

# Street Gideon Ministries, Inc. Beacon of Hope

Greetings Family, friends and Ministry Partners,

**"Remove, Replace,  
Restore"**

Marsha and I would like to take this time to thank you for your faithful prayers and support.

We are very happy to share our latest ministry updates with you so you can see how God is working in our lives and the ministry. I must admit at first I was trying to decide if this would be a good time to write this newsletter because of the current events that have us staying in a local hotel. As many of you already know in January, Marsha and I had a water leak that caused a flood in our house.

Because of the extensive moisture damage, we had to be moved to a hotel while the repair company ripped out drywall and everything else that was touching the floor of our home, enough said. The point is a lot of times when we're going through trials in our life we start to think, hum, I better stay focused on the task at hand so I can get back in my house as soon as possible. But, meanwhile The Father is saying "isn't this great I found a way to pull you aside to spend some time with Me while I remove some junk from your life", and then true to His word after He "removes" He must "Replace" [Matt 12:44] something greater in

our Spirit man, so we can reflect His character instead of our own. Amen

I've leaned over the years when God wants to spend some time with you make it easy on yourself and just submit, it's a lot smoother and goes much easier and faster. And really don't you want to spend time with the "Father"? One day I was getting really frustrated with the Insurance company for taking so long and Marsha said to me "Carmelo, God's word says when you put Him first He gives you the desires of your heart" [Psalm 37:4]. So I think that's what we should do, let's put the insurance issues on the back burner and let's focus on our ministry needs and the things we know God wants us to do. So we agreed on that point and I started to finish writing my 2nd book which I was doing before we had to move to the hotel, We started reading some books the Lord had lead us to read and Marsha stayed up-to-date with the administrative duties of the ministry and her current bible study with Precept Ministries, [2 Thessalonians] and then when our focus was on God, things got a lot easier. Yes, the insurance issues finally worked out but in the

meantime we were not just passively waiting but we were "making the most of our days" instead of our days making us". Of course the best part of this whole experience was to see and feel the "Restoration" and the direction that God was bringing about in our hearts and minds, Because you can't please God [1 Samuel 16:7] without a pure heart, God doesn't look on the outward appearance He looks at the heart.

Boy, isn't this just the opposite of the world's ways. Friend, we don't know what you are struggling with but we just want to encourage you that God is not a man that He should lie, [Numbers 23:19] Trust Him and put Him first and watch His "restoring" power at work in your own life. He loves us so much and really does want what's best for us even if it doesn't always look that way at first. But remember it won't happen by keeping your eye on man we must keep our eyes on the Lord, the author and purfector of our faith. [Hebrew 12:2] Amen!

Love, Carmelo, Marsha



*"Taking Jesus  
to the Streets"*

*Ministry Update/  
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## MINISTRY OUTREACHES

**August/ September,  
Beacon of Hope  
Outreach Center  
Franklin, Pennsylvania**

*1 Peter 4:10  
"As each has  
received a gift,  
use it to serve  
one another, as  
good stewards  
of God's varied  
grace."*

### Distributing Food and clothes

The ministry continues to distribute food and clothes to the homeless and local men's and women's shelters in Hernando, Osceola counties. We also pass our bibles and discipleship books during these outreaches. We're very grateful to the partners and our local churches that help with these outreaches.

### Ministry Goals

Carmelo is putting the finishing touches on his 2nd book. We are very grateful to the people who have offered their time and testimonies to this book we will be having the book edited and published through a leading publishing company the estimated costs will be a little over \$2000. Please keep this need in prayer Carmelo 1st book has touched many lives with the Saving Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, we can't wait to see what He will do with this 2nd book.

This trip will be a little over 2 weeks we are planning to partner with a local men's ministry in Franklin to do some much needed work on this center, We will be repairing and replacing the bathroom fixtures, repairing the kitchen, painting, yard work and ministering in the area to local families in the need. We need to raise around \$4000. Please keep this trip in prayer and consider partnering with this ministry for this great work and outreach. We will be posting any planned events on Facebook that will help us to raise these funds.



### International Outreach Partnerships

#### **Compassion International, Indonesia**

Yosean is our ministry sponsored child we support he is now 6 year old, the ministry has been sponsoring him since he was 4 years old. We have seen great progress with his health and his schooling and his faith. When we receive his pictures and letters now he is smiling, and we think that says it all. Please keep this family in prayer.

#### **Dawn Ministries / Hyderabad, India Pastor Peter, Helen**

Pastor Peter has asked us to partner with him to "take Jesus to the Streets" in India. He is representing the ministry of Street Gideon Ministries in India and sharing the gospel helping taking food and clothing to the widows and orphans in India and by his own confession he shares that "many lives are being transformed and that he

believes God is using this ministry to bare long lasting fruit in this region of the world".

We are so grateful that the Lord has allowed us to partner with this passionate man of God and his pastors and that even with our modest monthly offering we are able to continue to see God at work. Please keep this ministry partnership in prayer and we hope you will prayerfully consider partnering with us to help support this ministry.

Thank you

### Market Place Ministry/ Takin Jesus to the work place

Since Marsha and I started the ministry in 2007, we have always been employed in the market place and since our return from Pennsylvania [2011-2013] to Florida in 2013, we both currently work full time in Kissimmee, Florida and we commute 5 days a week from our home in Dade City. We work in the hospitality field at a vacation resort and while it is very time consuming we can see God is molding us and shaping us for the next phase of this ministry walk that He has for us.

Below is one of Marsha's experiences of how God used her at work one day. We have many stories like these that happen every week but we feel this is pretty profound and impactful story of how great a God we serve.

#### **“Out of the Pit of Despair” Valerie's Testimony**

One day, I came into work and after I got settled in I walked over to a young lady I work with we'll call her "Valerie". I asked Valerie how her day was going and I could tell she looked pretty upset, so I decided to walk away and go to the bathroom. I had been ministering to "Valerie" for several months at work and I knew she had a lot of struggles in her life. While I was in the bathroom I was praying for her and all of the sudden the "Holy Spirit" spoke to me and said "She is a light in a dark place and I am using her there, tell her not to leave until I am finished with her because

she is having an impact, even if she can't see it. I left the bathroom and walked back over to "Valerie" and I saw she wasn't busy I said "Valerie "I have a word for you from the Lord. I spoke the word to her that The Lord had given me and she started to cry and said Ok, I accept what you told me. She then explained to me that her hours at work had been messed up and that she is a single mom and doesn't have a car and that she was thinking of quitting her job that day, because she had a big income tax check coming but since the Lord gave her that message though me that she would continue to stay. I asked her did she have a church family and she said she did but it had been awhile, so I encouraged her to go to church that week and to pray and speak to her pastor, if she could. About a week later I saw "Valerie" and she was so happy, she told me that she had gone to church and that her pastor prayed for her and that she had been smoking pot for a long time and getting high with her daughter but had decided to quit. I was pretty surprised because she hadn't told me that before, But I was really happy for her and told her that at one time in my life I had been addicted to pot too and that God had delivered me. That day I left a Joyce Meyer teaching tape with her because I like to disciple woman with those tapes. About another week later I saw "Valerie" at work and she told me

Marsha come here I have more good news, her face was really bright and shiny. She said guess what? My sister from up north called me and told me she was having pain and went to the Dr and he gave her a prescription for medical marijuana and her sister told her when you come and visit me now we can get really high together because I can get a lot of weed. Then "Valerie" told her well guess what? I don't get high anymore. I quit and I gave my life to the Lord and now I'm going to church .Her sister just hung up. The following week after that her sister called her back and said guess what? When you told me that you quit getting high, I decided to quit smoking pot too and I went back to the Dr and told him I don't want this prescription or any other pain pills, I don't need them... "Valerie" was so happy and I was amazed at how God was using her in such a mighty way and so quickly. I told her "Valerie" God has an awesome plan for your life and I knew He's going to use you in a powerful way. Just keep praying and reading His word and going to church!! She agreed... I just love to see what God can do in one obedient heart. He not only saved and delivered "Valerie" but the whole family is now on the path of renewal what a great testimony!!  
Praise the Lord!!



*Gideon Prayer Team*

Friends, Thank you so much for helping to support the work of this ministry. We pray you will continue to seek God for your life and your own direction and if you ever need prayer we have a prayer team that prays for our partners and this ministry every week. Please email us and let us know how we can help you with your prayer

**Connect with the Ministry**

We realize it's important to support your local congregation but if you ever feel you'd like to help support the work of this ministry you can mail an offering or go on our website to see all the ways that you can help support the work of "Taking Jesus to the Streets" Also, if you're a church or faith based foundation and you would like to hear Carmelo or Marsha's testimony or have them teach at a men's or woman's conference we'd love to come and share.

Thank you your support.

The *godly* are transplanted into  
the *Lord's Own Garden*  
and are under His *personal* care.

Psalms 92:13 Ref

Living Bible