

# THE LAMP NEWSLETTER

*"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105 KJV).*

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**“Husbands,  
love your  
wives,  
just as  
Christ also  
loved the  
church  
and gave  
Himself  
for her”**

**(Ephesians 5:25 NKJV).**



Dear Readers,

I must confess that the photo on the cover of this newsletter...really makes me go...*"Mmm!"* Look at that couple...there is love all written on them. I have been captured by this photo for a few years now. When I saw it, I kept it in my files. Yes, what a beautiful couple!

I admired how the man...husband... Do I see a wedding band?... Well, I felt the LOVE! Oooh! Now, look at how strong and muscular he looks. I would sit and say, *"That's the kind of man that makes you feel loved, protected and cherished."* Ladies, you know what I am talking about!

I looked at the way he held her...his wife...not lady...not girlfriend! **I said wife.** Oh, he is holding her so closely and tightly in his arms...*Mmm, Mmm!* You know what I mean. He's a real man... Lord!

I loved this photo because I could see how he was holding that Bible in his hand and look at how wonderful that is...My! My! He is a man of God! A man with the Bible and...this couple is wrapped up in love. Just like a woman of God wants.

Ugh...Really, Lord?

Oh yes, I was caught up into...loving this photo of this married couple. I have been saving it to use it as a cover for one of my books...or use it for the front cover of one of my gospel tracts. I have been waiting to use it in my writing ministry.

Then, a few months ago, or at the beginning of the year, the Lord began to speak to me about this photo. See, I LOVE IT! I always smiled when I saw it. It warmed me from the outside to the inside... ugh...you understand...

Well, the Lord told me to really look at it. I told Him I did and that I like it. **I approve of it.**

He said, *"Look at the woman, the man's wife... What do you see?"*

I said, *"She is a beautiful sister...black woman...with a good-looking husband. He's a man of God with that Bible in his strong hands."*

The Lord said, *"Look at her face. Her eyes are closed. The eyes are the window...of the soul. You cannot see what is going on in her soul."*

*"No...she feels his love...they got it going on, Lord!"*

*"And so, look at her face...what do you see, Wanda?"*

*"She is so beautiful...way smaller than me...and...she looks like she is lovin' her husband so deeply. Lord, she looks at peace."*

*"Wanda...there is more to see and understand...much more. Wanda, in this photo, the man appears to be loving, caring, and tender. He looks like he cares and protects his wife, but consider this..."*

*Many married relationships are full of pain and are miserable because many men do not love their wives like I have commanded. Some men appear to look good because they want to impress and deceive...others. They are not living like I commanded about loving their wife.*

*I want the husband to love their wife...tenderly...deeply...truly...and lovingly. The wife must be defended, protected, respected, cherished, and so much more. I want the wife loved like I love my Bride, the Church.*

*I died for you! I did all I could for you. I gave my life for you. There wasn't anything that I wouldn't do for you. I care for you with an everlasting love. I shed my...own blood for you! Every bit of my ripped, torn and whipped flesh was for you!*

*I gave myself for you!"*

*He continued to say..." I want you to look at the muscular strength in this man's arms...shoulder...and look at his fingers...down to his fingertips... that's power! Look at his chest...that is power. If he makes a fist and punches his wife...she can be so injured...or killed! I DON'T WANT THAT!*

*Some men use the Bible to control their wives...and women in the church. They stick the Bible in their faces and try to make them feel that submit means...I AM THE BOSS...YOU DO WHAT I SAY! This is not right. Just think...look at the lady in the photo...she could be so fed-up with her husband for showing her these scriptures in Ephesians 5:22-33 and Colossians 3:18.*

*To SUBMIT is to willingly surrender to the husband because his love provides all that she needs. She can have everything that she is entitled to because she has entered into his loving covering and his provisions for her.*

*It is the release of herself under his covering that allows them to connect. This connection now makes the man, her husband, obligated to do his full part for the woman, his wife. He then must be fully committed to do all that he can for her because she is in his hands...loving and tender hands.*

*Because the wife surrenders or submits herself to her husband, he is bound or obligated to fulfill his complete responsibilities to his wife. It is all on him to be the man that I want him to be...and what she needs him to become."*

*Yes, Lord! Yes!*

*When the Lord had finished speaking to me...I had a real revelation. He told and showed me just what is keenly important and necessary in marriage.*

*So, married couples...come together and allow God to show you just what "a marriage made in heaven" is truly all about. Men, husbands...seek the Lord. Let Him work through you to help you love your wife...like He loves the church. Submit and surrender your life to the Lord!*

*Women, wives....submission to your husband will only work when he surrenders and submits to God. Without the Lord Jesus Christ fully operating in his life...there is nothing, but..."HELL ON EARTH!"*

*Readers, the next story, "Diana's Story," is true. Read about what this young lady went through in 13 years of her marriage. It will touch your heart. See what God did in her life.*

# DIANA'S STORY



*Singer/Songwriter, Diana Stimmler Winkler, states that her directive and mission are strong, but simple: not just to entertain, but to offer a musical safe haven. Her story, behind the lyrics, is one that has led her to embrace individuals who have been trapped in the "behind closed doors" subject of spousal abuse.*

One of the darkest times in my life was during my 13-year marriage to my first husband. We got married when we were attending Bible College. He came from a good family, so it was a big shock when the marriage became abusive almost immediately after the wedding.

We were in full-time ministry after college, planting churches across the country. But he was a different person in church than he was at home. It was like living with Dr. Jeckell and Mr. Hyde.

At home, he was verbally abusive, disrespectful, controlling, manipulative, proud and angry. He was bipolar/manic depressive, so he would have these mood swings every day. Sometimes he humiliated me in public. I never knew what would set off his rage. It was usually over petty things. He said that I was the one that made him act this way.

The language he used towards me would make a sailor blush. I was told to shut up and submit whenever I questioned his bad decisions. I walked on eggshells to avoid getting him upset.

He once put a gun to his head, because he couldn't have another piece of pie. He accused me of having affairs with everyone from my aerobics instructor to the choir director. I was tracked whenever I left the house.

I suspected he was gay because of the lack of intimacy in our relationship, but he denied it. I was kept in the dark about our family finances, even when we were on the verge of bankruptcy. He was never supportive of my music ministry either. I was good at putting on a Christian face in public, but I was miserable inside.

I was a dutiful wife for the first seven years of our marriage. I tried to make lemonade out of lemons, but things would get worse and worse. Only my closest friends knew what I was going through. Many people have asked me why I didn't leave him earlier. One of the reasons was that the legalistic church denomination that I came from would not allow divorce for any reason. Divorced people were treated like outcasts, and not allowed to fully serve in the church.

So, over the years, I dragged my husband to three different counsellors in order to get him some help. The pastors would tell me that if I would only submit to my husband, then we wouldn't have any marital problems. He acted differently towards any counsellor who had any real solu-

tions for him. He folded his arms and did not participate in the sessions.

I felt trapped, alone, and bitter. I wanted to take my marriage vows seriously. However, I had pretty much given up by our eight year of marriage. Truthfully, we were roommates, not marriage partners.

I became resentful and bitter with my husband, the church, and with God. I stopped praying, because I didn't think God was listening. I stopped doing my personal Bible reading as well. Oh, I continued to wear my mask and serve in the church on the outside, but inside I was dying more and more each day. I sank into a deep depression. No one was going to help me out of this prison.

Our 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary weekend came. It was a disaster. The next day, I woke up so depressed. I thought that I couldn't live another year like this. One of my friends said something to me which I'll never forget. She said I had to get out of that house! She also said that God isn't going to stop loving me no matter what happens. I realized she was right. That day I cried out to God, and said that I couldn't live like this anymore. I was willing to take whatever consequences that came as a result of leaving my husband. ***BUT... I had to get out before it destroyed me!***

I knew my husband, my abuser, wouldn't let me leave. I had three friends that offered to help me secretly escape, when my husband went out of town for two weeks. I was so terrified that he would find out. I didn't sleep for months.

I lost my job two weeks before my planned departure. I almost lost hope of getting out. But, a good friend said that I could live with her family until I got on my feet. She said that if I didn't leave now, I would not get another chance for a long time.

So, I left everything behind: my house, my cars, my furniture and my two dogs. When he found out that I had left, all of a sudden he wanted counselling. I was against it! Nevertheless, we went to counselling again with our pastor.

My husband was upset because I left. He apologized to me. However, when we talked about the issues in our marriage, it was the same song and dance. I told him that I forgave him for what he did to me. I firmly let him know that I was going through with the divorce.

Yes, I was finally free to start a new life for myself, but the next two years were very hard. I lost pretty much everything. Many of our friends chose sides. I was ostracized from my church. I went through bankruptcy and unemployment for eight months. I started dating again, but I met too many men like my ex-husband.

I held on to the promise that God had a plan for my life. I finally found a new church that accepted me as I was. I started praying and reading my Bible again. In 2008, I recorded my first solo vocal album.

Two years after my divorce, the Lord sent me a godly, loving hus-

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band. Brian is the greatest gift in my life. We are thankful for each day that we have together.

In 2010, we started **DSW Ministries**. Since Brian and I are both musicians, we felt led of God to use our music, drama and testimonies to promote awareness of domestic violence. I write songs about stories of survival as well as the victory we can have through Christ.

The missions of **DSW Ministries** are to educate, empower, and encourage people from all walks of life who are trapped in the cycle of abuse. We also help them thrive after they experience freedom. There are many different kinds of abuse, not just physical abuse. **The common denominator to all abuse is control.** There is physical, emotional, verbal, sexual, social, financial, and spiritual abuse. *Your abuser can terrorize you without laying a finger on you.* I know mine did.

You are loved of God. You are a person of value and worth. You deserve to be loved and treated with respect. You can get out! You can survive! You can even thrive! But, you must make an intentional decision to move towards that goal of being free from your abuser.

Take that first of many steps to change your life, and your children's lives, for the better! There are people ready and willing to help you. You just have to ask. Get in contact with a shelter or a crisis center in your area. If you need someone to talk to, you can contact me for some guidance for your particular situation. *Don't suffer alone. Don't give up!*

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# GOD'S CIRCLE OF LIGHT

And God said,  
"Stand before My presence  
with the nakedness  
of your inner spirit revealed.  
Surrender your flesh to Me.  
Allow My beaming holy light  
to penetrate  
the very core of your being."

Release your heart to undergo  
God's transforming surgical healing process.  
Holdfast to God's hand!  
Stand firmly placed  
in the Circle of God's light and love.  
Watch God heal  
your broken and troubled heart again!



*"He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up  
their wounds" (Psalm 147:3 KJV).*

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## FIRST LADY CHRISTINE V. MITCHELL, Ministry Leader The Lamp Newsletter Headquarters - UNITED KINGDOM

*Greetings Dear Friends.*

*Seasons come, seasons go ... and as we go through life's journey, different things happen to us along the way. Circumstances try to dictate to us. We know that we believe, that we have faith in God ... yet we see things happen - sometimes outside of our control - challenging us, causing us to question ourselves and how much faith we have. Things try to overcome or defeat us. Sometimes we simply just FEEL defeated, weighed down, oppressed. It's one thing if we need rest, but another when how we feel has nothing to do with the truth of what God says in His Word about us, and what He has promised.*

*So whose voice will we hear?*

*Dear friends, as I meditated on this dilemma one day, God inspired me with this little poem, which I pray may encourage your heart. God bless you! ...*

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## *The Voice of Circumstances*

When circumstances seem to be the only voice you hear  
Opposing all that you believe, surrounding you with fear  
Convincing you that "this is so," that "there will be no change,"  
Because what seemed so fine before has now been re-arranged

Remember that the Saviour is on board your sailing ship  
Don't hesitate to call His Name and take another grip  
Of faith that holds onto His word, that stands forever sure  
In Him, all things are possible, all things He can restore

If circumstances seem to shout and leave you in distress  
Remember, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess  
That Jesus Christ is Lord, above all things in heav'n and earth  
Oh yes, His word of life can turn around a state of dearth

The winds and waves obeyed His will, the sick were touched and healed  
The dead were raised ~ folk were amazed, His power was revealed  
Five thousand men were fed from only five loaves and two fish  
The Son of God from death arose, destroying Satan's wish

Let circumstances bow before the Name above all names  
Just speak the word of God to them and you'll not be ashamed  
For once again, God will show up, His love again to prove  
Forever put your trust in Him and you will not be moved!

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## *God's Secrets*

*God has secrets which He shares with us, His children. It may be the calling on your life or a special gifting given for His glorification, to further the kingdom of God.*

In the Bible, God entrusted Sampson with a secret. Sampson reacted in his flesh, forsaking God's crowning glory for a woman. Disconnected by his disobedience, vanity, pride and lust took over. Sampson fell from strength to weakness, and he fell quickly. His hair was a representation of how God could be cut off from his life. Sampson's hair was his secret strength, but it was GOD'S strength not his! Everyone admired Sampson's beautiful hair, but when it was cut off, he was just like any other man. His supernatural strength was gone! It wasn't until he was at his weakest, blinded and stumbling, that God's strength could be fully revealed!

The people had marveled at Sampson's strength, but they didn't recognize God in it. They were looking at and glorifying a man. And Sampson began to believe the hype... He may have opened the door to the devil, but it wasn't the devil who took away Sampson's strength, it was God!

### **HOW DO WE FIT IN?**

What secret do you have with God.....what vision? What pearls has He given you? How are you casting them.....before the Lord, or before swine? God gives the anointing. He crowns you with the crowning glory of His call and the strength to do it. But remember, it's HIS crowning glory! HIS anointing! The moment you think it's yours, just like Sampson's hair, it can be cut off.

Have you ever felt like you've fallen before the finish line? Remember you are living in the New Testament covenant. A child of the promise of God.....a son or a daughter of the Most High! You are a living stone with which God wants to build His church, the church of Jesus Christ.

In contrast to the speed at which you fell, the speed at which God is able to return you is far greater! Don't let anything stop you. You have the creator of the universe and the heavens on your side. Even the late boxing great, Muhammad Ali, at his prime couldn't K.O. you in the boxing ring when God is on your side! God is fixing to work a miracle and a wonder in YOU! The Lord-your-strength, loves you!

*"I will love You O Lord my strength. You are my salvation and my deliverer  
You are my hiding place... Even at my weakest I will be made strong  
Not my strength but Yours O Lord. My protector, my strong tower  
In my human frailty my refuge is found in You.  
Always... I will love You"*

- Inspired by the 18th Psalm - >< © 2015/16 - SLH

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## Continued Prayers extended to the Hickman family of Australia...

Mr Colin Hickman, age 84, went home to be with Jesus on August 1st, 2016. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Shirley Hickman, four daughters, 12 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren a host of other family members and dear friends.

Mr. Hickman was the dearly loved father of Sandra Hickman the staff writer and Australian Headquarters Leader of the Lamp.



*“O LORD my God, I called to you for help and you healed me” (Psalm 30:2 KJV).*  
**WE ARE PRAYING FOR THE SICK and SHUT –INS...**



*Ms. Kathryn Mitchell, the UK  
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*Happy 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday*

MR. SIMMIE LEE BURNSIDE, JR.

July 20, 2016

*He is the husband of Wanda J. Burnside.*

*Simmie is the manager of The Lamp Newsletter*

*Write the Vision Ministries and Media Productions, International*



*I love you...love you! May God forever bless you! You mean so much to me!  
You are a great man of God! You are always doing amazing things!*



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# HEIRS OF THE PROMISE

## Children Are Ready For Back To School!

By Mrs. Michele Barnes

Well, it is truly time to organize those closets! This is one of the most challenging preparations for back to school. Yet, it is a time which every family looks back on as the most treasured moments shared in preparing for back to school.

The inventory of closets, gives each child a chance to model for mom: what they already have to wear, what can be passed down or what must go into the donation box. Most girls feel that nothing is too tight or short to wear. Boys tend to not want to give up those favorite shirts or pants. However, it's mom, with her wisdom, who has the last word!

After what seems like hours, all the clothes have been tried on; the closets are organized and ready for hanging the new uniforms and items needed. The clothes found under the beds lead to more discussions on responsibilities in keeping the rooms organized.

The shoes and clothes in the donation box free the floors of clutter. This allows mom to have final inspection. She is better able to determine if each child is ready to be serious in maintaining the organization of their bedrooms. This is when she can reinforce the personal responsibility each child must take in respecting the rules of home and their school.

Back- to-school-time hours are now in place for going to bed. Cell phones are now being placed back on the charging table. This is the time to establish a place for free reading and other activities. Moms prepare an area for homework and study time.

And most of all, it is the time for children and teens to have a routine of getting a good night sleep. Sleep is something that they have given up in order to perfect their games scores or late night conversations on their phones. But, with the help of God, parents are taking back control of summer hours spent playing Pokémon, games and continuously being on cell phones!

Parents, stand firm to limit any and all other sources that divert your children's attention away from their family, education and relationship with God. We pray for victory in their efforts! Stand strong, parents!

Leaving home with backpacks full of school supplies, hearts full of love and knowing the name of Jesus, our children are more than ready for back to school!! It is my prayer that every child will love and know the name of Jesus! Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior! I sincerely pray that every child knows that they are "heirs to the promise of God" according to Romans 8:17.

I'm remembering a childhood Sunday School favourite song:

*Jesus loves the little children  
All the little children of the world  
Red and yellow, black and white  
They're all are precious in His sight  
Jesus loves the little children of the world!*



# LORD BLESS THE CHILDREN

*by Wanda J. Burnside*

**PSALM 138:7 KJV**

**Though  
I walk in  
the midst  
of trouble,  
thou wilt  
revive me;  
thou shalt  
stretch  
forth  
thine hand  
against  
the wrath  
of mine  
enemies,  
and thy  
right hand  
shall save  
me.**

Dear Lord,

Please watch over our boys and girls,  
In this troubled and wicked world.  
Protect and keep them safe everyday,  
For this is what we ask and pray.

Lord protect and help the children!

Be with them everywhere they go,  
To Satan help them to say "No!"  
Cover our children in Jesus' blood,  
Surround them with your Spirit and love.

Lord save the children!

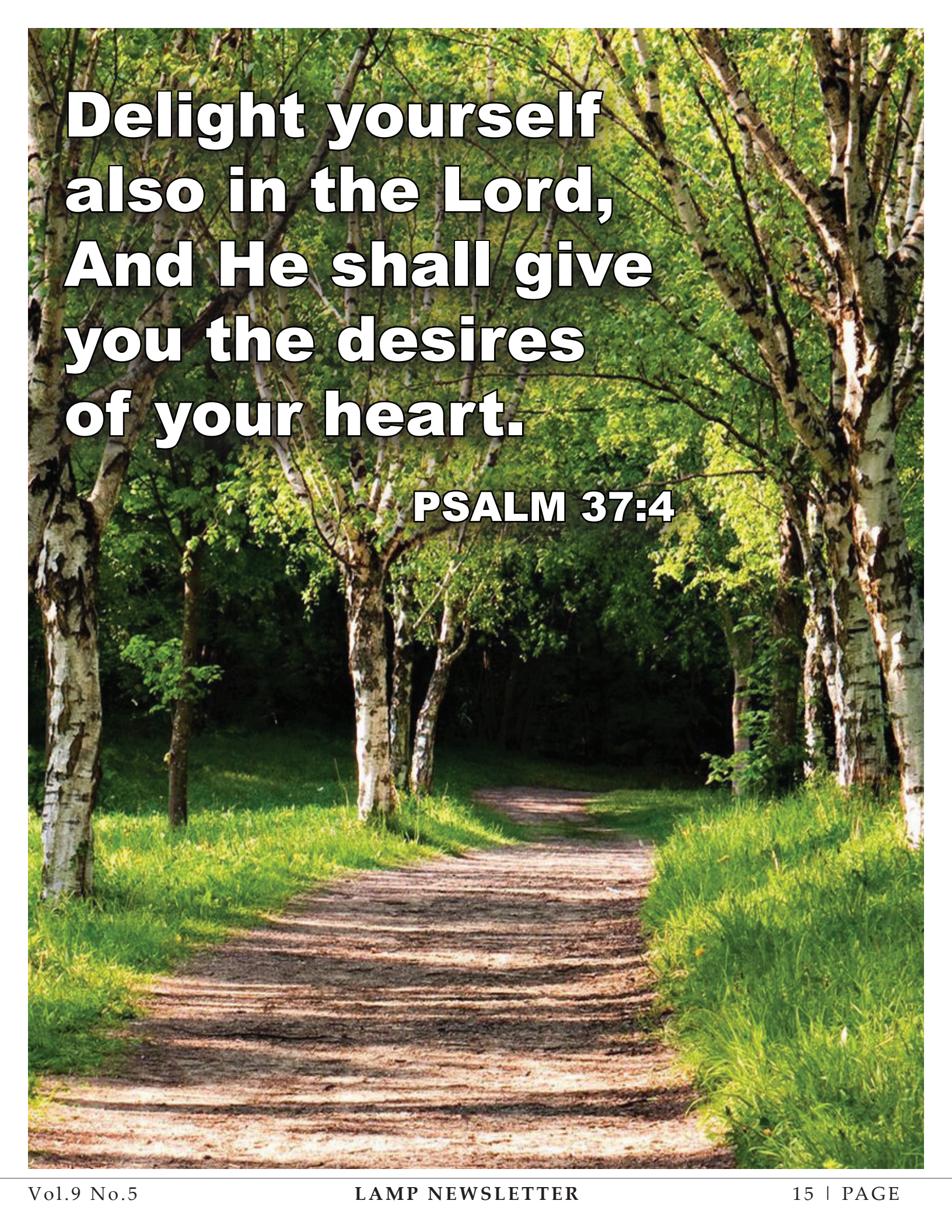
We stand on your promises and boldly proclaim:  
Blessings over them in Jesus' name.  
We praise and thank you for these things,  
All glory to Jesus, our Saviour and King.

Lord bless the children!

Amen

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A dirt path winds through a lush green forest of birch trees. The path is made of dirt and is flanked by tall grasses. The trees have white bark and green leaves. The scene is bright and sunny.

**Delight yourself  
also in the Lord,  
And He shall give  
you the desires  
of your heart.**

**PSALM 37:4**

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*I am so blessed to have great guests on this program.*

*Thank you for joining me in this ministry:*

*Elder Rodger Palm, my brother- Ministry leader*

*At Greater Miller Memorial Church of God in Christ*

*Evangelist Makol Hands, First Lady of*

*SION National Church of God in Christ*

*Ramelle T. Lee, Founder of Touching Your Heart Ministries And*

*Member of Greater Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church*

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# A MINISTRY OUTREACH REPORT

*from Author Ramelle T. Lee*



The Lord blessed my ministry, "Touching Your Heart Ministries," from July to September 2016. God laid it on my heart to get busy to minister with several of my poems. I had opportunity after opportunity to reach so many people. The world is hurting.

I had numerous opened doors to give away three of my poems: "Praying Power," "Keep God in the Picture" and "Jesus Is My Best Friend." People from Australia, Alaska, Canada, Ohio, across Michigan, Detroit, and everywhere in between have received these encouraging poems to lift their hearts. Men, women, teens, and children have been so astonished, blessed and excited to receive these poems.

Along with the poetry ministry, I was able to bless each person who received a poem with one of my red, white and blue, Patriot Keepsake Bouquets. It took a lot of preparation and steady work to reach out to people. However, I am so grateful to minister hope and the love of the Lord to nearly 300 souls!

*A treasure straight from heaven...*

To my surprise, God blessed me to purchase two beautiful professionally designed Patriotic floral arrangements for \$2.00 each following this outreach ministry. God spoke to my heart to go to Michael's craft store. I was shocked to find a special markdown activity going on there.

The floral centrepieces were originally priced at \$79.99 and \$69.99. But as I stated, I purchased them for only \$2.00 each! God sent these Labor Day blessings! What a gift! I will give one to my co-founder of Treasures from Heaven Ministries, Wanda J. Burnside. Happy Labor Day to you! And the other one...I will keep to adorn my ministry table. THANK YOU, LORD!



# Little Girls are Princesses!



The business and professional women Federation of Second Ecclesiastical jurisdiction of Southwest Michigan hosted their 4th Annual Princess N Pink Fellowship Saturday, September 10th 2016 at 1:00pm -3:00p.m. It was held at St. Matthew AME, 522 W. Maple Rd., Lansing, Michigan 48906

The purpose of the Business and Professional Women's Federation (B&PWF) is to organize and unite Christian women in the business and professional fields in a meaningful and benevolent working unit. Its goals and objectives are to assist the less fortunate, sick and shut-in, and support the education of our youth.

The organization of the B&PWF gives women a chance to put their professions to work for God. It operates on the Local, District, Jurisdictional and National levels. A minimum of five business and professional women may organize a Chapter. Every officer and member should work in harmony with the program of their local church, district and jurisdiction, as well as under the authority of their local Pastor, District, Jurisdictional, and National leaders, respectively.

Collectively the B & PWF uses its God-given financial resources to support community charities as well as its church leaders. The effort of The Princess N Pink Fellowship luncheon supports self-esteem and provides a way to support our young mothers returning back to school with books, supplies and consignments. It also enables us to give a contribution to the National B&PWF for community charities during the IWC, and to give love to our jurisdictional leaders.

District Missionary Bonnie McPeak,  
B& PWF Jurisdictional President  
SW2 Women Department

**May God's Blessings Overflow on This Great Work!**  
**W.J. Burnside and R. T. Lee, Founders**  
**Treasures from Heaven Ministries**

*Evangelist McPeak, Thank you for contacting us. It was an honor to be included in this wonderful event.*



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*From the heart of Wanda J. Burnside...*

## **The 2016 Maranatha Christian Writers Conference**

*I hope to see you there! I have been invited to teach and speak about poetry at this Christian writing conference. It is a grand experience to be a part of this vast setting of successful and productive Christian authors, publishers, instructors, writers, agencies and more.*

*This will be my second time to be a poetry instructor, advisor and consultant at the Maranatha Christian Writers Conference. The Lord blessed me to be there in 2012. It was an extremely wonderful and unforgettable time. I taught two poetry sessions and had a full schedule of meeting great poets who were eager to learn everything about poetry.*

*I am deeply grateful for Mrs. Verna Kokmeyer who extended the invitation for me to participate in the 2012 conference. Verna faithfully and diligently served for many years as the conference coordinator and in other capacities in leadership there. She continues to work and serve in several areas at Maranatha Conference Center.*

*In 2012, my husband, Simmie Lee, came, too. He assisted me as he usually does in so many ways, Two dear friends and members of The Called and Ready Writers: Missionary Trudy Hansberry and Author Ramelle T. Lee attended this event. They were overjoyed to participate in the various workshops and activities. I am thankful for their constant support and continued prayers.*

*My 2016 workshop is, "It's Time for Poetry." It is on Saturday, October 1 at 11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. You can view my schedule for consultations and other activities online.*

*I am grateful for this great opportunity! It is a great honor to be selected and invited to be included to teach and share information and knowledge on poetry. God wants to use Christians who love writing poetry in numerous ways. He gave them this gift, and He takes delight in how their poetry ministers to others.*

*Thanks, Bonnie Emmorey the Conference Administrator, for your kindness and dedication to help me complete what was required for this conference. GOD BLESS YOU!*



# GOD BLESS AMERICA!

*Isaiah 43:18-19 (NKJV)*

*“Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”*



America has mourned. We have all felt deep empathy regarding the violence and the racial divide in our beloved nation. We have lost loved ones. Innocent lives have been deprived of a bright future. The hurt that fills our hearts is beyond excruciating. But in the midst of it all God is there! Retaliation, hatred and violence, is not the way to change things. Forgiveness, love, and the fervent prayers of the righteous, will see God turn this around, and the new things shall spring forth!

The above scripture says that we remember not the former things. The hatred and bitterness of the past must be done away with. You see, when we are operating in the hate of yesterday, our future is still bound. It is time to heal the racial divide. God is doing a new thing. We need to see God's plan so that we are renewed and transformed in the spirit of our minds. Love conquers all things, but violence destroys lives.

The Bible tells us that minds can only be renewed by the perfect will of God in our lives, *“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God”* Romans 12:2 NKJV.

Steadfast fervent prayer must be our starting point to bring about the transformation of our nation. Romans 9-12 NKJV says, *“9 Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. 10 Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; 11 not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; 12 rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer”*

Christ has shown us the way to live in the power of His love and forgiveness. President Nelson Mandela restored the nation of South Africa from Apartheid through peaceful reconciliation and forgiveness. Hatred will consume a nation, but love and forgiveness will heal and restore it. We are called the United States of America. I pray we will turn to united prayer as we follow in the footsteps and examples of the love of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior for all mankind. Amen.

Let the American Church arise and bring the peace of Christ in our nation.

*Evangelist Raymond Nsalange is the Senior Pastor at Jabez Ministries and Missions International in Kwinana Western Australia. He is also the Founding Director of the Divine Cutting Edge Ministries International (DCEMI) Florida, USA. Pastor Ray's burning desire is to see the lost saved.*



**Churches, around the world, who Name Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior...**

# PRAY!

It is with our prayers and humble spirit that...

People are changed and blessed!

Nations are protected and blessed!

This is a global - WORLDWIDE plead:

*“Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people,” (Proverbs 14:34 NET)*

*“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land,” (2 Chronicles 7:14 NIV).*

IT IS TIME FOR THE CHURCH TO:  
SEEK THE FACE OF GOD!  
TURN FROM YOUR WICKED WAYS!

We, THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST, need to hear from heaven! We need to be forgiven of our sin! GOD PROMISED TO – Heal our land!

## *Closing Prayer*

Dear Heavenly Father,

We come to You to lead and guide us every day of our lives. There are so many decisions, problems, circumstances and situations that we must face. We are daily confronted with questions in our hearts about what to do concerning things.

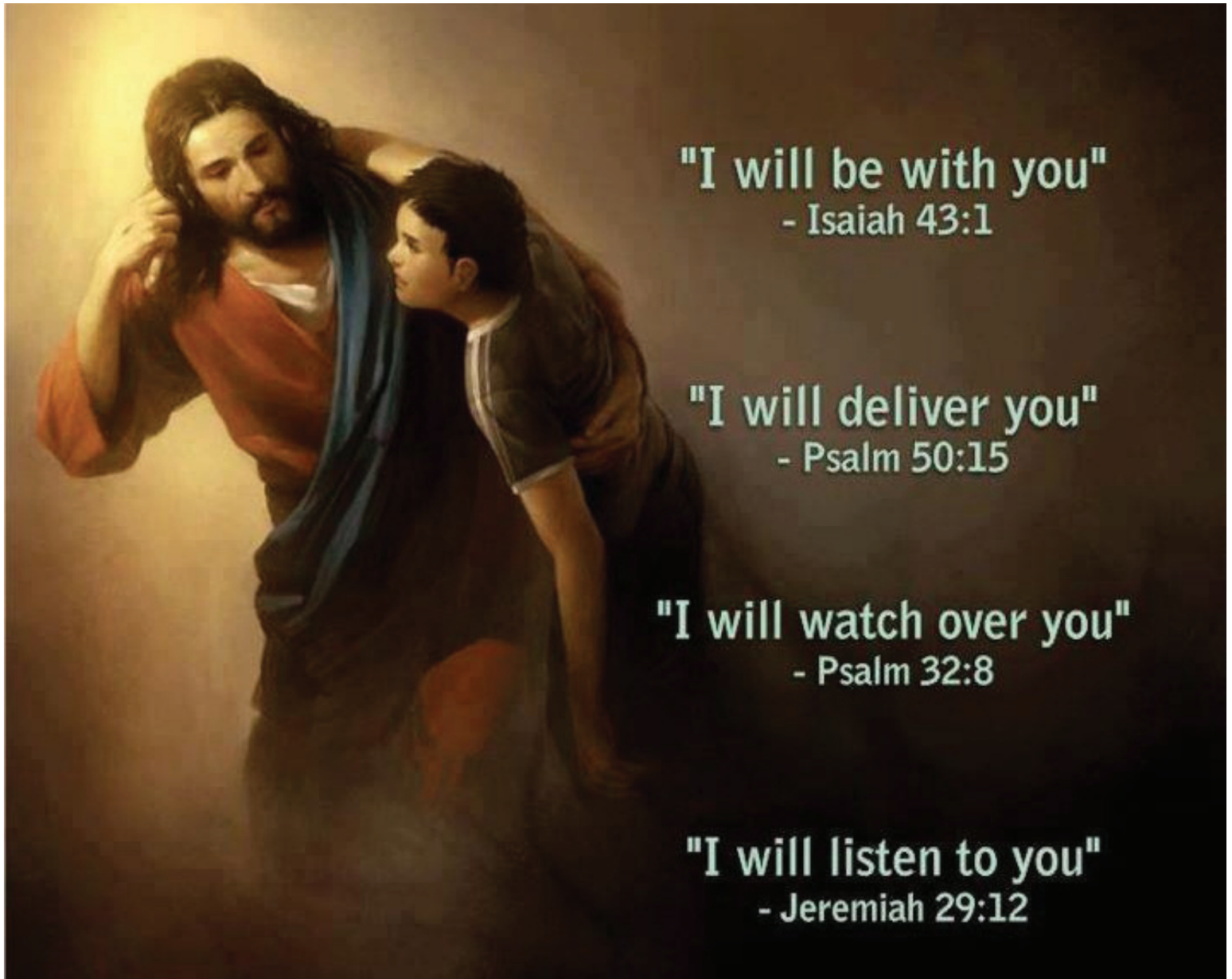
At times, the worries, fears and wondering about what to do, truly wear us down. We have needs and wants that become stressful because we are so limited in many ways. Hear our cries. Hear our groans.

We yield to You. You are almighty. You are the Master of everything. Take our hands and help us. Keep us from those things, situations and people who are there to prevent us from having peace and victory. We turn everything, and everyone who have been an overbearing problem in our lives, over to You! We seek You for Your blessings on our lives.

We ask for Your help and for all of these blessings in the Name of Jesus. Thank you, Father. Praise Your Name. Amen.



# **JESUS SAID...**



***PUT YOUR TRUST IN JESUS.  
HE CARES FOR YOU!***

## Your Prayers and Support are NEEDED

*Readers,*

*If you have blessed by reading and receiving THE LAMP NEWSLETTER....*

*Please pray for us! We are a very busy, concerned and dedicated team of writers. My writing staff fervently work so hard to bring you interesting and inspirational stories, messages, poems and other wonderful things for you. We want you encouraged, lifted-up, comforted, and filled with the hope of the Lord. We are all living with great trials, tests and difficult situations in our lives. Our only hope is JESUS! This is why we write...to tell His message and Word to people everywhere!*

*There is much work and expense to produce each newsletter. I am grateful for the donations and contributions that I have received from those who care about the work and ministry of this newsletter. My heart has been touched. Through the years, there has been a small remnant – who have helped financially from time to time. This has been a BLESSING!*

*The expense to produce the newsletter requires so much. I am grateful for my husband, Simmie Lee, for standing faithful, loyally and MOST GENEROUSLY with financial support. This year, the Lamp is eight years old. Glory to God! Simmie has given and given to help me keep the newsletter going. We have worked to give our finances to this ministry. We praise the Lord for sustaining us.*

*Now, won't you join in and help with a financial offering? We seldom ever make this appeal. Other ministries and ministers cry for help...regularly...continuously! We haven't done that. We are depending on the Lord. But, He works through you to bless those in ministry and in need. So, if you can stand with us with a one-time offering or a monthly offering...WE WILL BE SO THANKFUL! God bless you.*

*Please either contact us by letter, phone, email as follows.....Thank you.*

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