

*God reconciled us to Himself  
through Christ and gave us  
the ministry of reconciliation.*

*II Corinthians 5:18*

Dear Friends,

January 2019

What a wonderful time of year Christmas always is for the believer: a special focus on the gift of God which is Jesus our Savior!

The week after Christmas this poem was read by my pastor during his sermon and it not only was inspirational to me but reflects the desire of my heart to be faithful to do my part in fulfilling the things Jesus came for and has appointed us to do.

"When the Song of The Angels Is Stilled" by Howard Thurman

*When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and the princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
**The work of Christmas** begins:  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among people,  
To make music in the heart.*

I can honestly say that TEAM 5:18 has been faithful through the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit to do all of those things to one degree or another. I want you to know that your involvement in this work whether through prayer, giving, or volunteering is touching lives, mending lives, and bearing eternal fruit.

Thank you for helping us share God's greatest gift year around as we continue "**The work of Christmas**"!

In His Love,

Shane

PS – Please be in prayer for "One Day With God" at Rayburn Prison coming February 23. Applications are due January 30th for those desiring to volunteer.





