

Ministering to Christians Seeking Spiritual Freedom and Deliverance



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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

Happy New Year and welcome to 2015! No matter whether 2014 was a good, bad, or somewhere in the middle kind of year for you, I pray that this New Year is a blessed one for you. I had some very good things happen last year, and some very sad and difficult things happen. For all of us who are believers, let's remember His promise that He's working things out for our good!

Praises:

I praise God for the enjoyable times that I had with family for Christmas. For the first time in a number of years my wife and I were able to be with our extended families too. It was busy, but enjoyable.

I praise God for His encouragement to me in ministry through people's notes and words of support.

I praise God for His work in a couple of lives that have experienced much healing and growth in the last few years. The road hasn't been easy and fun, but we are blessed with how He is faithfully carrying them through the storm.

I praise God for blessing me with a wise, supportive, and caring oversight board. Even recently they have been a big help for me.

Short Report:

This short report actually involves my family and me. A couple of years ago, we were visiting churches, and one Sunday we chose to attend Grace Point in Nappanee. Each Sunday, the pastor would have a short time of teaching the children. On this particular Sunday, he shared a saying that he learned as a child: "While going through life, make it your goal to look at the donut, not at the hole." He shared that we need to be thankful for what we do have, and not be worrying about what we don't have. He ministered to me and family that day. Even our youngest son, who was four at the time, remembered that saying on the way home!

Later in the worship meeting during his sermon, the pastor shared about an experience he had as a missionary. Without any experience or training, he found himself dealing directly with a demonized person! He took authority over the spirit in Jesus' name, telling the spirit to go, and the person was set free! The pastor telling this account was another blessing for me, as I felt that this was a "safe" church for someone whose ministry involves deliverance. Indeed it was safe, as he is a supporter of this ministry. The pastor, Terry Tyler, has blessed my family and me in many ways, and we will be eternally grateful for him and how helped us in the last two to three years.

Something to Consider:

Titus 1:6-9—⁶ *An elder must be blameless, faithful to his wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient.* ⁷ *Since an overseer manages God's household, he must be blameless—not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain.* ⁸ *Rather, he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined.* ⁹ *He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.*

For this month's newsletter, I do want to recognize Pastor Terry Tyler. He also is a member of the LFM oversight board. December 28th was his last Sunday as pastor at Grace Point, as he retired at the end of 2014. As our pastor, Terry was a very gracious man, and he taught me plenty on being gracious and loving to everyone. He even helped me learn to accept myself and trust that people care about me. Terry was joyful and kind with everyone, young and old. Even if the person had a different opinion than him, Terry was not overbearing or impatient. During the children's time during the worship meetings, he was so gentle with the children, even if they were being a bit ornery. It often brings to mind how I believe Jesus was with the little children!

Terry could be very forthright in giving instructions and challenges to the church, but also did it with great encouragement. He did the same to me as a believer, a husband, father, and minister. I can safely say that he fulfilled what Paul told Titus a leader must be for a church. I have been blessed in my life with a number of pastors who have taught me and ministered to me. Some pastors were at churches where I was simply visiting as well. I won't try to name them because I am sure I'd miss some! I am very thankful for them and their support for me to grow and live as a believer in Christ Jesus. As I wrote above, I am especially, eternally grateful to God for Pastor Terry Tyler. God bless you, Terry, and your wife Becky, on your next calling in life.

Prayer Concerns:

So far the winter has been very mild here in northern Indiana. However, it is very possible that snowy days are coming! Please pray for scheduling and safe travels for clients who are coming to the LFM office and for me when I make trips to Fort Wayne for ministry.

Please continue to pray for God to bring to LFM those that He would like to come for ministry, and pray for me to be prepared and ready to lend a hand to these people.

A number of clients are dealing with division in their homes, families, and work places. Please pray against the work of the enemy for bringing division and separation in their lives.

God bless you all in 2015!

Serving the Lord Jesus Christ,



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