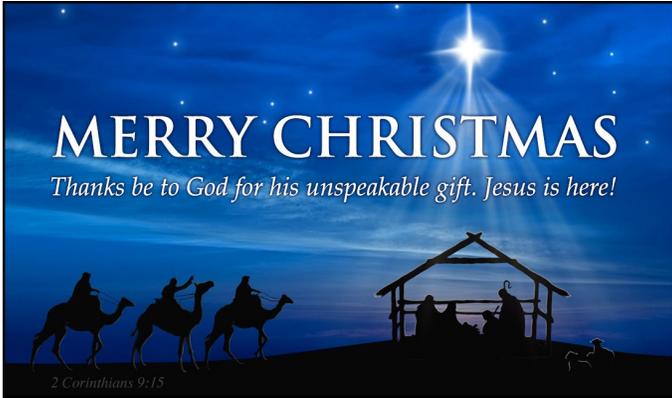




Dear Praying, Caring, Co-laborers,



Luke 2:11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

Words that were spoken several thousand years ago by the angels to the shepherds and retold through the gospels. An event that had been prophesied thousands of years before and planned since creation. A Savior was born, one who would give His life as the ultimate sacrifice to save you and me from our sins. The King of Kings and the Lord of Lords came to this earth and was born in a manger. Glory to God! That He would love us so much to send His Son for us.

As we celebrate the Christmas season, this year, I would like to challenge you to focus on the real reason for the season and to find a way that you can use this time to share the reason why we celebrate Christmas. For so many of us, Christmas has become nothing more than a time to give gifts, put up decorations, and worship a fat man in a red suit. We have become so brainwashed by the world as to what Christmas is that we have forgotten the true meaning. One of the things that the Lord has been convicting me of is that the focus needs to be on serving others and sharing the Gospel - and not on the gifts or the tree. I have been trying to find ways that our family can reach out and show the love of Jesus instead of spending money on gifts for each other. A few of the ideas that have come to mind are:

Getting some people together and finding a family that needs assistance in making repairs to their home. Making repairs to a vehicle for someone in need. Buying a week's worth of food for a family who is struggling to put food on the table. Paint the outside of an elderly person's home. Get school supplies for kids at school. Buy groceries for the person standing behind you in the checkout line. Buy a warm meal for a homeless person. Along with these acts of kindness, we also need to find a way to share the Gospel. This can be done by sharing the plan of salvation, handing out tracks and Bibles, offering to pick up and take them to church, or inviting them to a small group or Bible study. A few of the reasons Jesus came to earth are:

He came to seek the lost. *"For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10).* **He came to save the lost.** *"For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost" (Matthew 18:11).* **He came to serve.** *"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve" (Mark 10:45).*

This is my challenge for you this Christmas and for the year to come. How can you seek the lost and how can you serve others? If we are to follow the example of our Savior, then we are to be busy about our father God's will in our life. And His will is that no one should perish, but have ever lasting life.

In Christ Jesus,
The McCollums

RECENT EVENTS

November was a busy, but rewarding, month. We were able to help with 2 weekend marriage conferences. One was held at South Padre Island and the other in San Antonio. For the conference in S. Padre, we had 626 in attendance with

52 salvations. At the San Antonio conference, we had 920 in attendance and 14 were saved. Praise the Lord for those who were saved! Not only is God using these conferences to heal, restore, and enrich marriages, but He is using them to save souls. Hallelujah! Isn't it glorious how God uses us to reach those who are lost? We are so excited to see what God is going to do through these conferences next year.



One of the other opportunities the Lord has given us is working with the media team at our church. We are seeing God use this to reach people who don't attend our church or are unable to attend church. Over the last couple of months, we were able to assist with the upgrading of the lighting and video systems. This has allowed us to record the services and then get them on the internet for folks to watch.

What a blessing to be a part of getting the Gospel out to the world through different opportunities.

LOOKING FORWARD

The Lord is doing great and wonderful things through WOT. I am excited as we move forward in seeking His will for the opportunities He has for us.

One of the things I would ask that you be praying with us about is the need for additional board members. Over the last few years, we have had members who have gone home to be with the Lord or are dealing with sickness in their life. In order for WOT to continue, we are going to need Godly men who can give counsel, pray, and assist WOT as we move forward. I have a couple of men that God has placed on my heart, but we are in need of a few more. Please pray with us as this is a need that needs to be met in the next few months.

Also, be in prayer with us as we attempt to have a board meeting in the next month. This will be a little difficult as we will have to do this by letter. Again, the issue is that several of our board members are not able to travel due to health issues. Be in prayer for our members. They have faithfully served on the board for so many years. We are so grateful to each and every one of them as they have stood beside us working unto the harvest. As I have said before, WOT is not just about us, but about each and every one of you that pray for us and support us as God uses us. We are the ones going forth, but we would not be able to go without you sending us.

There is an opportunity that has been presented to us that I would like for you to pray about. Edna and I have been asked if we would assist in getting a Spanish work started in Madisonville. We are not being asked to pastor a church, but to assist a pastor and some other folks who are interested in reaching the Spanish speaking in our area. This would be on a voluntary basis and would be another way that God is using WOT to reach the lost. Right now, we are praying and seeking God for guidance as to how He would have us do that. The options that are being discussed are: Starting a Spanish service at our church, starting a Spanish Sunday School class, or starting a Spanish home group. Pray with us as we seek His will in reaching the Spanish speaking around us.

Another opportunity we have is to be a camp pastor for a

youth conference in Chiapas Mexico in April of next year. The camp is an annual event that is held to teach the youth of the area about evangelism and discipleship. As the camp pastor, I would be available for counseling and to preach the evening services. Pray with us as we seek God's will as to whether He would have us go or not. If we do go, the cost of the trip would be \$2,500 for the cost of travel and accommodations. Meals will be provided by the camp where the conference is being held.

ATTENTION COUPLES!

January 6th & 7th, we will be hosting "The Art of Marriage" conference at Second Baptist Church Jacinto City on the East side of Houston. The church is located off of I-10 East just East of the 610 Loop. If you are in the area and would like to attend, you can contact the church at 713-674-8463 to make reservations.

Pray with us as we prepare to lead the conference. Pray that God would use us to minister to those who will be in attendance. Also, be praying for those who will be attending. Every time one of these conferences is held the devil fights with everything he has. Pray that those in attendance will not allow things to interfere and keep them from attending. God always uses these conferences in great and mighty ways and speaks to those in attendance as we share the truth of God's plan for marriage.

If you would like to host "The Art of Marriage" in your church or community send us an e-mail, jd@wotinc.org or call us at 713-899-4204. It doesn't matter where you live or how many would attend. We would love to assist you in hosting this. We are also available to consult with churches about starting a marriage/family ministry. So many churches don't offer any kind of marriage or family ministry, and yet, it is one of the most needed ministries for families today. Pray with us as we ask God to raise opportunities and support for ministering to families.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Yes, it is that time again, and we would like to share with you some projects that you might pray about supporting this Christmas season:

- * New Testaments – \$2.00 each
- * Pastor's Pack - \$160.00 (8 books & 1 Bible)
- * Blank DVDs (1 set) - \$25.00
- * Cases for DVDs – \$10.00 each
- * Thompson Chain Reference Bible - \$25
- * Large Bible Concordance - \$25
- * Boxes, packaging tape, rubber bands, ink cartridges, misc. & shipping- \$25
- * New DVD Printer - \$1700
- * Support 10 young people for a week long bible camp in Chiapas Mexico - \$100

*Mission Bautista Sinai Chiapas, MX. Several projects we are working on with pastor Juan - Any amount

You might want to give to one or more of these as individuals, families, Sunday School Classes, Bible study groups, etc. Please, pray about this. Anything the Lord leads you to do will be a blessing to us and to the Pastors. We tried to break it down to smaller amounts for those who would like to help.



We appreciate those of you who send in offerings as a memorial. A card is sent to the person honored or the family members of those given in memory of. God delights to bless those who give and He blesses the gift given. As you give, you are blessed and others are blessed because you gave. The memorials are used to buy the Pastor's Packs unless designated for other purposes. When you send the memorials, please, remember to include the city of the deceased and also the correct address of a family member to send the card to.

In Memory of:

Tommy Coleman – Madisonville, TX

GOD'S FAITHFULNESS THEN AND NOW

We have just celebrated Thanksgiving and our heart is full of thankfulness for many things and many people. We praise the Lord for our family, for those who make up our co-laborers, for those who pray for us, and for those the Lord has given us the privilege of ministering to through these years. It is always a great blessing to us to hear from our children in the Lord and to



know that many of them are serving the Lord in different areas of the world. The open-air ministry ministered to thousands of people, but we have also had the privilege of ministering to many we have been able to stay in contact with. While living in Hualhuas, Peru, in the highlands, God blessed in establishing a church, and we saw God bring many to the Savior. We still hear from many of those who continue to serve the Lord in Peru and in other parts of the world. God gave us the opportunity to reach out to many young people in Hualhuas and they were in our home continually. Some came to be saved, others came for Bible study, while some came to enjoy our family and play games together. They especially loved to celebrate Christmas with us. One of the young men who was saved was Oswaldo. You will notice him in the picture of our youth choir standing on the left side. He married one of the girls in our youth group. He had his ups and downs after he was saved, but what a joy it is to us to still hear from him and his family. They live in New Jersey, and have for years. They had four boys and, even through many trials, they continue to serve the Lord in their church. Oswaldo has had serious physical problems in these last few years, but he remains upbeat as he calls to talk to us and to

be encouraged. He is an encouragement to us. God has been so good to give us the opportunity to keep up with many of our children in the Lord and see their faithfulness to Him through the years. As we look back, we are grateful for those we have seen come to the Lord through the ministry in Bryan, through the Immigration Detention Center, through the ministry of videos, etc. It is so good to hear from some who were saved during each part of the ministry

through the years. God is using many in many different places and it is our privilege to hear of what God is doing through them. We are grateful for the privilege of praying for them as they continue their walk with the Lord. These last few years have been hard physically, but God is still using Earnest to spend much time in prayer each day. He prays for those saved through this ministry as well as for those He has given us who pray and give to this ministry, and he continues to believe the Lord for every need. If you have a special prayer request, please, send it to us and Earnest will add it to his prayer time. As God continues to bless WOT, we look forward to all He wants to do, praying for JD and Edna as they are open to the Lord to continue the ministry and see God opening new doors. We thank the Lord for the many we have had the privilege of sharing God's Word with, for the many who have joined in this ministry by praying and giving, and for the privilege to rejoice as we hear from many who are going on with the Lord and serving Him where they are. Truly our hearts are full of Thanksgiving. May God richly bless each of you and give you a Merry Christmas with God's multiplied blessings.

PRAISE THE LORD

- For those who have stood with us and WOT for 55 years
- For God's faithfulness through difficult times
- For God's blessings as Justin & Mandy faithfully serve the Lord
- For the way God is using

the Loeras in their ministry
 •For all our co-laborers who pray & support this ministry daily
 •For those using our PPs and faithfully preaching the truths of God's Word
 •For God's continued blessing on the ministry

PRAYER CORNER

- For the open doors for WOT to move forward
- For God's blessing on the family conference held last month
- For the privilege of praying for our co-laborers

PRAY WITH US:

- For WOT as God moves us forward
- For the Loeras and their ministry in Chiapas
- For financial needs of the daily operation
- For supply for extra needs as the year comes

to an end
 •For God's continued blessing of His Word in the lives of the Spanish speaking
 •For Justin and Mandy, Chloe and Tyler
 •For the need of materials and equipment
 •For healing & strength

for the daughter of a board member
 •For the supply of \$2,500 on repair of our AC units
 •For wisdom to know how to go forward and get the Word out to as many as possible
 •For continued strength and wisdom