

# FREEDOM THROUGH FAITH MINISTRIES

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## ***A NEW SEASON OF MINISTRY!***

*“This is the time, this is the place, this is the season my son, never doubt it.”* I needed to hear that. It was 1999 and I began to think in my private thoughts if I had done the right thing, leaving a very good career in the oil and gas business at 40 years of age to become the chaplain at Colorado’s super maximum security prison in Canon City. It was a very difficult transition for me, a real culture shock, and I was dealing with private thoughts if I could get my old job back in Denver. While worshipping on Sunday morning at our home church in Littleton, I began to pray from my heart asking the Lord that my faith not fail me now. If I turned back now after all the sacrifice and preparation, I didn’t know if I would ever recover spiritually.

The dean of my bible college, Russ Frase, had preached that morning and was praying for people after the service. I went up for prayer and knowing nothing about my struggle, he prophesied over me “This is the time, this is the place and this is the season my son, never doubt it.” It was the Lord speaking to me and that settled all of the lingering doubt in my soul if I had done the right thing and was where the Lord wanted me. But at the same time the Lord told me it was to be a season. How long a season, I did not know, but I do now.

Last November I was in the chaplain’s office getting ready to go visit some men in the units when the Lord spoke to me, “Your days here are over.” So for the next couple of months that preoccupied all my thinking. Was that really the Lord that spoke to me, and did I really hear Him correctly? But I knew in my heart that it was the Lord. I wish I could say I had the faith of Abraham and left chaplaincy right then, not knowing where I was going and just trusting the Lord to show me as I went. But the Lord will have his way, one way or the other. If we don’t move voluntarily, He has his ways to get us to move. A familiar story of this is in Acts chapter 8. The new church, having been empowered by the Holy Spirit, was very comfortable in Jerusalem. God’s plan was for them to go “into all the world and preach the good news to all creation” (Mk 16:15), but they weren’t moving! And why leave



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somewhere very familiar and comfortable, and where fellowship and ministry was good? So God orchestrated a situation (persecution for them) to get them to move to where He wanted them to go.

And that’s what I believe God has done with me. After almost ten years of serving the Lord in the prisons of Colorado, I was released from chaplaincy by the CDOC last month. In the natural it makes no sense to us, but in the spiritual it does. I see it as the Lord answering my constant prayers for me and my family of, “your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven” and for us to complete all the “good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do” (Eph 2:10). So where do we go from here? I’m not really sure, but Debbie and I sense some kind of a calling to foreign missions. We do not know where, when and how right now, but we trust Jesus’ leadership in our lives to get us where He desires. We ask for your prayers and patience during this time of transition in our lives.

We will keep you posted on future news! Please call us should you like any more information about our transition.

Jack

# AFRICA MISSION TRIP

As a first step in seeking the Lord for the next direction of our ministry, I am planning on going to Africa with Joshua Nations from May 1-20. The trip will take us to Kenya, Uganda, Zimbabwe and Rwanda to train local pastors and leaders to plant bible training schools and other ministry as the Lord leads.

The cost of the trip for me to go is \$3,500 +.  
Would you please pray to see if the Lord would have you help me financially in this regard?  
Thank you!

## **“HE SHOWED ME THE NAIL HOLES IN HIS HAND”**

When I met Michael at his cell door you could tell he had a homosexual spirit. In speaking with him though he expressed how tired he was of that lifestyle and didn't want to go to hell. He genuinely wanted God to change his life, so I prayed with him right then and there to surrender his life to Christ even at the sound of other men in nearby cells mocking his decision. I later scheduled a time to pull him out to pray with him for deliverance from all the demonic bondages he had opened his life to. I have yet to see the Holy Spirit not show up in power when weak, broken people call upon Jesus' name for deliverance. Michael was speechless after our prayer time. He later wrote to me what happened to him:

*“I got baptized in the Holy Spirit and felt Christ's hand upon my head and heart. He came to me bright as light is. He appeared in the flesh glowing like the sun dressed all in white. His robe was made of white diaphanous. His hair was golden like the sun. He had a crown on his head fastened with precious gems of all sorts. He showed me the nail holes in his hand and hole in his side. Then he took me by the hand and showed me heaven. It was all marble streets*

*Layered in gold. He told me that he has filled up the darkness that surrounded me for so long. He told me that he was waiting for me to come home to him and that he has healed me cause my journey here on earth is not over. He has a great work for me ahead.”*

Michael was the last man I ministered to in prison.

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*I'm not in a prison cell, but a prayer box* because this is the best thing that ever happened to me, finding God. Stacey

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# GOLFERS SAVE THIS DATE!

Our annual golf event fund raiser is scheduled for **MONDAY, JUNE 22<sup>nd</sup>** at ARROWHEAD GOLF CLUB in Littleton. It will be a 7:30 AM shotgun start this year with lunch following. Please pray for a successful event! Thank you!

## **THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT!**

*“...the share of the man who stayed with the supplies is to be the same as that of him who went down to battle.” 1 Sam 30:24*

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