

# *Set Free Ministries*

January 2011 Update



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

Dear Friends of Set Free Ministries,

Happy new year! There's something about it, isn't there? A clean slate; a fresh start; a time to re-prioritize life. Today I challenge you with a new years resolution; no, let me rephrase that. I challenge you with a new *life* resolution. As Believers, born again through Jesus and called to a new life, I challenge you to step back and honestly assess your heart.

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## **Awakening the Bride of Messiah!**



**By Aubrie Benting**

Love. Compassion. A heart that hurts for the sufferings of others; a desire to help in the largest way possible out of completely selfless reasons. Sincere servant hood in its purest form- unadulterated with ribbons and bows meant to catch the eyes of others. An honest pledge to live for Him and the integrity to follow through.

Away with the questions of "what will they think?"

Away with the doubts of "who am I?"

Away with the thoughts of "how will this affect my world?"

Away with the fears of the future, or failure, or misfortune.

Away with selfish living.

"Choose for yourself this day whom you will serve." (Josh. 24:15)

Then serve! A servant does not consider his own schedule above his masters or reason his way out of obeying. A servant does not put thought into his own reputation or let the

opinions of fellow men deter him from carrying out his duty. A servant does not carry on day to day with apathy or laziness. A servant seeks, listens, and obeys- promptly, fully, and selflessly.

Jesus the servant. To my knowledge, it's never happened before in recorded history- a king stepping off the throne and into the role of a servant- not even for just a week. Try 30 years! For over 30 years this King bent His knee in servant hood and that's not even the biggest clincher. Jesus wasn't just a king- He was God. He is God. The Word that commanded the stars to take shape suddenly had to fit inside a vocal box. The feet that use Earth as its footstool were down-sized to fit inside the tottered sandal of man, day after day walking the dusty desert trails in the heat of the sun. And for what? Site-seeing? Personal recreation? No- He was serving. He was obeying. In His devotion and love for God and His people, He laid it all down. He spent His time telling others about the ways of God. His compassion compelled Him on to give in the largest way possible... and eventually that meant death.

Jesus the living God! Jesus the servant. The ultimate example of living a life of selflessness.

Do what you please! Live for fun! Don't let God and His rules hold you back! The lies of this world fancy themselves up with empty promises of liberty. One who believes them is supposedly servant to himself...but in actuality is servant to the destroyer.

I can only imagine the dire outcome of humanity if Jesus had chosen to spend His 33 years on Earth in such a way. "Well, yes, He's God- of course His life is going to matter. Who am I but a fading flower? What difference does it make how I spend my life?"

It makes all the difference. How you spend your days reveals something very important... it reveals whom you truly serve!



## **SFM Worldwide**

### **Celebrating Seven Years of Prison Ministry in India!**

I heard it once said in fun that prison inmates make for a very "captive" audience. Although the pun is rather amusing, we have found over the years that the saying couldn't be more true; the captivity goes far deeper than the confines of the iron cell.

More often than not, the inmates are imprisoned as a result of letting sin run rampant in their lives, from anger to deceit, rebellion, stealing, murder, and the list could go on. In consequence, the governing authorities have taken it upon themselves (as God has instituted) to physically control these people who seem to lack the will to control

themselves. But what about their heart? The bondage of sin spiritually captivates them to a much darker authority that does not operate in a "serve your time and then you're free to go" system.

"For He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners..." (Jesus, Luke 4:18). Only Jesus has the power and authority to free those spiritually captive. Praise be to God for His compassion that never fails! While some are still hardened by sin, many inmates have reached complete brokenness, and are so hungry for Truth.

Since SFM started doing prison ministry in 2004, **a total of 4,590 inmates have been born again in the blood of Christ**, redeemed and set free to live like children of light! Hallelujah!

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My name is David. I was brought up in a Christian family. Unfortunately there wasn't any good relationship with Jesus. Gradually my life was empty. I used to accompany with boys who enjoyed worldly life; with some bad boys. After eight years I was in prison without any moral support.

Then Set Free Ministries regularly came to jail to preach and do counseling. **With the help of the Holy Spirit I realized that the cross of Jesus is my cross too. My whole life has been changed; He created me for His own glory.**



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\*Pictured are some of the prison inmates who committed their lives to Christ.

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## **SFM Banquet\* Celebrating 15 Years of Ministry!**

Ps. 115 "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but to Your Name give glory!"



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) to sponsor your table today.**

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## Prayer Board

### Praises

- We praise the Lord for yet another year of provision and guidance!
- A big thank you to all of our supporters through volunteering, prayer, and donations!
- 90 SFM/EA teachers were trained this past month by CRWRC on how to teach the students using a Biblical worldview. This will have a lasting impact on hundreds of lives.
- A huge praise for the rescue of 56 orphan children who are now in a safe place! (More details to come next month)

### Prayer Requests

- SFM is in need of a new Prayer Coordinator! Lincoln Pupoh, our current Prayer Coordinator is moving, so we are in need of someone who can manage the international and domestic prayer needs of the ministry!
- Construction for a new dining hall is underway in Kimilili, Kenya. This will offer a clean place to eat for hundreds of students! Please pray for accuracy and safety as the construction continues.
- Please pray for the SFM USA volunteer teams to grow and be strengthened as the list of people waiting for a freedom appointment continues to increase.



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