



Winter
2008

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TAKING
JESUS
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STREETS



Happy Birthday Jesus

FAMILY OF BELIEVERS

Matthew 1: 21-23, she will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins. All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophets: "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" which means "God with us."

Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year to all our brothers, and sister's in Christ. At this time of year as we celebrate what many of us feel is one of the most sacred and holy events of the year, we can't help but feel so awe inspired that one of Jesus name's is "Immanuel" which means "God with us." At Christmas I think about the fact that historically before Jesus came to earth he was in heaven in Spirit with God as an honored

God, King, and Priest, but he chose to come to earth in a human baby form knowing that on earth he would be mocked, ridiculed and hated and then sacrificed for the sin's of mankind. However he still wanted to be the offering, and the one to connect us back to God so we could be in right relationship with our heavenly father. Jesus didn't have to leave his mighty throne room in heaven, surrounded by angels at his command. But he chose to, for each of us, because He loves us.

Every year Carmelo and I try to think of some special gift we can give to Jesus for his Birthday. It's just our way to let him know how much we love him, and want to celebrate his gift of life, through his birth. We really try hard to find the perfect gift, as if we could surprise God, and

every year he out gift's us. We are so happy we don't have to be consumed with the concerns of "gift shopping," But we can celebrate the true meaning of Christmas, and give to the Lord's people the gift of a savior. Carmelo, and I want to encourage you this year to really step out at Christmas, and in 2009, and be receptive to God's voice, and find a way to honor him all year long. Let's let Jesus know how much we love him, and that we want to share his gift of life with others who so desperately need to hear the message of his birth. Yes, my friend, God is truly with us, what a precious gift he gave us... His precious son, JESUS.

In His Service,

Carmelo and Marsha Cuascut



MINISTRY UPDATES

We appreciate your prayers and financial support, without it we would not be able to go forward into the entire world in Jesus name. You are a blessing to us, and we are grateful for all the many hands that come together on a daily, weekly, monthly basis to help this ministry operate. Ministry is truly a team effort, and there are so many people we would like to thank, for helping us grow, and to be able to touch others with the love of the Lord. Sometimes, we start to get anxious but then we remember it is one life at a time. Every one of you is a valuable person each with a different gift that you so generously hold up before the Lord. As this year draws to a close Carmelo and I are answering God's call to expand



our territories in 2009. We hope to travel further and reach more people with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We now have a new change of address so any mail or donations can be sent to: **STREET GIDEON MINISTRIES, P.O. BOX 878, GROVELAND, FL 34736** For your convenience you can still e-mail us at street-gideon@yahoo.com, or tax deductible donations can be made on our web site, www.streetgideon.com with our pay pal account.

As we are traveling our Ministry secretary will process our mail for us, so you can be

sure everything will be handled with great care, and with your convenience in mind.

Carmelo and I love you all very much, and we want to thank you from our heart to yours for how generous you have been to this ministry. Through your direct contributions, as well as indirectly through Carmelo's Total Home Repair, in 2009 we look forward to keeping you updated with stories from the street, and on how God is moving in our lives. Thank you for having the heart of the father, and for wanting to help those in need.

God Bless You All.

**Unity, Together
Brothers and Sisters
in Christ we can
change the world for
Jesus one life at a
time.**

UPCOMING MINISTRY EVENTS

March 14th 2009- Winter Garden, Florida, Outreach Event

food, music, games for the kids, guest speakers, message of Jesus (continue to pray for location) **Please help us with this event if the Lord leads you. Any amount will help us lead someone to Christ.**

Summary of Street Gideon Outreaches 2008



Throughout the year Street Gideon Ministry is busy with Organization of the Ministry, public speaking, publishing, discipleship, and event planning. We thought it would be informative for you the partner to see some of the work done in our street outreach program.

May 08-N.Y.C.—Bronx, Queens, Brooklyn, Long Island, We traveled to these area, to claim the territories in Jesus name, we distributed the word of God, and were able to pray and bring many souls into the Kingdom of God.

September 08-- Mercy Drive, Pine Hills, Florida, Helped partner with "Empowerment Ministries" for a fun day of Music, testimony, food, supplies, prayer, career info booths, sharing the gospel

October 08--- Orange Blossom Trail—Homeless feeding, Distribute food, clothes, supply bags, gospel, prayer

November 08— Orange Blossom Trail Homeless Feeding Team, Group of Christians return to distribute sandwiches, supply bags, [razors tooth brushes, etc.] clothes, blankets, bibles, prayer, several people prayed the prayer of salvation today, and asked Jesus into their heart.

December 08—Collect canned goods, toys for the poor and needy, in Clermont, [Lake, Hernando County,] we will be distributing these items along with prayer, and the word of God.

December 24, 08—Christmas Eve party, In Clermont, Florida, Partnering with "Christian Men of Action", Distribute toys, food, music, and the gospel of Jesus Christ, to the youth.



MARSHA SHARES FROM THE HEART ABOUT GRACE

ACCEPTING GRACE

The first year of our ministry, I kept telling God what a mistake I thought he had made when he picked Carmlo and I for his Ministry. At times I would point out other people, or pastor's, and tell God I think those people would do a much better job in running this ministry. Then one day the Lord spoke to me in my spirit and said "Marsha, if I wanted those people to run Street Gideon I would have given it to them." Then I would start to whine to the Lord about myself, oh God I think you've made a big mistake look at me, look at my past, I'm the least of the least, how can you use me to win souls for your kingdom, when they know all about me. It just seemed that God would just listen, but wouldn't say anything, or wouldn't seem to change his mind. Then I started to realize God knows all about me, and it's because I'm weak, he's strong. So instead of focusing on myself,

and my weakness. I would need to focus on God and his strengths. Then we could become a team and work together. This also helps keep me in balance, with other leaders in ministry, and not be so judgmental, because I was realizing we are all flawed in some way, but, if we are willing to humble ourselves before the Lord then God can use us. Still to this day some friends, or associates will say to me, Wow, I can't believe where God has taken you from, but instead of being embarrassed like I use to be, I am relieved and over joyed that God could use the scrapes of my life to find a way to honor him, and expand his kingdom. So, I encourage each of you, decide if you want to listen to man's voice, your negative limiting thoughts, or God's voice, Like me you are more than your past, and God's forgiveness of sin must pass from you head to your heart, so you truly can accept his grace, in your life. I now realize if I had kept focus-

ing on my inabilities, I would have severely limited the kingdom work God had called me to do for him. And God wants us to have a balance in our assessment of ourselves what I like to call "God Esteem". Today God keeps telling me he will restore the years eaten by the locust, and that the best years of my life are still ahead of me. Yeah! How can I beat that? Today, I no longer try to give our ministry away; I have accepted the fact that Jesus has a perfect plan for our lives. Yes, God has chosen Carmelo and I to work for him, as impossible as that may have seemed. So I am reminded how much is forgiven much is expected. **[Luke 12: 48] From everyone who has been given much, [forgiveness, talents etc,] much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.[See Romans 5:20,] But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, Yes, Lord, thank you for your undeserved grace.**

**The wages of sin is death, but the free gift from God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.
Rom 6:23**



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- Small shampoo bottles, razors, toothbrushes and deodorant for our Homeless Outreach