

# CHIEF MINISTRIES

January 2012

New Year's greetings:

Here we go! Off into another year of uncharted territory. Let's allow the Holy Spirit to be our GPS and we will all make it to our destination.

CHIEF Ministries has helped get Bibles into the hands of hundreds of inmates in several states this past year. Blessings to my Spanish brothers who received bilingual Bibles to help them with their English while incarcerated. Also, several received ESV, NCV, and Dakes annotated study Bible to help feed their hunger for the word! Many of you correspond with the acting president of CHIEF Ministries, Mrs. Delma Franklin. She has been a fiery backbone of this ministry, allowing the Holy Spirit to encourage and if necessary admonish hundreds of men every single time one of you writes us and asks for prayer. If you'd like to correspond with us in this matter write our Oklahoma address: CHIEF Ministries, PO Box 895, Pawhuska, OK 74056, in care of Mrs. Delma Franklin. I remind you we are an encouragement ministry. We are not a financial institution or a relief fund that can help you by boots or tennis shoes or fans, radios or hotpots. Yes, some men will try anything to get what they want and believe you me, we've heard it all.

Our other area of ministry is CHIEF's House which is coming around as God sees fit. We have developed our website and are accessible via the web. Now! We are still looking for property and the right people to help us get CHIEF's House off the ground. Yours truly is learning how to apply for grants and we're believing once we have the necessary finances to move forward, all things will fall into place. 2011 felt like the year of the great stall, but God's timing is perfect and we submit ourselves to that! Spearheading much of the groundwork and effort for this branch of the Ministry has been Ms. Georgia Ferguson, and extremely organized woman of God, who has helped countless men whose lives have brushed mine due to incarceration. There are several caring individuals who help in ways that you may never know, but God sees and I'll thank them here: Janet Clemmerson, Rev. Mike Franklin, Shirley Sprenger, Monik Hernandez, Joanne Crawford, Debbie Kirchhevel, Alice Sumner, Diane De La Pena, Larita Sawyer, and Peg Gaub. We couldn't do what we do without people like these involved! Every year God supplies all of our needs according to his riches in glory (Philippians 4:19). And he uses people like me and you to make a difference! A heartfelt thank you to one and all!

For those of you who are new to our ministry: Welcome! Check out our websites if you can and allow the Lord to speak to your heart about being an active part through prayer or finances. We'd love to hear your testimony, put it on our website, or poetry as well. We're waiting to hear from you!

Psalms 119:11 states: *"Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee!"* Psalms 1:2 says, *"but his delight is in the law of the Lord* (This would be the instruction given in the Torah, and the law of Moses, particularly as he speaks in his covenant, this covenant as we now know it, is based on God's grace) *and on His law he meditates* (an active pondering perhaps like he told Joshua in chapter 1, verse 8 "day and night"). *"The book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it."* Wow! Day and night! And yet we're lucky to read from God's word once a day. Some do, some don't, some will, some won't. But if you don't, or won't, don't expect for the Lord God to go with you wherever you go. Because He is the Word and if you don't know the Word, you don't know Him! Reading and pondering and filling your heart and spirit with the Word of God is the secret of obedience, which in turn is the Secret to Success! Back to Psalms 1, verse 3 and 4, *"And he*

*shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth his fruit in his season, and his leaf does not wither; and whatever he does, he prospers. v4 The ungodly are not so, but are like the chaff which the wind drives away".* Have you thought about that? A tree doesn't bring forth fruit for itself. It's for others. So when the faithful prospers, it's not for himself, nor is it necessarily material, that he succeeds in bringing benefit to others. This is echoed by the prophet Jeremiah in chapter 17 verse 8. The ungodly are like chaff – the husks and straw removed by threshing that is lighter than the edible kernels. When it is tossed in the air, the wind drives away the chaff. Those who reject God's covenant are like chaff in that they bring no benefit to anyone. So, ask yourself do you want to make a difference in this world? Then be a doer of His Word and not a hearer only. I'm asking and I believe the Holy Spirit has prompted me to do so, that all would get in His Word this year. Read it! One of the fondest memories I have of my dad are of him reading his Word every morning. I don't believe he ever missed one. But what was even greater was watching him live it every day. So, we're enclosing a Through- the- Bible-in- a- Year schedule and we're going to all do this together! Just think, there are very few who have ever read the Bible in its entirety – now's your chance! As fast as the year passes, you'll have completed it and I believe God will stir something in your spirit while doing so. He will reveal Himself to you in a fresh way in 2012. You may have to backtrack a few days to catch up by the time you receive this, but I want to really encourage you to do so. Every morning, start your day with Jesus! Start with the word. This particular plan is broken down into 52 weeks starting on Sunday, ending on Saturday. Each day has a specific section: On Sunday your reading from the Epistles, on Monday from The Law, on Tuesday History, Wednesday Psalms, Thursday Poetry, Friday Prophecy and Saturday The Gospels. This is just one of many good plans for reading through the Bible in one year. The most important thing is to pick up your Bible and read it, praying to the Father that the Spirit will take what all the Scriptures teach about Christ and apply it to your mind and life.

John 1:1 *"In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God" v14 and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only son from the father, full of grace and truth."* John 17:17 says, *"Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth"*. Sanctification is a lifelong process that involves both a relational (separation from participating in and being influenced by evil) and a moral component (growth in holiness or moral purity in attitudes, thoughts and actions). This occurs in the truth as we live according to the Word, the Bible itself.

So, my brothers, *"let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. (Colossians 3:16 ESV). I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one."* (1 John 2:14 ESV).....*he who executes His word is powerful!* (Joel 2:11 ESV).

Be blessed this coming year. Remember... We're all in this together!

I'm praying for you,

## **Chief**

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