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Father Reunited with Children

This past April, a group from North America travelled to Ecuador, South America. We were the guest of a Houston, TX business man and there to work and minister in prisons and schools throughout the country. While in a prison in Quito, we met a young man from North Carolina, Jimmy, who was incarcerated there. Jimmy we learned was the Father of two kids that he hadn't seen in over a year.

In August, I got a call from Jimmy's Mother. She called to tell me Jimmy was about to be released from prison, after being there over a year and needed help getting him home to North Carolina.

So as the process begin to unfold, it became apparent that it would cost about \$1300-\$1400 to get him home and that we had to work with the Embassy in Quito, Ecuador's equivalent of Immigration and an attorney that spoke no English.

God's people came through with overwhelming success, both financially and prayerfully. Luke 4:18 Fellowship and Church on the Rock, Melbourne, FL contributed money and prayers immediately. Jerry and Nancy from Florida sent money and prayers, Rick and Angela from Georgia sent money and prayers, Geri from Missouri communicated with the Spanish Attorney for hours and helped prayerfully and financially.

On September 9th, Jimmy arrived home in NC in time for a birthday for one of his two children on Friday. Jimmy went to work the very next day for one of his old high school friends.

Had it not been for the response for financial and prayer support, this could have turned out differently. Today the Father and his two kids are reunited along with his family thanks to many of you and your generosity. Forgiven Ministry has contacted a church near them that will work with the family now that they are all together again.

Jimmy's family sends their thanks to you for your support in helping him get home to NC.

Medical Supplies and Equipment-Honduras

As mentioned in the previous news update, we are moving ahead with the container of medical equipment and supplies for the clinic in Honduras. The local Mobile business man that started this has 14 pallets ready to ship. Geri Lundien got the Ultrasound to Mobile from Missouri and Jerry and Jan Robbins of Mississippi donated a number of ventilators, converters, regulators and other medical supplies to the clinic. ***We still need a washer and dryer if any of you might have one to donate.*** Any other medical supplies, equipment or funds you would like to donate to this are welcomed. All types of medical equipment and supplies are needed. Funds to travel there for two people when the container arrives are needed, too.

Our plan is to try and locate additional equipment in Oct. and Nov., and then ship the container in Dec. Please contact me at: 251-689-0999 or email at: Joe@JoeMcDonaldMinistry.org

Hurricane Hostage

The entire month of September it seemed we were being held hostage by several hurricanes that threatened our area. Events had to be rescheduled.

In spite of that, I attend an anointed "One Day with God" in Beeville, TX. with Forgiven Ministry and founders Jack and Scottie Barnes. What wonderful time as always seeing Fathers, children and Caregivers turn their lives over to Jesus and seek His forgiveness and peace. While in the Beeville area, I had the privilege of performing a program at the "South Texas Children's Home" near Pettus, TX. This is an amazing organization that does mighty work

with orphans from all over their area. Check them out at: <http://stch.org> While traveling to Beeville the week after the hurricane, I saw firsthand the damage in the Beaumont-Houston areas and also Baton Rouge and Lake Charles.

I was able to travel to Palm Bay, FL near Melbourne and visit the Church on the Rock, Melbourne and work with my friend and mentor, Youth Pastor Greg Phillips. I visited Church on the Rock and had the opportunity to speak to the church and thank them for their continued support, and help Pastor Greg with the youth program. Pastor Greg's family hosted me and it was an outstanding and blessed time being there. Thanks Pastor Greg and wife Chris for that.

News from Honduras and Nicaragua

"The Lord bless you and your family always. We want to tell you in this email that we are very thankful for your visit, and also for the visit of brother Joe and his family. Thank you for the time that you spent with us, and especially for the time you spent with all the children. They always asked about you. We are always waiting for you to come back because the work that you do for the Lord will always be of great blessing to us. Please visit my country, Nicaragua, again. Pastor Jose Luis sends you many greeting and especially the children. We are waiting for you. Thanks for everything". *Pastor Juan Alberto Umanzor.*

Hurricanes and Haiti

Imagine for a moment, that you are living in a place that has no electricity or basic necessities that we take for granted. You have no way to know a tremendous Hurricane is bearing down on you and soon will soon swallow the island where you live. The thought is horrifying, but is actually a true story.

My friend Ed Lockett lives in Haiti and you may recall I visited with him there in May. That is exactly what happened to him. Just woke up one morning to clouds and rain and no idea what lay in store. The subsequent damage and loss of life and property was unbelievable. They are still recovering and if you want to help with a donation for Ed's ministry there,

go to: <http://mvi.org> and send your donations to: Ed Lockett-Haiti. Or send here and I'll see he gets it.

Praise Report

My "God's Car" is wonderful! Thank you Luke 4:18 Fellowship for the enjoyable 3500 miles in September I drove because of you.

Donations of Medical Equipment for Honduras.

Financial and prayer help to get Jimmy home to NC.

Safety while traveling to and from South Texas, South Florida and North Mississippi.

Chance to visit Luke 4:18 Fellowship in Mobile and Church on the Rock Melbourne, FL.

Invitation to Cornerstone Bible Church in Montgomery for their Mission Conference.

Escape the hurricanes and storms.

Extra donations that have been a huge help with increased cost of travel, ministry material and equipment.

Ministry Needs and Prayer Request

Additional Medical Equipment and a **washer and dryer for Honduras** container

In kind help to form a new 501(c)(3) non-profit organization the Lord is leading me to form. I need legal and accounting help with strategic planning for this ministry.

Funds for Mongolia trip this December.

A Yamaha Stagepass 300 PA. <http://kraftmusic.com>- \$700. Or a pair of JBL EON 10 G2's- \$1100. PA for Honduras-Nicaragua to keep there- \$700.

Thanks for your continued prayer and financial support. It's amazing all the work out there to do and a little over whelming. But with your involvement prayerfully and financially, the cause for Christ will advance and you'll receive your reward one day in another place that is being prepared for you.

Joe McDonald Proverbs 3:5, 6