside.
- ✿ Pray for the Correctional Officers and Executive Staff that work at the prisons to keep us and the inmates safe.
- ✿ Pray for unity in the Body of Christ as we all should be working toward spreading the Gospel of salvation to a world in desperate need of love and forgiveness.

Love is warfare!



God is love!

We, if filled with the Holy Spirit,
are filled with God,
Therefore, are filled with **love!**

If we are filled with God's love...

**We are equipped for
warfare.**

Because...
with the love of God in us,
working through us,

**Perfect Love
casts out all fear!**

~1 John 4:17-19~

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Putting Jesus in Prison

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Dear Destiny Believers and Friends & Family,

I hope this letter finds you all well! Our family has been going through some changes these last few years. Some difficult but all of them good. The kids have been growing up and getting involved in many different activities. Caleb is almost 19 and works three days a week plus is finishing up his schooling. He is also building a full scale hang glider Ultra-light called the Icarus II. (He takes after his Dad.) Miriam is thirteen and is also active in many things...art, writing stories, Homeschool Co-op classes and karate (just to name a few). Blair and I are actively involved in speaking on Autism awareness about once a month. Blair also works part time and I am trying to find time to write my book in the midst of all the other regular daily activities. God is good and he continues to walk with us through our adventurous journey.

I have been praying over this letter for several weeks now. I want to make sure I write what God wants to write. I want to make sure that you are hearing from the heart of God what he wants you to hear and not just what I want to tell you. His heart is more important than my own ideas and opinions (of which I have many.) Everything we do, we try to be sure that we are obeying the voice of God. We minister in the prisons and other places to bring him glory...not to lift up ourselves. We love the ministry and no matter what offerings we do or don't get...if God says go...we go! We Obey. He always supply's.

We have been going into the La Palma Correction Center Since January 2014 almost every week and last month we added every other Sunday. We teach a discipleship class on Mondays in Compound 3 and preach two services on every other Sunday for Compounds 1 and 2. There are approximately 3300 men



that we have the potential to reach in La Palma Prison alone. At this time, there are 80 -100 men in each compound that attend our Christian services and Bible Studies. On Mondays we leave home around 11:30am and get home around 4:00pm. So we are there approximately 4 ½ hours every week. On the Sundays we leave at around 6:30am and get home around 4:30pm. That adds another almost 10 hours every 2 weeks. So in all, we spend about 35-38 hours in that prison alone. However, there have been some new developments in the last week.

About two weeks ago, we were at our neighborhood cookout and meeting some of our surrounding neighbors. In talking to one couple (the wife we knew from our regular walks), we discovered that the husband is a warden at the Detention Center in Eloy, just next door almost to La Palma. He invited us to a meeting with the Director of Programs and the Chaplain the next week. They really want us to come and do services there. These are INS or ICE inmates (Illegal Immigrants) who are usually only there about 60 days or so. We would have many opportunities for evangelism. They also have about 500 women along with their around 1000 men. Some are there longer if they are fighting a case. Their biggest need is with the women. We believe that God is opening the door for us to reach these women with God's love. Many of them are having to leave behind their children when they get sent back to their home countries. When I told them that I am writing a mentoring book on helping women discover their true destiny, they were ecstatic. They want us to come in at least one time per week but prefer twice a week so we could reach more of the women. They have two rooms that seat 125 and 90. They would like us to come in one morning and do two services back to back. Then they would like it if we came back and did small group mentoring. I would love that.

Herein lies the issue: time and finances...oh, and a second car. With Blair working and our family having only one car, if he is gone, I am home with no transportation. This has worked most of the time for the past two years, but now with our lives getting busier...the kids having co-op classes two days/week, Blair working, the prison, plus other errands and such...it is getting more evident that we are going to need a second car very soon. When we do, then I can go into the prison on my own and work with the ladies even if Blair is at work.

Your gift will help us to train and prepare these men and women that attend to reach those who are not attending the meetings... to disciple new believers and raise up potential leaders.

Your gift helps us to provide books, Bibles, and other study materials. These men and women really want to learn and grow. They need books and Bible study materials to facilitate this. We are not in the prison nor available 24/7. These materials help them not only grow themselves but to teach others that are interested in God but have not been able to get to the services because of fear or whatever holds them back. We need them in both English and Spanish.

There is also much time and money put into printing worksheets and developing curriculum. Blair and I spend lots of time writing, studying and preparing curriculum and study sheets for our lessons each week. God has given us so much creativity and interesting messages. It's what keep the guys coming back...just to see what we might come up with next. It is not us, but the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. On top of the time we spend inside the prison (about 36 hours /month), we also spend about 20 hours/week each of us on training and preparation. We need to make sure we are ready with the materials we need, study the information and prayer. We do not believe in doing ministry "off the cuff" as they say. We prepare our hearts and minds for the task God has given us...it's our responsibility as pastors/leaders/disciplers.

And of course, your gift furthers the **preaching of the gospel**. The most important aspect of any ministry is the proclamation of the Gospel. That is the crux of all that we present. No amount of creative or interesting stories can hold up to the message of the Gospel.

We also want to start training new volunteers to begin prison ministry. We have several individuals asking to be trained. God is wanting to touch many hearts. It takes people who are not interested in accolades but rather in serving God and letting that alone be the reward.

We need Financial Partners and Prayer Warriors!

Prayer and Finances are the most important aspects in effective ministry. Prayer is the foundation on which we are able to stand firm and be strong in our faith and resolve to continue the journey to the end...to endure the struggle and the roadblocks we face and the hurdles we have to leap over from time to time to time to time..... Finances are the gas that keep us going...it's the fuel. I know God is our source, but God chooses to use you to resource. We need partners in both prayer and finances. The truth of the matter is that we need each other. Some of us are called to go physically, some are called to send through prayer and finances.

If we were to get paid for all the time we both put into the ministry, it would equal just around \$2100/month if we each only made the minimum wage of \$8.05/hour. Then, like other agencies and churches, if we got reimbursed for all the driving using the government mileage reimbursement rate of \$.57/mile...at approximately 600 miles, it would equal \$342/month. If you would also add the other expenses such as meals while on trips, printing, office supplies, books, Bibles and curriculum...that would equal about \$600/month. At this time, we have about \$250 in offerings every month. In order to cover all our expenses and give us a minimum wage salary, we still need a little close to \$3000 in offerings. Would you consider giving an offering of \$50 - \$100 a month to ensure that these men and women incarcerated in the prisons in which we go, get the ministry and training they so desperately need? How is God speaking to you?

Our hearts desire has always been to do full time prison ministry. We have the opportunity, but we need the resources. You can help us with these resources. Not everyone can go into these correctional facilities...we can. We love these men and women; we also have good rapport with the officers and executive staff. God is moving...we see revival coming to these facilities. I know you want to be a part of it. **Please pray about the amount you would be willing to invest in the Kingdom of God through our ministry.**

*God is able... We are able... You are able...
If we work together, we will see it manifest.*

You may make your checks out to Destiny Outreach. We truly appreciate your support! Blessings to you, your family and your areas of ministry!

We love you!!!!

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Autism Outreach

Since Autism is a topic near to our hearts, we regularly present at conferences and organizational meetings in Arizona. We speak to parents, educators, businesses, churches and medical professionals; helping them be prepared to educate, advocate and facilitate safe environments for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder to learn, grow and be valued members of society.

Pray for us as we raise awareness about this very important cause.
Thank you!

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