

## **The Invitation Newsletter - an outreach of Jerry Liversage Ministries, Inc.**

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### **Jerry's New Ministry Additions**

As you know, Jerry's involvement with ministry includes Jerry Liversage Ministries, Inc., Responding Recovery Ministries, and serving as a part time Pastor a few days a week at Hawthorne Church of the Nazarene in Hawthorne, CA.

Now a new area of ministry responsibility for Jerry includes serving as a board member at the International College he has been attending for the last several years. The Association of Christian Alcohol and Drug Counselors Institute College (ACADCI) have extended this invitation to serve, which began with Jerry's first meeting on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> 2016. ACADCI College of Addiction & Biblical Studies offers tracks to Associate, Bachelor, Masters, and Doctoral programs in Addiction & Biblical Studies with professional tracks, and is an educational provider for the Breining Institute and for California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals (CCAPP), to prepare the student in becoming a Substance Abuse Counselor, Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor, and Clinical Psychology Licensure in most states, working in partnership with other Certifying Organizations. ACADCI offers Dual Certificates that qualify in Faith-Based Substance Abuse and Addiction Counselor Competencies as well as Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) TAP 21 Counselor Competencies. ACADCI is also an Education Provider (#705) for National Association for Addiction Professionals, NAADAC.

### **Secondly**

Even though Jerry completed his **Master's Degree** program in counseling last year, he continues to work on his required Continuing Education Units (CEU), which maintains his other State and National Credential's in Drug and Alcohol Certifications. This is a 40 unit program requirement every two years. In addition, on January 16 2016, Jerry received his **Doctorate in Biblical Addiction Counseling** from ACADCI who recently joined in partnership with New Gate College.

Jerry feels that all of the above have been provided by the divine leading and movement of God to include the scholarships' given from ACADCI to assist in completing these educational tracks. To God be the Glory!

### **Thirdly**

Extending the message of Jesus to the Inland Empire area has been a point of prayerful concern for some time. It started with a burden to be part of what God desires to do in my Daughter's immediate family. We have believed and will continue to believe in a supernatural invasion of the Holy Spirit to those who need to hear of the delivering Power of Jesus. Our desire is to be part of that endeavor. We hold onto the promises of God concerning the breaking down of demonic strongholds, deceiving spirits and self-absorbed illusions. We still hold onto the words of Jesus who said in John 8:32 - *And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*" NKJV We have viewed firsthand how Satan, who is cunning, crafty, and subtle - move with deceptive precision into our family with lies packaged in a false hope of freedom. As a skilled magician who uses slight of hands techniques, Satan has woven his deceptive ways into the mind of many who have believed the UN-truth. The art of the deceiver is to APPEAR to be the real deal in ANY way he can. He knows if he can insert his venomous poisons of counterfeit hope into a mind, and if a person will foster the lie long enough, eventually it could become real to the individual.

A prime example can be found in a dysfunctional home. If a deceived parent communicates to a child various negative lies, their degrading words will become daggers to the child and the lie can become lived out truth. The realities are the imbedded lies will become truth to the individual, even though they are lies. Adhered to long enough, it will change the heart and behavior of the child in a very devastating fashion.

It remains our hope to carry the Light of Jesus Christ and His Kingdom into a very dark world of deception. His Light will expose the lie and the author of darkness and his demonic kingdom. To God be the Glory forevermore!

### **Holly and Jerry's Move Update**

On December 12<sup>th</sup> Holly and Jerry finally made their residential move to Redlands, CA. They are a short distance from their daughter, son in law and three beautiful grandchildren. As many concerning this ministry are aware, Jerry's first full time Pastorate was in 1996 at Yucaipa Church of the Nazarene in Yucaipa, CA. The church is located a few miles from where they currently live. Jerry and Holly are very familiar with the surrounding area of the Inland Empire. They are also close to Redlands Church of the Nazarene where Jerry began his current Responding 12 step Recovery program to the community, upon their return from Tennessee and a ministry endeavor with Dr. Stephen Manley. Dr. Manley, Cross Style Church and Redlands Nazarene Church still continue Responding 12 step Recovery and food outreach to this day at their church. Mike Cram is a board member at Redlands Nazarene and who facilitates the recovery meeting and food outreach program. It is Jerry's hope to establish another food outreach and recovery program in the Inland Empire area, which will be an extension of the Orange County areas of ministry, now largely facilitated by others who are carrying ministry responsibilities of Responding Recovery Ministries. For more Responding Recovery locations, go to the website at.....

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### **Partnership with us!**

Would you consider becoming a **financial partner with us, even on a monthly basis?** God continues to burden this ministry with the advancement of the Gospel while there is still time. Jesus said in John 9:4, *I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.* NKJV

This verse is also translated, "We must work the works of him who sent me" (NRSV), and some early manuscripts end the sentence in the plural, "us." Evidently, Jesus was speaking of himself and his disciples as coworkers. He wanted them to learn from him because they would continue his work as his sent ones. Jesus included the disciples in this work because they would be the ones doing the work of God on earth after his resurrection and ascension. What a privilege to be called Christ's coworkers. We must never doubt our role or significance.

### **Ministry Vision and Needs**

We thought we would put before you some areas of need concerning this ministry. We know you have your own church where you tithe and other ministries God has led you to support. We would not want to disturb that union whatsoever. However, there may be some who may be compelled to partner with this ministry as well. Below are a few visionary needs to this ministry.

1. **The Upstart of a Teaching and Discipleship Ministry** equipping Christian men and women who want a Biblical approach in becoming a Credentialed substance abuse counselor. The field of Drug and Alcohol recovery has grown exponentially over the last several years and the demands for Christian counselors are great. The harvest is plentiful and the labors are few. This approach is a *"Journey for Eternal Life."*
2. **Jerry's New Book Publication is in need** of financial support. The amounts of funds needed are approx. 4000.00. This is the basic with little marketing. As Jerry's previous publications, he receives no revenues from book sales as all proceeds go back to support this ministry. The new book and manuscript are complete and waiting on the Lord for the provision for publication. The book will be available in Christian Book stores, Barnes and Noble and Amazon. The title is Presence, Power and Purpose in a Lying World. The subtitle is The TRUTH vs. the Devils Song of Seduction. You can email us for a sample chapter of the book.
3. **The Upstart of a Bible based Recovery Home** in the Inland Empire. This concept includes a Biblical recovery program, which is more than a place to live. It will be a shared cost from the serious individual who wants recovery God's way. There will be structured areas of recovery, life skills offered, as well as ministry encouragement to carry the Gospel to someone else with hands on experience training. The idea will be to "Rise in the Life changing presence of Christ to Carry Biblical Life to Someone else."
4. **A Good Sound running Vehicle is DESPARATELY needed.** This ministry is so grateful for those who donated their vehicles for a tax deduction down through the years. There are also those who gave to maintain the current ministry vehicles. However, we now have another vehicle need and are once again by faith, trusting God's provision. May God Bless you for any consideration to the above.