

November '09 Ministry Update

It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving is almost here and the end of the year is right behind. It seems like it was just January and the year was still ahead. Wow!

Things have been moving fast since the last update in September. I have traveled from South Texas to Kentucky, Louisiana to Hawaii, and California to Northern VA.

The three events with Founders of Forgiveness Ministry Jack and Scottie Barnes and their "1 Day with God" events in TX, KT and LA were wonderful God anointed events. Patti and Daughter Nicole Sweatt along with Connie Smith of Mobile traveled and volunteered for the event in Louisiana. Nicole did an amazing job of leading the Praise and Worship. Patti helped facilitate the feeding of 200 people and bag lunches for Fathers and their Kids. Connie Smith was a mentor to one of the Fathers and Children.

Our Son LTJG Joe McDonald came safely off a 6 month deployment with the "Ronald Reagan Strike Group" in October. I had enough Frequent Flyer miles to meet him in Pearl Harbor and ride with him on his ship, The USS Chancellorsville CG-62 with the "Strike Group" back to San Diego. It was a 2500 mile, 7 days and 6 night trip. Then came home and Patti and I went to Ft Lee, VA to see Daughter Jennifer and Granddaughter Olivia. Her husband Ellis is in Baghdad and due home in December. So we made the most of those 2 weeks between events.

We got to attend the Mission Conference for Cornerstone Bible Church in Montgomery. Pastor Myron Price invited Patti and me and he let me give the end of conference Sunday night message on "Faith Giving" for the Missionaries they support. Thanks Pastor Price for that opportunity.

You remember I told you about the book "Refuge", about John and Bessie Gonleh of Liberia, written by my friend Bruce Beakley. Pastor John Gonleh has a church in Montgomery now. It is "Refuge" Community Church. He called and invited Patti and me to come to their Thanksgiving meal and perform for the kids and adults. We had a great time and he and wife Bessie had 116 people and 12 turkeys attend! We did a program during lunch and had a great response. I had been there once for a revival and it was fun to have the kids calling "Cowboy Joe" when we drove up.

I'll be leaving December 1st for Detroit and onto Muskegon, MI for a Forgiveness Ministry "1 Day with God" there. Forgiveness Ministry has teamed up with the "Prison Fellowship" folks for the second event in Michigan this year. Patti and I leave the day after Christmas for Mongolia. Our Harbor Evangelism friends of Mongolia, Mitch and Baljmaa Tillman will host us and allow us to work within their ministry.



You want me to do what?



Daughter Nicole Sweatt leads Praise and Worship



Patti taking a break after working on lunches

Forgiveness Ministry "1 Day with God" at Rayburn Correctional in Angie, Louisiana.