

# *Set Free Ministries*

May 2010 Update



*"Bringing God's healing and freedom to hurting people worldwide."*

Dear Friends of Set Free Ministries,

After sifting through stacks of papers, and tapping my finger as to what this month's article should be about, I felt a call to share with you some of my own testimony. May you be encouraged and God be glorified!

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## When \*HaPpiLy EveR AfTer\* Takes a Detour



**By Aubrie Benting**

When a woman wants a child, all thoughts somehow weave and wind their way to baby. Much like the miraculous way all streams and rivers find their way to the ocean, so it is that pretty much any given subject ends on that thought. Precious little fingers and toes, pinchable cheeks, soft baby blankets, and the inimitable smell of new life! There can't possibly be anything in this world that is more exciting than a new baby, according to the woman who wants a child. For over a year, I have been "that woman."

Last year, I lost two babies- one at just 5 weeks in the womb, and the other at 10 weeks. What a blow to my faith! For the first time in my life, doubt on God's goodness and provision began to creep in. Why? What is the point of creating life only to take it away so soon? What good can possibly come from this? Shortly after my second miscarriage, I was the only eligible woman (married and of childbearing age) at church who was not pregnant. Not only that, but a majority of those women were very busy with children already and were pregnant with "surprises" that were not planned for at all! Now things really did not make sense to me. Why were my babies taken when I wanted them so badly?

By God's grace, that doubt did not find a permanent home in my heart. Did I find the answers to my questions? No, but what I did find was the ultimate truth that God does not have to answer to me. *I* have to answer to God for the way that I react to His plans for my

life. Life is not about me or what I want. Life is about bringing glory to God- and that does not happen when we stand there shaking our fist, questioning His will, or have the audacity to think that we have a better plan than the Most High God.

Proverbs 20:24 says, "A man's steps are directed by the LORD. How then can anyone understand his own way?" My husband and I are still childless. I do not know why; I do not even have capability to answer that question. I'm positive that there are things in your life that you do not understand. We, as humans, are not wired to understand everything; in fact, we cannot even understand our own way. That's ok. All we need to do is lift our hands in praise and thanksgiving to the One who does, both in the calm and in the storm.

I encourage you to view the powerful testimony in [Zac Smith's Story](#). May we all be encouraged to have complete trust and faith in God our Father, even unto death.



## SFM Worldwide: Celebrating Seven Years of Ministry in India!

As we look back on the highlights of SFM India since its inception in 2003, we give all praise and glory to God the Father who has all authority in Heaven and on Earth and who has provided for and sustained SFM India, and without whom nothing would be possible!

-Hundreds of men and women have pledged their lives to Jesus Christ!

-Free biblical counseling for hundreds of inmates at The Central Jail on a weekly basis.

-The local hospitals have requested that SFM India minister to the dying and poor in spirit. Volunteers are ministering at bedside on a regular basis!

-Full provision of meals for 1,000 orphans! (pictured is a girl from the orphanage)

SFM India has made a huge impact on the community. The Chief Secretary in the government of Mizoram will be speaking at their Seven Year Celebration banquet, and already many of their prison wards, inmates, and police staff have taken an active role in the ministry. We praise God the Father for all that He has done through His servants in India!

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."  
Matthew 25:35-36

## Your Story...

- Very insightful, helpful, and useful. I believe Set Free will play a great part in ministry in these days. I hope to share this experience with

friends! -F.J April 2010



- I have grown up in a quality church and knew at a young age what it meant to be a Christian. However, at this stage in my life, I had allowed myself to start to think that "my sin isn't that bad." I'd allowed myself to become complacent and wasn't willing to look honestly at the ugliness of my sin. I've been convicted to be aware of how much I hurt my Savior. Right now, through the thinking that my Set Free appointment started, I'm learning to see the Spirit working in and around me! It is very exciting and something I wish I'd become more serious about before now. God is so good! -J.K January 2010



## Ways to Support Without Spending a Dime!

As spring and summer make their go around, this is the perfect time of year to clean house and empty your closets of everything that is not being used. From old furniture to dishware, to that piece of exercise equipment that just sits there reminding you of all of the times you haven't used it- *everyone* owns something that could easily be given away.

At SFM, we understand that the summer months are not the easiest time to donate- taxes have just been taken and now there are vacations to pay for and sports camps to attend. By donating something that you already have, you can support SFM financially without having to spend a dime! By using world markets such as Ebay.com or Craigslist.com, and informing buyers that the money generated will be donated to SFM, both parties will receive tax-deductible 501(c3) gift receipts (with the buyer receiving credit for purchase beyond what is the value of the item). In the mean time, your home becomes a little less "stuffed" and someone you probably will never meet has been blessed by your gift.

Ben Benting, an active volunteer and supporter of the ministry, has already donated his time, talent, and treasure by fixing up this 1973



Harley and selling it on Ebay with all proceeds going to support of children and widows in Africa. You can do the same!

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### **PRAYER BOARD**

"And **PRAY** in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests." (Eph. 6:18) because... "**Apart from me you can do nothing.**" -Jesus (John 15:5)

#### **Praises**

- SFM India is celebrating seven years of ministry!
- Many, many freedom appointments this past month. May God continue to work in each one of their lives!
- Praise to the King for providing support through "items donated" that has generated a much needed \$4,000 already! 100% of proceeds are going to care for the orphans and widows in Africa.
- Praise for the 30 Bibles and 24 Hymn books distributed to the inmates at The Central Jail in India. Thank you for the hearts that are thirsty for His Message!

#### **Prayer Requests**

- Continued prayer for all who are on the battle field. Keep strong in the faith!
- Financial support- during the summer more than any other time of the year. Please prayerfully consider giving a gift of any amount.
- SFM is very short on women volunteers! Many girls are knocking looking for help but because of limited resources, some have to be put on "waiting lists" until they can receive the Biblical counseling they are looking for.

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