



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

Dear Friends of Set Free Ministries,

"But my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19

Now that's quite the promise! I've had that verse tacked up in front of my desk for almost a year now. A mentor of mine thought that I needed it so I put it up without the slightest clue why. I didn't even really understand what it meant. At the time I just took it as one of those "feel good verses" that is easy to cling to whenever life seems wanting. For instance, when my body wasn't functioning quite like it should to sustain a baby, I'd look at that verse and feel comforted in the fact that God knew exactly what my body *needed* and He was able to supply that. We probably all have "needs" we'd like to insert in this verse- some legitimate, some...not so much.

After countless times of habitually glancing at this verse, the meaning is finally starting to become clear. The emphasis needs to be placed on the second half of the promise- "My God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." We error when we focus on our needs, rather than Christ's glory. God's joy and peace is not found in the meeting of my material or physical needs. It is found in acknowledging Christ's glory and demonstrating that glory by ministering to others in His name. God's supply and Christ's glory are limitless. The supplier of these gifts resides within our hearts and His glory shines through so we can reach out to meet the needs of others.

And then when you re-think about what your "needs" may be, are there any left standing outside the riches in glory, the all-consuming fullness and purpose in life found only in relation with God?

~Aubrie Benting

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Are you struggling with unforgiveness towards someone?

I know this update is a bit late in coming and for that I apologize. SFM has decided to release our updates at the beginning of every month, as opposed to at the end. We also have been looking at some new formats for our updates; let us know what you think!

A bitter root of unforgiveness only defiles the one who carries it. Let us help you be set free only by the power of God!
FORGIVENESS = FREEDOM



Celebrating 15 Years of Ministry! By Aubrie Benting

"Now to Him who has done immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine...to Him be the glory..."
(Eph. 3:20) Amen and Amen!

There couldn't be a more fitting verse as SFM prepares to celebrate 15 years of ministry. What God has done through the humble hearts and hands of our staff and volunteers is far beyond what anyone could have ever imagined; in fact, it is far beyond anything "SFM" could do. All praise and glory belongs to the Father!

SFM would like to set aside a special night of celebrating and sharing with you what God is doing in the lives of His people both locally and worldwide. We have our banquet set to take place on **Tuesday, March 22, 2011** with punchbowl starting at 6:30 pm (dinner at 7:00 pm). Please join us in dinner and worship along with special guest speaker Rev. Emmanuel Kabambi, director of SFM East Africa and to hear live personal testimonies of how God is at work mending and healing, changing and transforming.

Seating is limited! Please RSVP no later than March 14 to aubrie@setfreeministries.com. There is no charge for attending; donations encouraged.

Phone us at (616) 726-5400
Office Hours Mon.-Thurs.,
9 AM- 4:30 PM



Your Story...

A word from some of our
ministry recipients~

"Being given words to acknowledge and feel the pain of the sins against me was a great help in finding what wasn't really healed yet. A painful childhood had colored my picture of God and my understanding of the Scriptures... I was able to be set free from a huge misunderstanding of God's character. It's great to feel loved by God!" -C.G, December 2010



SFM Worldwide 90 SFM Teachers and Staff Attend Biblical Worldview Training and 1,100 Bibles Purchased!

The new year started out right in Kyotera, Uganda, where 90 SFM teachers, staff, and volunteers from 9 different Christian schools located throughout Uganda and Kenya, attended a 5 day training on what it looks like to teach from a Biblical worldview. The training was led by Dr. Mwaya Kitavi from CRC World Missions and was a huge success!

All learning and education comes from God and must be founded in His Word, whether it be reading, writing, science, or mathematics. What a blessing that the SFM students will be learning this from an early age!

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Another huge praise to pass along: over **1,100 BIBLES** were purchased and distributed to every staff and student at SFM Impact Sites! Praise the Father! The students who were still learning how to read received Bible picture books so that the stories could still be learned. What a blessing!



Pictured are the SFM students shouting with joy. For many, this will be the only copy of God's Word for the entire family.

"I felt very welcomed and everyone I encountered at Set Free was very friendly; a very peaceful and loving atmosphere. Set Free ministries was very positive and helpful and I felt safe that I could open up and share without feeling judged or condemned..." -D.K,
January 2011

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An Area-Wide,
Multi-Church
Conference for Men

**Saturday,
March 12, 2011**
At Corinth Church

Keynote Speaker Brian Molitor along with 13 other speakers and break-out sessions! Visit LNMB.org for registration and further details.



Growing, Growing, Gone! By Aubrie Benting

Last May, I wrote an article titled "When Happily Ever After Takes a Detour" which shared about my experience with miscarriage and fruitless attempts to conceive again. I was in that fragile state of hoping and praying for a child, yet under the full understanding that God was God and God was good no matter what His will for my life was going to be....

Well, less than a year later I am sitting here about a foot away from my desk leaning back as much as possible

Don Schaafsma- Director of Administration and Technology



(breathing room!) with arms outstretched so that I can still reach the keyboard. Baby Benting is due in about 6 weeks! Praise the Lord 70 x's 7 times over!

As excited as I am to be a mother, I will be closing a chapter that I have thoroughly enjoyed. Although I will no longer be working at SFM on a daily basis, I do plan on continuing to write the updates from home! In advance, I would like to request a little flexibility as SFM makes all changes necessary. THANK YOU!

And it seems that my waistline isn't the only thing growing; God has blessed SFM USA with more staff members, each one suited to a particular need as SFM continues to expand. See pictures and job titles to the right.

Welcome to the team!

**Jeff Stam- International
Director**



**Jane Vander Velde- Prayer
Coordinator**



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