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Dr. Rod and Vivian Smith update

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It's cold in Laurel tonight but things are heating up. Next week we go to Angie, Louisiana, for a One Day With God event at the prison there and will work with Forgiven Ministries. It's a "Reunion" and they are expecting 50 children to spend the day with their fathers. This promises to be a very special day and we look forward to being a part of it.

The following week, January 28-31 will be an action filled week itself. On Wednesday the 28 I will help with a Champions for Today in Quitman, MS, in the schools there and then on Thursday we are scheduled to do a Champions for Today at Laurel High School, Jones Middle School, and Northeast Jones High and Middle Schools. Mike McCoy will be our featured speaker and we expect packed houses at each event. This event is special to me because I substitute teach in these schools on a regular basis and I know many of the students.

Friday we will go to Leakesville, MS, to the prison there for the checkout for the Day of Champions the following day. There are over 3,000 inmates at Leakesville and it has been a great DOC in the past and we expect an outstanding day on the 31st.

February 6-7 will find us in New Orleans with our church doing outreach to homeless and street people.

February 21st we will participate in a Day of Champions in Atlanta, Georgia.

On March 11-13 I will be working with Joe McDonald at the Cornerstone Bible Church, Montgomery, AL.

Please keep us in your prayers and we travel and minister.

On a sad note, my brother-in-law, Riley Clark, passed away in DeRidder, Louisiana, yesterday. Vivian and I will be leaving in the morning, along with my cousin, Frank Fox and his wife, Mary Alice, to be with the family. My sister, Riley's wife, is in intensive care in a Dallas hospital. Please pray especially for their children and they walk through this very difficult time in their lives.

Blessings,

Rod and Vivian