



Joe McDonald Ministry

Isaiah 6:8

It was a cold, gray December day and snowing outside the Brooks Unit in Muskegon, MI. But inside it was warm with laughter and love as Fathers and their Children participated in a Forgiven Ministry 1 day with God. We were doing our different jobs as usual. Jack Barnes, one of the Founders of Forgiven Ministry was gathering balloons for the afternoon release. I was finishing putting away my material from a 45 minute program I had done for the Fathers and their Children. Scottie Barnes, founder of Forgiven Ministry had just finished talking to the children about being the Daughter of an incarcerated Father. She had given the invitation.

The little boy looked to be about 7 or 8 years old. His Father, not a Christian, was with him. The little boy, looking at his Father asked this question, "Daddy don't you want to be saved?"

It wasn't long before the Father, tears streaming down his face, was telling the 150-200 people in the room that he had just asked Jesus Christ into his life. What a blessing for an event far, far from home. But God is always close...

**"May we also go forth to higher endeavors for Christ, never resting until we can shout from the mountaintop,
'I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race,
I have kept the faith.'**

***Finish your work, then rest,
Till then rest never;
Since rest for you with God
Is rest forever.***

God will examine your life not for medals, diplomas, or degrees but for battle scars.

What nobler medal of honor could any godly person seek than the scars of service, personal loss for the crown of reward, disgrace for the sake of Christ, and being worn out in the Master's service!" *"Streams in the Desert"*

"The Faithful" that have contributed monthly to this ministry the past year:

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Patti and I leave for Mongolia Dec 26th and will be gone for three weeks.

Please be in prayer for this mission trip.

Remember, donations now made to:

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"Faithful" contributing this year:

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"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

Isaiah 9:6

**Please consider our ministry for your year-end donations.
Blessings to your family for a Merry Christmas.**

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McDonald News

As our precious Lord has moved us through another year of incredible blessings, we are blessed to have the assurance that as we go from event to event in our lives, we are in God's hands and are looking for that Blessed Hope and the Glorious Appearing of Jesus Christ. It is thrilling to live on his timetable. This year has flown by with many new chapters in the McDonald family chronicles...

First on our hearts, Joe's mother went to be with Jesus this summer; she was 92 and a driving force in our lives and our children's lives. We have many great memories of "Grandma" and will remember her for all the help, fun and food she provided during her life. Brian, Joe's brother, and all of her grandchildren and great grandchildren (except Jennifer & Olivia) got to come for her service.

Andrea joined the Mobile Police Department in a huge career change. We are so proud of Officer Andi! She will graduate College December 18th with an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice. Laura is in the 10th grade and is driving!

Jennifer is waiting a few more days for Ellis (Army) to return from Iraq. She has been faithful to hold down the fort and has done a great job. Olivia is busy in 2nd grade and just earned her orange belt in Taekwondo.

Nicole and David finished their beautiful house located just down the driveway from us. Kathleen is in the 6th grade and is in the chorus in school and church. Ryan is in the 3rd grade and is a computer genius...he plays baseball for a city league. Mallory is 3 and keeps us hopping with her cuteness.

Sarah and John bought a house with a pool and Nannie (me) loves to go visit! Brittany is in 5th grade and plays the flute. Jacelynn is in 2nd grade and cheers for all her Daddy's basketball games. JJ is 2 and loves to come to Nannie and PawPaw's house.

Joey just returned from his last deployment for a while, he will leave for Monterey, CA soon to work on his Master's Degree at the Naval Post Graduate School. News Flash...Joey and Veronica are engaged!

Sean and Jennifer welcomed Benjamin Cole McDonald into the family on (Dec. 7th!) Mikaela (21 months) will be a big sister! Sean and Jennifer are looking for a bigger car and house!

We are so blessed to have you in our lives. Thank you for all the awesome ways you help us share around the world!

Pray for us as we go to Mongolia right after Christmas.

God bless you and keep you!

Joe and Patti