

Set Free Ministries

July 2010 Update



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

Dear Friends of Set Free Ministries,

Life is full. Full of dates, full of things to do by a certain time, places to be, people to call, chores that must get done. Life is full of mental checklists (speaking to those of us who are of the organized half) and full of bright red reminders of what is past due (for those of you who have yet to master the skill of organization or simply thrive under the pressure of procrastination). Simply stated, life is just full!

Amid all of the distraction of everyday life, it is easy to forget the eternal nature of our beings, and the command to focus on things above. Matthew 6 reminds us, "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" and commands us to store up for ourselves treasure in heaven where moth and rust do not destroy. Imagine what that looks like in everyday life, this heaven-bound mindset of what is important and what is not. Suddenly the turtle-paced lady in front of you at the check-out line goes from making your skin crawl to just another opportunity to practice patience. Eternally speaking, what matters more- keeping your pressed schedule clicking on time or waiting patiently out of love to follow God's command?

With all of the discouraging news that is handed us, coupled with the rat race of modern day America, it takes daily effort to set our minds on things above, but know that eternally speaking, God is working wonders in the hearts of His people! On a daily basis, people who were once bound or lost or under the deception of the adversary, are being freed. Freed by His truth and free to live the life they were called- to bring all honor and glory to the King of all Kings! Both at home in Grand Rapids, MI, and around the world, repentant hearts are turning to the Maker of all things. Let that fill your mind with joy and peace as we continue on in this fast tracked, schedules packed, temporary place we call home.

~Aubrie Benting

Your Story...

This morning I thought to myself, "I want to read my Bible." Then I stopped, surprised to realize that I couldn't remember the last time I had that thought. I read my Bible daily, but I think, "I need to read my Bible," or "I better read my Bible now, it would be good for me." And then, the battle would begin.



Nagging thoughts, annoying interruptions, inability to focus. Not today. **It's like I have my will back.** I can decide to do things without a fight. And then I just do them. I cannot remember that ever being true before. I've been reading through the Gospel of Mark each day. Today, when I got to the story of the demonized man whom the Lord set free it was like a **wave of joy washed over me.** I thought, **"Yes! This makes so much sense! That is exactly what Jesus is like. He sets captives free.** He make the spirits be quiet, then he makes them leave you. He gives you back the ability to control your own mind." I have to say, I really do love Jesus. - SFM Ministry Recipient, June 2010

SFM Worldwide



A couple weeks ago, we received a package full of handmade letters written by some of the orphans whom we caring for at one of the SFM Freedom Centers in Uganda. Rejoice in the thankful hearts of these children!

"Greetings to you in the name of our great Lord Jesus Christ. I am Rose, 13 years old in Primary 5. I am so happy and grateful for school fees. I cannot express all my happiness on this piece of paper. May the Lord continue to bless you but with this card may I send my thanks to you. Please accept it." ~Rose



"I am Ojolo David. I am 13 years old. I really want to say and bless you for all the love you have showed the orphans. We have been praying for someone to come into our lives." ~Ojolo David

"I am Kongai Tika. Thank you for the help and I pray that may the Almighty Father bless you abundantly for the hearts you have as people of Set Free Ministries...I really appreciate it because you are the ones who are helping us with everything, starting from food to school fees. Thank you very much. Continue with the same hearts, and be blessed in Jesus name." ~Kongai Tika

*Pictured: Orphans from a SFM freedom center in Soroti

Upcoming Events!

PJ's Grill Fundraiser- 8/10/10! SFM missionary, Dalene De Graaf, will be leaving the States on September 19, 2010, to spend a full year doing ministry in East Africa. She plans on ministering to women who have fallen victim to abuse, rape, AIDS, and other various issues that may cause spiritual/emotional chains. PJ's Grill has decided to support her in her efforts and has generously offered a 10% donation from the total sales on the night of **Tuesday, August 10, 2010 from 4- 7 pm. Stop on by, grab a bite to eat, and support SFM East African missionary at the same time!** PJ's Grill is located at 3555, 68th St., Dutton, MI.

SFM Discipleship Training will be held on Friday, September 10 from 7-9 pm, and Saturday, September 11 from 8 am- 4 pm. The training will be 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@setfreeministires.com, or by phone at (616) 726-5400.

What Can You Do?



CReAtiVe ways to support without spending a dime!

One anonymous SFM supporter is taking full advantage of these beautiful summer days by throwing a garage sale...a FREE garage sale! Without the hassle of pricing items and sticking them with labels, she is emptying her storage room of things not used, *and* supporting the ministry during a time when funding is at its lowest. By setting up a poster of different projects that are going on, she is informing her shoppers of specific causes that they may donate to if they would wish to do so in exchange for an item. We have had other supporters price their items as normal, and then donate all proceeds to the ministry. Both are great ways to make a huge difference in someone's life and at no extra cost!

If ever you have felt the urge to support this ministry but never followed thru, please prayerfully consider doing so now! We have been operating on low funds for some time, but know that all things are in His hands. He has provided every time!



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PRAYER BOARD

Praises

- Praise the Lord for providing for this ministry so far this summer. We may continue to minister to the hurting because of generous donors like you!
- One very generous SFM supporter has offered to fully fund the construction of a new Prayer Hall for SFM India. Thank the Father for such a gift!

Prayer Requests

- Please pray for all involved in a new land purchase of 50 acres. A very generous SFM supporter is buying the property to establish another freedom center for orphans!
- SFM India was requested by a government owned TV station to air in a live telecast on July 30, 2010. This program will be visible to the entire nation of India, as well as Burma, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, and Pakistan. The team plans on singing songs and bringing glory to God through a very public avenue. Please pray for all involved and for the viewers (many of whom are not Believers) to be impacted!



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