



## Ministry Update September 2009

The Joe McDonald Ministry Inc is up and ready for the remainder of 2009. I would like to introduce the Board of Directors. Paul Barnett-Mobile, AL, Tommie Peterson-Daphne, AL, Dr Rod Smith-Laurel, MS, Geri Lundien, West Plains, MO/Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Patti McDonald and myself. We are a 501(c) (3) Organization and all donations are tax deductible as a public charity. Our State of Alabama Charitable Organization Registration number is AL09-314.

All your contributions will continue to be deductible as in the past. The only change is that the checks and donations will now be to "Joe McDonald Ministry". We are excited about this new change in the ministry.

The Ministry was invited to become a member of the Operation Starting Line Collaboration Group and has been voted on and accepted. It is an honor to be part of a group with representatives from Campus Crusade, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Billy Graham Ministries, Forgiven Ministry, The Navigators, AWANA and Prison Fellowship. Check out the group at:  
<http://operationstartingline.net/collaborating-ministries>.

### Family Loss

While in Texas during July for a ministry event, I lost my Mother. She was 92 years old. Four of our children were with her singing songs from her past days as a Kindergarten Teacher and from the Hymnal. She had quite the send off home. My Brother Brian and all his family traveled home for the funeral. We had 5 or our 6 kids here. Our Navy Son, Joey was allowed to come home off deployment for the funeral. Brian and I, and our families did the service. Thank you for your kind words, gifts and prayers for us during that time.

### Blessings and More Blessings

So much to report and not enough space to begin to tell you of the things I have seen God do and the blessings He so freely gives. Since the last newsletter I was in Texas, Funeral in Mobile, NC for two weeks, Louisiana and Montgomery. The Forgiven Ministry "1 Day with God" events in Texas, NC and Louisiana were all memorable as Father's, Children, Caregivers and Volunteers saw God and

felt His presence in so many ways. I have seen so many blessing that I wish I could share with you. A young lady that hadn't see her Father in 11 years, 16 year old young lady never hugged by her Father, Father's and Children asking Christ into their lives, Father's blessing their children with love, value and belonging, prison staff crying at the sight of Children and Father's reunited and reconciled. To see Caregivers with no hope, ready to give up renewed, reconciled, forgiveness received and given.

Sometime back I mentioned to you about the book my friend Bruce Beakley wrote. It is "Refuge: a True Story of Faith and Civil War" about John and Bessie Gonleh during the Liberian Civil War. I recommend this book as a must read for any Christian.

John and Bessie live Montgomery and have a church called Refuge Community Church. They had their first revival in August and I was invited to participate in the Wednesday night service. They went door to door inviting the community to come and had a good turnout of young people. What a blessing to see these young folks respond to the invitation after the program.

### Honduras Trip Cancelled

We cancelled our July trip to Honduras and Nicaragua because of the change of leadership in the country. God gave us the wisdom to stay home and that was a good move. We will try to make the trip up. Patti, Geri Lundien and I had invitations for programs all over Honduras, one area of Nicaragua and El Salvador. Hope to make up the trip early next year.

I will be in Guatemala just before Thanksgiving. Patti and I will travel to Mongolia as the guest of Mitch and Baljmaa Tillman of Mongolia right after Christmas.

Still have events scheduled this year in Texas, Kentucky, Michigan, Louisiana, North Carolina and Virginia.

We are trying to work out the details for a trip to Mexico with medical equipment for an old folks home and clinic there. If you have medical equipment or know of someone that will donate some, please let us know. We sent a 40' container of medical equipment and supplies to Honduras back in January. Email: [Joe@JoeMcDonaldMinistry.org](mailto:Joe@JoeMcDonaldMinistry.org)

## Ministry Needs

One week, while traveling on a two week trip, the first 5 nights I stayed in 4 different places. This is not uncommon as we attempt to stay in a home or place with little or no expense. Moving each night never allows you much rest from the 12-14 hours days. So I am looking again for a small low mileage "Class C Motorhome" that I can pull my trailer with. For events where there are no hotels, motels or homes, this would be a great benefit and help. That would allow some restful nights which is a great need.

I have pulled my 6'X10' trailer about 10,000 miles this year. I leave next week for South Texas and soon to Mexico with medical equipment. I have need for a 7'X12' trailer. On the bigger, longer events I don't have room to carry all that is required. "Cargomate" by Forrest River makes one, but they are around \$4,000 new.

I have need for an Accountant with "not for profit" experience to help me with the bookkeeping for Joe McDonald Ministry. If you know of one, please let me know.

I would like to have some media help with newsletters and the web site. What takes me hours to do, an experienced media person can do in minutes. I get hundreds and hundreds of pictures that I would love to share with you. But I don't have the knowledge, equipment and time to do that. I would love some help with printing and postage as even 200 newsletters can get expensive. To have help with folding, stuffing, stamping and sealing would be great.

I am always looking for PA equipment that is so important to any ministry. I have invested in some this year and would like to add a pair of Yamaha MSR 400 powered speakers or a pair of JBL EON 515 powered speakers.

If you would like to participate in an event with me, we have a couple coming up close by. You can see them on the schedule that I will include. If you have a special outreach that you need help with, please let me know and also how I can assist you.

I will continue to pray for you and feel your prayers as we travel with the "Good News of Jesus Christ". Each of you, are so important to this life changing ministry. Joe

## Scheduled Events Rest of 2009

Kenedy, TX "1 Day with God" Connelly Sept 8<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>  
Central City, KY "1 Day with God" Sept 21<sup>st</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>  
Morganton, NC "1Day with God" Sept 19<sup>th</sup>-Oct 5<sup>th</sup>  
Angie, LA "1 Day with God" Rayborn Oct 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>  
Tiger Cruise Oct 12<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>  
Conerstone Bible Church Mission Conf Oct 25<sup>th</sup>  
Charlotte, NC "1 Day with God" Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>  
Guatemala with Church on the Rock Nov 15<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>  
Northern MI "1 Day with God" Dec 1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>  
Mongolia Dec 27<sup>th</sup>-Jan 12<sup>th</sup>

## Events Scheduled for 2010

Nashville, NC "1 Day with God" Jan  
Raleigh, NC "1Day with God" Jan  
Taylorsville, NC "1 Day with God Feb  
St Gabriel, LA "1 Day with God" Feb  
Greenville, SC "1 Day with God" Feb  
Beeville, TX "1 Day with God" March  
Charlotte, NC March  
Navasota, TX "1 Day with God" April  
Angie, LA "1 Day with God" May  
Mountain City, TN "1 One Day with God" June  
Maury, NC "1 Day with God" July

I haven't scheduled anything in Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua etc., or the events we are still planning. For some, we won't have dates for several months.

### *"1 Day with God" with Forgiven Ministry in Chapel Hill, NC*



Above, Patti leads the "Love Train" with inmates and kids at a "1 Day with God" Camp in Chapel Hill, NC and I tell how Jesus changes you from the inside. Below we do "Ole McNoah had an Ark" with Dad's and have an art lesson with a surprise. *Photos by Ed Weston*

