

Spring Newsletter 2012

# Street Gideon Ministries, Inc.



Greetings to all our family & loved ones in the faith, as always we are excited to touch base with our family of believers & share a snapshot of what the Lord has been doing in the ministry these past few months.

We want to thank all of you for your constant prayers & emails & those that have committed to give financial support. We are always greatly encouraged by your faithfulness.

Spring is such a refreshing time of year. Marsha & I were recently in Pennsylvania & we got a real taste of the spring time. Marsha was enjoying the robins that were all over our yard they would wake us up every morning with their friendly chirps, reminding us how we should be in the morning. [Help, Coffee]

There were beautiful trees & flowers in bloom, pink, white & yellow, & butterflies everywhere.



This was our first time to see spring up north. Wow! It reminded us how the Lord created the seasons & this season seems to be a time of pausing & refreshing. If we're willing to follow His example in creation we can use this time to regenerate our bodies & minds.

Marsha and I have been traveling back & forth from Pennsylvania to Florida. Presently we are in Okeechobee, Florida with my work for "Vision Quest".

Marsha is handling the daily administrative tasks of the ministry & we are waiting on the Lord, as He is preparing us to travel lighter & to be ready to follow after Him & be obedient to His voice.

Our scripture this season is Psalm 51: 12-13

*Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and sustain me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will be converted to You.*

Yes, my friend "restore" the Lord is all about restoring what is lost & after we're transformed, then we can help others be "restored" & the only complete & lasting restoration comes through His spirit & His word.

We have found out firsthand that when you are willing to surrender your will, to His word, which we have found is an ongoing process & ask the Lord to heal you from your emotional pains, He can work through you to bring you life & life more abundantly. [Duet. 30-8-11] And this isn't just about finances; this abundance is about a wholeness and wellness in your soul. I like to call it 'balance.'

Imagine being free from stress, worry, guilt, & fear, especially from the current news reports. Those are the promises & blessings that we want & are receiving in our lives. These are the areas that help us rise above our worldly concerns into the greater destiny & purpose that the Lord has for each & every one of us.

These are the ongoing prayers we have for our family & loved ones.

Well friends, we hope you enjoy reading the following testimonies, of what Jesus is doing in the

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streets; we love you very much & continue to pray for the Lord to bless you & keep you.

Shalom, In His Peace, Love, Carmelo, Marsha



## Blessings in Messiah, Carmelo & Marsha



April / Passover Seder meal with our brothers and sisters at "Beth Tefillah" Rabbi Ira, Lori Michaelson of Clermont, Florida

Family, it always feels so good to be back in Florida to be with our natural family and our spiritual family.

Preparing for the Feast of Unleavened Bread Is another example of how the Lords appointed times are there to help us draw closer to Him.

We use this time to rid the "Leaven" from our homes as a symbol of the "leaven" in our hearts and ask the Lord to purify our hearts so that we can walk in His Fullness, and serve Him in a greater way.

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### "Forgiveness of Sin"

One of the exciting parts of our ministry walk has become reaching the lost in the marketplace. It's amazing to see the Lord is no respecter of person's and when He has a need He just wants a willing vessel.

We want to introduce you to a friend we will call "Jesse" This is the story of how 'Jesse' was born again. [John 3:3]

On one of my assignments I was called to go to a small town in Pennsylvania. When I arrived at this site, I was greeted by a very nice man named 'Jesse' who let me know he loved God and had heard about a book I wrote called "Desperate Cry in The Ghetto"

He asked if I had a copy that he could read, so the next day I gave him a copy, but he also wanted to share with me that when we first met he was so happy to meet me he felt he might have misled me, because he said 'he was not a Christian', but he was a follower of a different religion, a type of Muslim faith. I let him know that was fine and asked did he still want to read the book and he said "yes" & he did.

The next day, "Jesse" asked me if I would share my transforming story with the girls where I was working. These girls are Muslim so I found it interesting that he would want me to share my faith in Jesus {Yeshua} but I agreed. During this time Marsha had made friends with "Jesse" also, and we had been praying and fasting for him during the week. My work was coming to an end at this site, but every day I would run into "Jesse" and he would tell me he needed to talk to me. I was always very busy at work, and a few days before we were ready to leave he stopped Marsha in the hall of his office and asked her if he could talk to her.

Marsha and 'Jesse' sat in his office as I worked outside, he had a lot on his mind he explained his basic faith and had a few questions. Marsha let him talk for what seemed like a long time, then she said 'The Holy Spirit, put a word on my heart.' I looked at 'Jesse' and said 'Jesse' there is no forgiveness of sin, without the shedding of blood', and Jesus' blood is the only way to be forgiven of your sins.'

'Jesse' bowed his head and nodded, and started to cry, Marsha asked him "Jesse" do you want to accept Jesus' forgiveness of your sins? 'Jesse' nodded his head yes, he did want to, then 'Jesse' said to Marsha, "You must give me a moment because this goes against everything I have been taught." As 'Jesse' and Marsha sat in his office, moments passed and when he was ready he started to pray and asked Jesus into his life and to forgive him of his sins When 'Jesse' was finished praying he asked Marsha if she would baptize him with water and she agreed. When we were ready to leave 'Jesse' had a bible, and website addresses of a congregation where he could go to grow in the Lord.

During Marsha's time with 'Jesse' she said he told her his parents were Baptist, "but he was just searching for something." We find it so neat that when we seek we do find. [Matt.7:7]

This encourages us for our loved ones who are still out there and searching too.

Praise the Lord! Is anything impossible for our G-d, 'Jesse' is now sealed for the day of redemption.



### “From the Heart”

“The Lord, My Helper “

Psalm 54: 4 Behold, G-d is my helper; The Lord is the sustainer of my soul.

Carmelo shares from “the heart” about his experience in stepping out in a new direction with his work at “Vision Quest”

‘The very nature of this ministry was for us to be able to minister to troubled youth.’

I started working for “Vision Quest” as a contractor in 2010, and then I felt a passion to go up north & expand our work in those areas. I approached the CEO of the company & asked him if I could work up north, primarily in PA where we would be near Philly, NJ, NYC.

He said “of course” & arranged for me to be interviewed as an employee, teaching the boys mechanical/trade skills, & doing HVAC work with the company.

In May 2011 we were officially working & living in Franklin, PA.

“Vision Quest” is a for-profit company that is a vendor with the state to rehabilitate young men & women from the Juvenile Justice System.

Within this frame-work the Lord started showing me how to teach the boys trade skills but also to mentor them through mainly my actions & some of word on how to be a follower of Jesus [Yeshua].

I soon gained a great deal of respect from the boys & the staff, because I was willing to stand up for Street Gideon Ministries, Inc.  
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my faith & beliefs in a primarily secular program. The Lord says when you honor Me He will honor you. [1 Samuel 2:30] I also received permission to share my testimonial books with the boys & staff. This caused a great impact on the young men because they could see that I had once been in their place & we could identify with each other & they could see how real G-d is & through the Holy Spirit & hard work how it is possible to turn your life around.

All of this was also having a profound impact on my life, because the Lord was working in my life in greater ways. I had new responsibilities & at times very hard work assignments but the Lord was always there to “help me” press through. He was structuring me in new ways, teaching me to be a better administrator, & how to serve Him with excellence in all things. He was helping me to be more loving & compassionate & to see [all] people through His eyes. As all of these changes were taking place the Lord was touching the boys, the staff & people started giving their life to the Lord & renewing their faith in Him. Giving Him the glory because they knew the work that I was doing could only be accomplished through Him. All of these things became a daily witness to the people & they were & still are seeing how G-d is “my helper” & is providing for me & my family.

[John 14:16] And I will ask the Father and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever. [Holy Spirit]

I am glad I took this leap of faith, while at times it is difficult with all the moving around my wife and I have gotten to know a lot of really great people in the company and in the communities where we have been located. I enjoy what I do and I have the assurance that the Lord is ordaining my steps and that I am never alone.

In His service, Carmelo

## Taking Jesus to the Streets



"Outreach to the Ladies"

Palm Beach, Florida

This February 14, Street Gideon Ministries made and dropped off 14 bags to a girl's home for foster girls in Palm Beach, Florida. The bags were filled with toiletries, candy, make-up, and a message that Abba Father loves them.

Many of the girls have never had the love of a natural Father, so we wanted them to know that their heavenly father loves them and loves the orphan.

*Psalm 27:10, for my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me Up.*



"Skinny Willy"

One of the ways we love to share the [Abba's] Father's heart is to feed the homeless, Marsha and I have been feeding the homeless since the year 2000, we have helped feed many people from all walks of life. Some homeless people are veterans from the wars, drug or alcoholics, some are mentally ill and some are just going through a hard time with no one around to help them pick themselves up. I know it seems hard to believe that a person could end up in this kind of situation but Street Gideon Ministries, Inc.

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it happens and all too often in these current times. Because of the blessings we receive from working with these men and woman this has always been a passion of our hearts and one of our favorite places to go is downtown Orlando.

This is the story of a man we will call "Willy" and how he got set free on "Resurrection Day."

"Street Gideon" headed to downtown Orlando on "Resurrection Day," the streets were very crowded because of a car show that day at first it seemed to be a problem. We made our way towards "Lake Eola" and the surrounding streets were we know there are many homeless people. We were armed with bags of food, toiletries, [razors, tooth brushes] drinks and the word of the Lord...

Can I just tell you friend these men and woman were so happy to see a smiling face and to be given a small gift. Every one of them knew that it was a special day and they greeted us so warmly. There were several families sitting outside having picnics and eating and these men were sitting and watching the other families enjoying their day. We wish we could have taken pictures of all the faces of the people who "you" helped make their day, because now they were not alone, but they knew that someone else cared. And that was the whole point to let them know that the Lord has not forgotten them, but that He loves them and does care.

After we left the park we headed down some side streets and we saw a man lying in the grass with his bike we recognized that he was homeless and stopped the car to give him and another man a bag, as soon as we saw his eyes we knew that he had a relationship with the Lord. Isn't it neat how you can look in a person's eyes and you can tell if they are filled with the Holy Spirit? We always pray for "direct hits", that we will be lead to the exact person that the Father wants us to minister to. This man's name was "Willy" he explained

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how he was in tech school and was living with his brother and that 3 weeks ago his brother went into the hospital and the landlady kicked him out of the apartment because his name wasn't on the lease. 'Willy ' had been in a car accident 3 years before and because he didn't want to sue the people for expenses he had been having a pretty hard time recovering, both physically and with the many medical expenses, now it looked like another set back. 'Willy 'asked us to pray with him, we were able to give him a bible and connect him with a local men's recovery center. We are praying they will have room for him so he can get back into school. 'Willy 'has many years of training in granite and tile worked so finding a job should be easy. 'Willy ' shared with us how at one time he was very involved in church life and even played the drums in the church band , he had just been through so many hard times he didn't think The Lord still cared.

Guess what? today 'Willy ' got to see and feel that Yes, the Lord does care.

Marsha and I have been following up with the person in charge of the men's recovery center, and we are praying for a good report, very soon.

I am reminded of the Good Samaritan and to what extent he was willing to go to make sure his neighbor was well taken care of. [Luke 10:27-37] These are the words that convict me and let me know how I am supposed to love my neighbor. Ouch.

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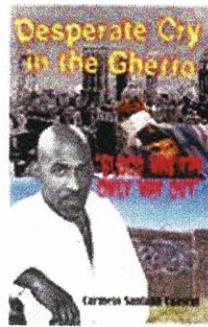
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The book "Desperate Cry in the Ghetto" has been a great tool for opening a door to witness to the youth & the boys can completely relate to Carmelo's testimony.

### **LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PURCHASING MY BOOK**

We hope you enjoyed reading about the Lord and His great accomplishments through the ministry. We could never do this alone, but connected to the vine & with your support we can do all things. We are never told to take an offering, but you are told to bring an offering. We feel this is something between you and the Lord. If you feel led to help with the work of this ministry, you can mail offerings to:

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