

# *Set Free Ministries*

November 2010 Update



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

Dear Friends of Set Free Ministries,

Thanksgiving. The word alone will trigger some of the warmest memories you have- family gathered together, laughter, turkey, the Lion's game. A crackling fire casts a warm glow over the house, while feathery snowflakes dance around outside, making their first appearance of the season. Grandma's large wooden table starts to sag in the middle, struggling under the heavy blanket of food. Oh Thanksgiving, such a wonderful holiday!

The food and family is great, but do you know what I think really makes Thanksgiving so wonderful? The spirit of thankfulness.

**"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." ~Philippians 4:6**

Out of the 110 verses on giving thanks, many of them included victories in battle, or a miraculous rescue from the Lord, or a commandment to praise and thank God for all that He has done. *This* verse, written by God through Paul, who was currently chained and imprisoned, was an encouragement to the new Believers in Philippi to be thankful in *all* situations. When we are tempted to be anxious, it is safe to assume that times are hard. Perhaps life is not going how you had planned and you have no idea what is going to happen next- the perfect breeding ground for doubt and fear. It is during these times that God commands us- do not be anxious! Be thankful. We are very good at asking for things; presenting our requests to God comes natural. But, that sneaky little prepositional phrase "with thanksgiving" makes all the difference in this verse. When you are tempted to be anxious, be thankful. When you ask the Lord for different needs you might



have, be thankful, "And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." ~Philippians 4:7 -Aubrie Benting

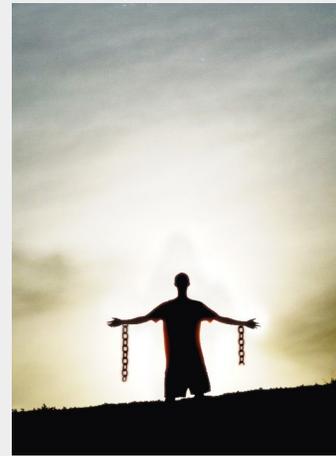
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## *With Praise and Thanksgiving ~ A Report of SFM 2010* Facts and Stats (YTD)

As we head into the final chapter of year 2010, we look back in awe and thankfulness for what the Lord has done through His Kingdom this past year. Join us in praising and thanking the creator, provider and sustainer of all Who has orchestrated everything for His glory!

- Freedom Appointments in 2010: 1,247
- Active Volunteers & Staff: 540
- Number of countries we are active in: 6
- Biblical Discipleship Conferences: 18
- Specific areas of ministry (number of people who received ministry):
  - Orphans cared for: 2,437
  - Prison inmates: 964
  - Hospital patients: 132
  - Police force: 650



God has blessed this ministry so much! What started out as a one man team in a single office space has blossomed into something much larger than anyone expected, *except* the Commander and Chief! A big thank you to all of our volunteers, financial supporters, prayer warriors, and most importantly to God the Father who has made everything possible.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." -Jesus Christ, John 15:5

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### **Upcoming Events!**

**The Winter Discipleship Training** will be taking place on Friday, January 21 from 7-9 pm, and Saturday, January 22 from 8 am- 4 pm. The training will be held at [Messiah Christian Reformed Church](#). The cost for the training is \$30 (includes lunch and materials), and the only requirement is that you have gone through a freedom appointment of your

own prior to the class. For training registration or to schedule a freedom appointment, please contact Nancy Beaver at [nancyb@setfreeministries.com](mailto:nancyb@setfreeministries.com), or by phone at (616) 726-5400. All applications must be turned in by January 7, 2011.

**SFM Spring Banquet\* Celebrating 15 Years of Ministry!** Mark your calendars! SFM is hosting a banquet to celebrate all that God has done with this ministry in the past 15 years. The banquet will take place Tuesday, March 22, 2011. Please pass along the information to friends and come to enjoy a night of food, fellowship as Believers, and an opportunity to witness God's amazing work, through personal testimony, video, and various speakers!

Due to the struggling economy, we have lowered the cost of sponsoring a table from \$200 to \$120.00 We would love to see every table sponsored before the banquet begins. Please contact Aubrie Benting ([aubrie@setfreeministries.com](mailto:aubrie@setfreeministries.com)) to sponsor your table today!

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## PRAYER BOARD

### **Praises**

- A huge praise for the 80 men who took part in the 8 week "Boot Camp" led by Dean Vander Mey at Kentwood Community Church. The study on spiritual warfare changed many lives and continues to make a huge impact on the community!
- Dalene DeGraaf is settled and doing well in Uganda. She is busy at work ministering to others and teaching others how to minister.
- SFM has taken over the financial handlings of missionary Ruth Veltkamp, who ministers primarily to the many Muslims in Nigeria. While in prayer for SFM, a young man in her prayer group said that he felt very encouraged with how SFM would be used in the future for God's Kingdom!
- The requests for discipleship training and ministry continue to pour in from various peoples and countries, including a Bishop from Malawi who is head of 530 area churches. We are encouraged by the amount of interest! Many resources and funds will be needed to train a group of such magnitude.

**\*In light of Thanksgiving, we are only doing 'Praises' this month. Please look for prayer requests in future publications.**

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