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NURSING HOME, JAIL, AND PRISON MINISTRY

A Ministry Dedicated to Reaching out to those the World has Forgotten

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Marty McKenzie

I want to talk to you today about a subject that is dear to my heart: those the World has Forgotten. I was in Coastal Harbor this past weekend ministering to this facility where children as young as five years old have been locked up away from their families for a variety of problems; they call them psychological, the Bible calls them sin. Some have been put there because they are a danger to themselves, others because they are dangerous to others, but all are there because they have problems the world does not know how to solve, but the Bible does. One of the links describes the facility like this: “A 112-bed private intensive residential **treatment center** for child and adolescents. Coastal Harbor Treatment Center is home to the following, three, separate psychiatric programs for children and adolescents: Intensive Residential, Acute Residential, and Partial Hospitalization. For a patient to be admitted to one of these programs, they must meet specific criteria, which are outlined here.

The [Acute Psychiatric Program](#) is designed to help those children that are at imminent risk of harming themselves or someone else. An initial assessment will be conducted to determine the severity of the crisis. If admission to the program is warranted, a comprehensive treatment plan for each individual patient is then developed to treat the patient’s specific needs. The goal of this program is simple: to safely stabilize the patient so that he/she is no longer a danger to himself or others. Patients may be referred by to us by parents, schools, hospitals, physicians, counselors, and other professionals.

The [Psychiatric Residential Program](#) requires a long-term stay at CHTC that is, on average, 6-18 months. Children and adolescents suited to this program are often in the custody of a state agency such as the Department of Family and Children’s Services and must have received a psychiatric diagnosis and, for documented reasons, have been unsuccessful in less restrictive placements prior to admission. The primary goal of this treatment program is to provide patients with the behavioral and emotional tools necessary to reintegrate them back to a stable, home environment.

Partial Hospitalization is recommended when a child is in need of daily therapy or intervention but is sufficiently stable so that full-time admission is not needed. Often, patients who have been discharged from our Acute Program are transitioned to this partial program for a period of days or weeks as a successful steppingstone.” Needless to say these kids ranging from ages 5-17 have major problems. They prescribe medicine, they “treat them” but only the Bible and God can cure them. I used to work for a nonprofit where one of the ladies who was a

2010 Ministry Accomplishments



I would like to give praise to our wonderful Lord and Savior who has allowed this Ministry to be the instrument used in at least 50 professions of faith, we gave out 62 Bibles, conducted 427 Church services/Bible studies, and ministered to over 8,166 people in 2010.

Tom Keller

It has been incredible over the years to watch His Love Ministries struggle, grow, change and conform to the image of Christ as we seek to be vessels for Him. One of the things we are trying to do is get everyone involved in praying, volunteering and giving. We are striving to get people like you to work with us and allow us to work for you. It is our desire that our service will become yours.

I want to share a story with you and ask that you remember the Shuman family in your prayers. Dennis Shuman lost his father a few weeks ago. Dennis and his wife contacted His Love Ministries a few months ago with a need that we were able to meet. Mr. Haldeman Shuman was admitted into Savannah Specialty Care and they noticed His Love Ministries did a church service every Thursday. So, they contacted Marty McKenzie and asked that we visit him and share the gospel with him.

I stopped by on a couple of occasions and found Mr. Shuman sleeping and unwilling to speak with me. One Thursday I walked by Mr. Shuman's room and I felt a strong impression from the Holy Spirit to stop and speak with Haldeman one more time. He was asleep but this time I woke him up. I introduced myself again and told him I was here to speak with him about Jesus Christ and salvation. I was met with a pleasant open attitude toward the gospel. I explained the plan of salvation again to him and asked Mr. Shuman if he understood and he shook his head yes. I knew he wasn't able to pray clearly and probably wouldn't be able to finish a prayer because he was so weak. Therefore I asked him if I could pray with him. He again said yes. I prayed for him and then asked if he understood what I prayed. He shook his head yes again. I pressed further knowing the resistance I experienced in the past only to find he was willingly listening to me and responding positively.

I was overwhelmed by God's goodness because it is so unusual for elderly people to receive Christ because they have resisted God for so long. I sent a letter to Haldeman's family explaining the experience. They explained to me their prayers for their father and how they shared their faith with him on several occasion towards the end of his life. They thought just a few weeks before they received my letter that Mr. Shuman was saved. My letter was simply a confirmation to the experience they had with their father. I am reminded that God commissioned us to make disciples in Matthew 28:16-20. He commissioned us based on His authority and His presence. Even in Acts 1:8 Jesus promised when the Holy Spirit came upon you then you would have power. Evangelism and missions is based on the authority of

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Board member spent all of her time lobbying to get them to go back to the place where these kids could be on medicine all their lives, whereas the law had been changed so they could only get it for 2 years. I don't know what the law is currently. I am not saying that some people don't need to be on medicine, but what I am saying is I have seen letters from some of the kids writing their testimony of how they have been totally cured and no longer need the drugs which they say never really helped and made them feel terrible. I know some of you may disagree with me and will say they do need drugs the rest of their life and some may because of the problems in their life. But recently we have had another child that has apparently made such a dramatic turnaround due to our volunteers Jake and Melissa, that the parents wanted to get their phone number and wanted to know what church they go to so they can stay in touch with them because they have seen the dramatic change in their child. That is why 2Corinthians 5:17 says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." I have seen the change in senior adults, hardened criminals, and young people whose real problem is that they need Christ. Now I am not saying they will be perfect angels and they will not have problems in life, but the Bible says in Hebrews 4:12, "For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account." The Word of God will cut us to pieces, so God can put us back together, and the next verses tell us that we have everything we need to live the life of Holiness because God has given us all we need including Holy Spirit power. 2Peter 1:3— "as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." Or maybe you remember Philippians 4:12— "I know how to be abased and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. 13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." This tells us that no matter what happens in life we can get through it because God lives in us and through us. The first time I went into this facility with Canas Blackston, we both almost lost our composure and became very broken hearted looking at these young boys between 5-8 years old who have had to be removed from their homes and families and are in a place they do not want to be in, but yet their life and their family's is so messed up already the world says, "here is the solution. Lock them up." I have a saying about the prison (Correctional System): the only correction that is being done is when they get saved. When I was there this past week, I was told that the acute unit (children that are at imminent risk of harming themselves or someone else) got so full about 7 months ago that they had to move them upstairs where we no longer at this time get to minister to them. When we first started going in February 2009 there were maybe 5-10 kids, and many times we could not get in because they had to have at least 6 for us to get in to minister to them because of the number of counselors. I was told the facility was jam packed, which tells me society is going downhill fast. Many of these kids will end up in jail, prison, homeless, addicted, be sexual predators, or worse, dead and in hell if we don't reach them. Won't you help us? We need volunteers for this facility; we would like to go on a weekly basis, not bi-weekly like we do currently.

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Letter From Tom Keller Continued

the Holy Spirit. We should never give up when we are promised power and authority. I bet the reason why statistics show less elderly coming to Christ is not because God gave up on them but the church or family gave up on them. Thank God the Shuman family never gave up!!

Let me encourage you to never give up because God is good and He is powerful. I also want you to know that His Love Ministries exists for Jesus Christ and His glory first of all but we also exist for you and your loved ones. If your family members are in any of the facilities that Marty or I go to, please feel free to let us know so we can reach out to them by sharing the gospel with them. We desire to partner with all churches and all Christians for the glory of God. Maybe the next Newsletter will be about your loved one and His amazing grace to save at the very last hour. The most amazing thing about this story is God called me one Thursday afternoon to speak with Haldeman Shuman because he would pass away that very next Saturday. The Shuman family continued to pray and continued to hope God would intervene in their Father's life. God answers prayer and I believe as the family does, this was a confirmation by God that he called Haldeman Shuman home to be with him. There is only one way God will call you home to be with him and that's if you have been born again. It may have been the last two days of his life. And Mr. Shuman may have resisted God all of his life but God intervened at the appropriate time to answer the prayers of the Shuman family. I am encouraged and blessed to be a part of this Supernatural event. I received another brother in his 11th hour, Brother Haldeman Shuman.

Letters From People We Minister To

This is from a Nursing Home Resident: "Thank you so much for my early birthday card, it was very thoughtful of you to remember me that way. Thank you for also going to the Assisted Living where my mother lives. If she doesn't get to her church I know she will be hearing a good sermon preached to her and she will enjoy it."

This is from a former inmate: "Greetings Brother Marty, Hoping that you, your family, and the His Love Team are all doing well. I am experiencing one of the most exciting, adventurous, yet challenging chapters in my life. While I am moving forward and upward with my life, I'll never forget where God has brought me from and I will always carry a special place in my heart for the Kingdom People God blessed me with along this journey. One of my goals is to come visit you at the church in the near future." And yes, He has visited many times.

Prayer Needs For Help

1. We need someone at Coastal Harbor, a couple would be good to minister to the boys and young ladies
2. We specifically need some men who will teach on a regular basis or even as a backup for some of our services.
3. We could use some men or women to go and sing with residents at the Nursing Homes or just visit. We have CD's and books that make it easy.

Won't You Join Us! Check out the website at Hisloveministries.net to see how you can be involved or call Marty at 912-398-0573

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We would also like to pray for your needs, send them via email to MMcKenzie@hisloveministries.net