

*Supporting Pastors by Ministering to Christians
in Need of Guidance and Deliverance*



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Dear APF Supporter:

Greetings!

Merry Christmas! May God bless each of you with a joyous time as we celebrate His love for us, remembering that He came to us as a baby. I do believe this should be a great time of celebration, because we are celebrating the mighty work of God on our behalf.

Praises:

God continues to do great things in healing and deliverance. One person in particular said, “I praise God for you, because your ministry is life changing.” What great encouragement! It is humbling to know that God Almighty is at work through *A Pastor's Friend*.

The number of ministry sessions has really picked up over the last few weeks. I’m glad that I can be helpful to more and more.

The teaching sessions at Griner have gone well, and will continue into January. We will take a few weeks off for Christmas activities.

Something to Consider:

John 14:6—*Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know Him and have seen Him.*

On November 19, I had the pleasure of speaking at the Clinton Christian School chapel session. It is always nice to go back and visit friends and see how the students have grown since I saw them last. As I prepared for chapel, I realized the message I was giving would be appropriate for the December *A Pastor's Friend* newsletter.

The theme verse for Clinton Christian this year is Colossians 1:10. The final portion of that verse says, “growing in the knowledge of God.” From that verse, I asked the question, “Can we truly know God?” My answer was, “Yes!”

John 14:6 is the passage I’ve chosen for this newsletter. Yes, we can know God, and we can know Him intimately because we can know the Lord Jesus Christ. What a great thing God has done for us! Emmanuel, God with us! Since Jesus came to earth as a baby and grew to be a man, died on the cross and rose again, ascended and is now seated at God’s right hand, we have a great ability to know God! The disciples were able to see Him in person, and they shared the truth with others. They wrote down the truth, giving us the New Testament so we too can know God!

Colossians 1:15 & 2:9-10 make very clear that Jesus was God. When we know Jesus and see Jesus, we see God! In ministry sessions, a person may see the Lord Jesus as He comes and heals hurts and pains. Not all are able to visualize Him, but at the very least, His loving presence is felt. The person knows and experiences Jesus in an intimate way. He is a very real God and

wants to be a part of everyone's life. *The God who created the whole universe loves you, and you can know Him!*

A person doesn't have to be in a ministry session to know God. All believers can know and experience God through reading the Holy Scriptures and in prayer. As we are intimate with the Bible, we can become intimate with God. I had a science teacher in high school who often encouraged students, especially those who were struggling to "spend more intimate time with our textbooks." He saw the connection between time spent with the material and knowing the material. He was right! The more time I spent reading the material the more I knew.

The more time a believer spends with the Bible, the more the believer can know God. Not just know about God, but also truly know Him. We can know His desires and ways through reading His Word. We can know how much He loves us. We often read Luke 2 at Christmas time, and as we read it, remember that this is how we can know God and how He showed us His love. What a great God that we have!

Prayer Concerns:

Please continue to pray for wisdom and discernment for me in ministering to people. Each person is unique and needs care in a special way.

Please pray for those who are coming to continue to walk in freedom.

For the Christmas season, I encourage all of us to speak and pray blessings over friends and family.

Final Thoughts:

Reminder!!! *A Pastor's Friend* will have an open house on Monday, December 7, 2009, from 6:00-8:00pm. Please come and see the new office building and learn more about what is done here. Hot drinks and cookies will be served.

Also, a reminder in regard to donations. If you are considering an end-of-year donation to a worthy cause, please consider *A Pastor's Friend*. Year-end donations help to get the New Year off to a good start!

In Christ,



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