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Hallelujah! Praise Jehovah!

My Dear Precious Brothers in Christ,

Grace be to you and Peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 1: 2).

Before I really get into this CORPORATE NEWSLETTER, for the month of July, I must ***first*** tell you about the HOLY GHOST *experience* we had on the *Fourth of July weekend*. O.K.? Our Jehovah God sent us to the ***Atmore Correctional Facility***, for an ***“Emancipation Fourth of July WEEK-END REVIVAL”***. WOW! And was it ***awesome!?*** There are not words to even express how the Lord moved in the camp.

On Friday night, *some of us arrived late because we had to work during the time, when part of our team left to go to Atmore, and others got stranded. Therefore, the first service was over, when we arrived. Oh, but we were told how that Pastor Carmen was tremendously used by God. Then, she, through the Holy Ghost, felt for the Warden to give the benediction. That prayer was SO AWESOME! PASTOR AND THE WARDEN, BOTH SAID THEY FELT FIRE IN THEIR HANDS! Then, Pastor felt for Sister Shon, to pick up the dismissal prayer.*

The anointing fell upon Sister Shon. God began to prophesy through her that he was about to cause a turn around to come about for the men. She then admonished the men to begin to turn around *in the natural*. **This was just an expression of their FAITH, (TO GOD), to show that they not only believed, but also received HIS PROPHETIC word.** They made a 360 degree, full circle, turn around. **Gods’ words, from her lips touched their hearts.** I could see, through the Spirit, that it was like the ***“Day of Pentecost”***.

Well, after the group that had gone, to the service at ATMORE, finally came back to the hotel, **Sister Tammy, Sister Shon and my self, went to Wal-mart**, to pick up a few things. Get this! The devil was SO mad about how GOD had moved, **at the ATMORE Facility**, that on the way back, we had a tire to **“BLOW OUT”**.

Now, if any of you have been to ATMORE, ALABAMA, then you know that it is *notorious for (4) things*: **Indian Ritualistic Witchcraft, The Casino, Rattlesnakes, and Long, Pitch-black-dark roads**. Well, Sister Shon was driving, and she was doing about *70 or so miles an hour, on the interstate*. A tire **“blow out”, at that SPEED alone, could have flipped the car over**. The tire was completely GONE! Look at God! So, there we sat, on that long, dark, interstate road (no lights), with big, **(18) eighteen wheeler Trucks, flying by**. We prayed, locked those doors and believed.



Thank God for cell phones! **(LEGAL CELL PHONES, that is.)** Sis. Shon turned on the flashers! It took Faith, but after a while, I got out and stood by the car. (I could have gotten out **and stepped right on a rattle snake**). I began to ask God “to send an angel by”, to help us. **Sister Shon called Pastor Carmen, who was back at the Hotel, already praying for us**. Now get this, Pastor knew nothing about the blow-out, but God had her there praying for us. **(AMOS 3:7)**.

Shon told her what had happened. *She told us to get back into the car, lock the windows and doors, and keep on praying*. While we were praying, **Pastor Carmen called downstairs, in the hotel, to the front desk**. The desk clerk, very bluntly stated, “*Sorry, there is nothing I can do*”. Pastor Carmen **insisted** that she speak to someone else.

Finally, the clerk said, “Well, there is a man here, that may be able to help you”. The gentleman **was so very kind and courteous**. He said, **“Don’t worry, they are only (1) one exit away. I am going to call the police, then I am going to call you back”**. And, he did just that. About fifteen minutes later, the police came (**Gods’ angel**). **Psalms 91: 1-2**

When we searched for a jack, how about, there was not one in our car? The officer dug **in his OWN trunk and finally found one. Not only that, but he changed the tire! He watched over us and told us to be careful. Hallelujah!** We made it back to the hotel safely. **I just want you to know that God’s got angels all over**. God **Himself** stayed the hand of the enemy. What the devil meant for evil, God turned it around for our good. AMEN? SEE, If God be for us, who can be against us? **(Romans 8:31)**. Praise Him!

- And now, the **Blessings of God** continues to flow. Y’all ready for this? This is going to *“blow your minds”*, like it did ours.....

On Saturday morning, we were blessed to be treated with such **“royalty”**. Never in our lives, **since we have been in prison ministry**, have we experienced this. The **Warden invited us to come to her office, before the service**. She had pictures of the

“Tornado storms” that we recently experienced in Alabama. They were shockingly phenomenal. You could actually see the Hand of God in the Sky, as the Tornadoes were raging.

Well, afterwards, Pastor Carmen asked if we could say a word of prayer before we went out on the grounds. **See, we were already fired up!** Again, after Pastor Carmen prayed, she asked the Warden if she would add to the prayer.

WOW!! ADD to the prayer is an understatement! As she began to pray it was like “HEAVEN came down in our midst”. The Anointing was so strong! (very powerful). Like ELECTRICITY!! We could *not stop crying*. What an experience!

From the Warden’s office, to the Chapel, (that’s where the praise and worship continued), then, from the Chapel, to the yard, WE CRIED, PRAISED, SANG and WORSHIPPED!!! The STAGE and equipment was already set up and one of the Sergeants directed the choir, **“The Soldiers of Praise.”** You talking about anointed!!

She sang a couple of songs and they were overwhelmingly powerful. **The Soldiers of Praise blessed us with their anointed songs and testimonies! Inmate Pastor, Tracy, keep telling it! “HELLO, ATMORE SOLDIERS, KEEP ON DOING IT FOR**



JESUS! WE WILL BE BACK!” Praise God!

After that, the **“Warriors of Praise”** came up! with **“Shake Yourself Loose”** and several other songs that blessed the brothers. *Then, the word came forth and Pastor Carmen seemed to be “lifted up higher, and higher”, as we observed.* **Hallelujah!**

It seemed like the anointing of the **Holy Ghost** used her to go, from the beginning of the *Bible*, to the end of it, in just a short time. **(It seemed like she never took a breath, and it was HOT out there, too). She did not even feel the heat. The Holy Ghost just took her over!** Believe me, it would take ‘**too long**’ to even TRY to tell you about all of the **favor** that God gave to us.

- **THESE FOLKS AT ATMORE KNOW HOW TO GET BLESSED!**

Would you believe that when the service was over, the **Warden and Officers** went in their own pockets, shopped and **purchased ingredients** to prepare **chicken, tossed salad and the fixings?** Who ever heard of the WARDEN and Sergeants humbling themselves to **SERVE?** Come on!

They did not BUY the food, already prepared, **they cooked it**, themselves. (As hot as it was). Then, they served it. **The “Soldiers”** fell right in, setting up tables, chairs, and whatever their hands found to do. Their genuine love and respect, for their superiors, was heart touching.

Their hospitality humbled us, as we were reminded of the HUMILITY of our savior, JESUS. He humbled himself to WASH the Disciples feet, then “He humbled Himself, even to the death of the CROSS. Listen, there is no way for these people to NOT get blessed. The Bible says that when we give, *just a glass of water*, to a prophet of God, *we will get a prophet’s reward.* Look, before we even got there, the administration already had ice cold water, orange juice, and Gatorade, prepared for us! **TALKING ABOUT A REWARD!**

That chicken was “finger licking good”. The salad, with cubed ham and everything YOU CAN THINK OF, that goes into a salad, was “off the chain”. It had EVERYTHING in it. Then, we had “Home grown Watermelon”, (that was grown across from the facility). It was **good and sweet**. Not to mention, **homemade tea**, (that would put ‘Milos’ out of business).

Then, to our “Surprise, they pulled out a beautifully decorated, RED, WHITE and Blue cake. It had “*EMANCIPATION WEEK- END*” written on it. It was just as delicious, as it was **Beautiful!** Pastor Carmen was still fasting, so we ATE enough for her, too! (smile). So, everything we needed and more, at lunch time, was there for us.

Afterwards, we went back to the hotel to rest. (on full stomachs). Then, **back to the prison that evening**, for another **Hallelujah good time!** Need I say that God Moved!?

Later, that night, when we got back to the hotel, some of us went to the Hotel’s restaurant. *God gave us favor with the owner.* **Sister Christie asked if we could still**



buy our dinner. Some of us “LOVE TO EAT when ever we are not fasting. **Guess Who? (smile).** *It was late and they were about to close.* He said that we could get all we could eat *for only five dollars.* **It was a seafood buffet. The normal cost was about \$17.00, per person .** He was informed that we had just had service at the prison. How about, we got ***all the seafood, salad and dessert we wanted.*** The only thing the owner asked, was for us to pray for him. **Philippians 4:19**

Sunday Morning, back to the prison. WE COULDN’T WAIT! I can’t say that the *last service was as good as the first*, because **I was not there** at the first one. But, I tell you, if it was half as good as this one, **we all should be flying, without a plane.** Each service was better and better. From the very beginning of the service, God cut up through ***the “Soldiers of Praise”***, again.

Then, the Holy Ghost just fell on one of the Sergeant’s. There are no words to even begin describing what God did. *Wow! I am surprised that all of the “FRONT” gates did not just “SWING WIDE OPEN”, like it did with Paul and Silas.* I didn’t want to leave. These precious people actually walked us to our cars.

After that, we went back to the hotel and then back to the restaurant. I asked the owner if there were any things in specific that he desired, when we prayed. He said for us to

just pray in general, for him. **SISTER CHRISTIE began to pray, right then and there**, for him. Then, other prayers went forth, that God would also bless him, his family, that ***God would prosper him and even allow him to be able to open up another restaurant.*** He and his wife ***hugged us*** and told us that **“ALL OF OUR FOOD WAS FREE!”** *Hallelujah and Hallelujah* again! **Jehovah Jireh!** **He truly is our provider!**

- My Brothers, just a few words for your encouragement. Sister Silky Mattie Patty, in last months' newsletter, told you about **“the 8-day FAST”** that we were on. **REMEMBER?** Well, *Listen, as we fast and go to prisons, **God takes us over in a mighty way.** To him be Glory and Honor, for it is not about us. We are just instruments in His hands.* Therefore, **if we yield ourselves to Him, then, He can use us.** *Glory!* And now, my brothers, it's time **that I CHALLENGE YOU, to seek God's face and see what He has to say to you**, whether its through His Word or through one of His servants.

As you all may recall, I recently went to Ohio. Well, Before my trip to Ohio (during *the eight day fast*) **and leading up to the nine day revival, I received a call that my brother was in ICU.** *He had been given a medication that caused him to have a severe, life- threatening, allergic reaction.* **One night, during Bible Study, we interceded for him.** The *Holy Ghost, through Pastor Carmen prophesied that he would be alright.*

My **cry was thanking God for giving him another chance**, because he is not saved (out of the ark of safety). *A few days later, I headed to Ohio to see him.* **Who do you think met me, at the bus terminal, but him!?** **Healed!** Praise God, he is doing well but still outside of the ark of safety. (unsaved). But, I *Thank God* for being a God of another chance and another chance. Praise God! **Luke 4:18.**

I was there for a few days and had a chance to spend time with all my sisters, my brother and my mama. **I got a chance to witness to many people, from the super market, to the pizza place, to the shopping mall.** Several people were receptive and then, there were some who didn't seem to care.

Walking to the grocery store, I spoke to an older man who shared that he was diagnosed with **Cancer in his throat but he was doing better and he was truly thanking God for his healing.** You see my brothers, **we don't have to go by what it looks or feels like.** We must thank God that *He sent forth His Word to heal us.* **Matthew 10:8.**

On the day of my departure, my sisters and this brother (that God had healed), was at my mama's house. When we were getting ready to pray, he started to go out of the door. I



told him that he needed to be in the prayer circle, because of God's goodness to him. He stated we could go on and pray, while he was outside! *He refused to pray!* **WHAT A FOOL SPIRIT!!**

You see, the enemy does not want us ***saved and delivered***. I just pray that his plumb line does not run out. I pray for “mercy” and that he doesn’t ***WAIT TOO LATE!*** However, ***I thank God that I had the opportunity to obey God!*** I shared and witnessed, to all of them. God only told me to **WARN** them, so their **Blood** wouldn’t be on my hand. Amen? ***I left with a clear conscience.*** Please read: **(Ezekiel 3:18-20 and 33:6-7).**

I really had to ***seriously pray*** before I got into my brothers’ car.  Many things came to my mind, while he was taking me back to the bus terminal.   **But, God** had me under the ***Shadows of His Almighty Wings, Hallelujah! Psalms 91:1***

Men of God, know that you are Kings and Ambassadors in the World. God put you here, whether it’s on the streets or in prison. You represent the King of Kings. You must speak His words and make known His thoughts. Dare to do more than “just what is required”. His presence shall go with you and He will give you rest. **Ex 33:14.**

So, put on the “whole amour of God”, **(Ephesians 6:11)**. There is NO ***interior battle*** that is ***too fierce*** to confront, head on, full force and face to face, when you are in your amour. Therefore, as the miseries and misfortunes of life continue to pitch “fast balls” your way, you must keep picking up the “bat of the Word” and knocking them out of your life’s ball park. **COMBAT EVERY EVIL WITH THE WORD OF GOD!**

In closing, by daily allowing the ‘***Kings Shout***’ to be coming out of your mouth (and you know the Kings shout is “***the living Word of God***”), ***you got Victory in Jesus.*** See you

soon, **Frank Lee! You know who is going to Win!**  **So start practicing now!**
Hey, Elmore, Staton, St.Clair, Ventress, Limestone, Bibb County, Decatur, Holman, J.O.Davis, Fountain, Draper, Red Eagle, and all the rest of you, get ready! Cause here

we come, in Jesus Name.  **We love everyone of you!**

Now, may the God of Peace, keep your in His loving care,

HIS SERVANT,

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“WE BID YOU GOD’S PEACE”

AS WE AWAIT THE COMING OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST”!!
REMEMBER, JESUS IS COMING SOON! AND YOU MUST BE READY!
THERE IS A HEAVEN AND A HELL, AND THEY ARE BOTH REAL!
WHICH ONE WILL BE YOUR “ETERNAL,”FINAL DESTINATION?