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## The Invitation Newsletter

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"Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you Find."  
-Jesus

Welcome to the first 2017 edition of *The Invitation Newsletter*. It is hard to believe another year has come and gone. As we are in full swing of a new year, many of you may have set some God given visions for your personal life, your family, church, ministry, employment, etc... Whatever God has placed in your view, one thing is for sure; our number one priority as children of God should be a focus on **Evangelism**.

### What Is Evangelism?

Evangelism is...

- The normal life of the healthy church and can never be regarded as an optional extra
- The privilege and responsibility of every member of Christ's body
- Supremely God's work in people in which he enlists human cooperation
- A process rather than a program

We can begin to reach out to those around us one heart at a time. It takes all of us to build the Church of Jesus Christ. Some view evangelism as a work that others do. But this is an incorrect view of a Biblical posture and mandate from the very words of Jesus Himself. He said; *Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.* Amen. Matt. 28:19-20 NKJV

### How Do People Often Find the Answer to Eternal Life?

2017 is already revealing turbulent times in Churches, Communities, States, Country and World affairs. Many have even said we are in "historic times" the world has never known. I believe this to be true. As core values of family, country and even some churches continue to diminish, we come back to the heart of God, which is evangelism.

When the Bible figure Saul first appeared in Acts 7, we view his unholy mission continuing in Chapter 8 and then his amazing conversion appears in Acts 9. This incredible conversion was a direct result of an encounter with Jesus Christ. At that time he was given a new name of Paul. His new found life in Christ impacted much of the new expanding church as well as the New Testament. For an example, he said in Rom 10:14-15 *"But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?"* NLT

Paul's statement echos the words of Jesus as mentioned in the above "What is Evangelism" heading. If you have the heartbeat of God through Jesus Christ in you, which is evangelism, then **you too are an evangelist concerning the Gospel of Jesus Christ**. Share the Answer (Jesus) to Eternal Life with someone today!

### What Bible Scholars Have Stated Concerning Evangelism?

The heartbeat of God, which is evangelism, reverberates through the life of Christ, to all His followers past and present. Consider these statements:

"Jesus said to the apostles: 'Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.' This truth helps us to realize that it is our responsibility to cross the barriers of class, to cross the barriers of creed, to cross the barriers of culture, irrespective of the cost involved."

-Alistair Begg

"Even if I were utterly selfish, and had no care for anything but my own happiness, I would choose, if I might, under God, to be a soul-winner, for never did I know perfect, overflowing, unutterable happiness of the purest and most ennobling order till I first heard of one who had sought and found the Saviour through my means. No young mother ever rejoiced so much over her first-born child, no warrior was so exultant over a hard-won victory."

-C. H. Spurgeon

"Our Guilty Silence suggests that one of the main reasons for our silence is because we lack either a thorough knowledge of the Gospel or a conviction about its truth or both. There can be no evangelism without an evangelist, no mission without a message"

-John Stott, (in his book, Our Guilty Silence)

### **New Uploads Now Available on Ministry Website**

The completion of our first new upload from **Responding Recovery Television** is being placed on our ministry website for those who do not have access to Spectrum Cable (formerly Time Warner Cable). We are making a few recordings available on this ministry website for those who cannot tune into the Monday thru Friday broadcast on channel #39 through Spectrum Cable based in Costa Mesa, CA. Because of new ministry volunteers' addition (Kurt Masdea), we are in hope of a long awaited vision to increase our media message of the cross, to include training classes in the arena of Biblical Deliverance from drug and alcohol addiction, taught by Jerry Liversage. Also, our new Jerry Liversage Ministries **YouTube Channel** is almost complete, which will include preaching/teaching messages from Jerry.

### **Ministry Team Member Prayer Request**

One of our long standing team members with Responding Recovery Television is Ken Seiffert. For many years, Ken has been a camera man at Spectrum Cable Studio (formerly Time Warner Cable) where we film and record Responding Recovery Television. He has also been an editor for the programing. Last year, Ken's wife Sue was admitted to the hospital for various physical complications. After almost losing her life and a three week stay in the hospital, Sue miraculously recovered and continues recovering to this day while at home.

Also our newest team member, as of the end of 2016, is Kurt Masdea. Kurt lives in Massachusetts but is beginning to perform editing responsibilities through various technologies. Kurt also has various physical complications while on disability at home and would appreciate your prayer as well. Thank you.

### **Ministry Prayer Request**

As you pray for this ministry, please remember: \* the Liversage family \* Responding Recovery Television \* Jerry Liversage Ministries YouTube Channel \* Our Expanded Vision of a Responding Recovery Center \* the preaching ministry in various churches/venues \* Responding Recovery National small group meeting locations.

### **Thank You From Jerry Liversage**

We wanted to extend a great big thank you to all who have financially supported this ministry down through the years. This effort is strictly supported through prayer partners like you who underwrite the Gospel as it goes forth. We receive no funds from our cable programming and many times our materials are given at no charge to those who may have financial challenges. All facets of this ministry simply would not exist without Gods people who share the vision of evangelism. May God continue to richly bless you as you continue to follow the power and presence of Jesus.

### **Group Facilitator Testimony of Responding Recovery Outreach**

Many of you know that my wife Holly and I have relocated to Redlands, CA. Since our time here, I have reconnected with one of the Responding Recovery group meeting locations. The facilitator of the Redlands Responding Recovery group meeting is Mike Cram. Mike has been a long time church member at Redlands Church of the Nazarene called - The ARK. Several years ago, Mike and the church took the evangelistic responsibility of an outreach to the community. On Monday nights, they started a Responding Recovery group meeting, which includes a dinner to the community. According to Mike Cram, this evangelistic endeavor has been a conduit where people have begun a new recovery journey, given their lives to Jesus, and has overall experienced folks attending the church over the last several years as a result of this outreach. Mike states he knows of about 15 to 20 people who received Jesus and were baptized as their profession of faith over the last few years as well as becoming church members. Please continue to pray for this ministry and other Responding Recovery group meeting locations. For more info concerning Responding Recovery group meetings and locations, go to our website or contact us through the website.

### **Preparing for Revival at Chino Cornerstone Church of the Nazarene**

These days, my speaking schedule largely consists of one day events (see website for details). I also continue to be a bi-vocational Pastor at Hawthorne Church of the Nazarene in the Los Angeles area. However, on April 7-9, I will be privileged to speak in the revival services at Chino Church of the Nazarene, in Chino CA., known as Cornerstone Community Church. Pastor Sheldon Boyd has been the Pastor there for many years. Through his ministry, God has done miraculous things over the years.

In 1990, former Pastor Leon Skinner was instrumental in my life. Shortly after, Leon gave me the opportunity to become a part-time music director where I served until 1994, until I accepted a part-time music director position at Yucaipa Valley Church of the Nazarene. It was at Cornerstone where I also met Dr. Stephen Manley, who held a revival and eventually became a dear friend to me. I continue to partner with Stephen to this day in friendship and ministry. My wife Holly and I also renewed our wedding vows while at Cornerstone Nazarene. As you can see, Cornerstone has always been special to my wife Holly, my daughter Reanna and me.

If you are in the area, come to Cornerstone Community Church and be part of the revival services and movement of the Holy Spirit. They are located at 13000 Pipeline Ave. Chino CA 91710. For more information, contact the church at (909) 628-6812 or email Pastor Sheldon Boyd at: [sheldon@cornerstonenaz.org](mailto:sheldon@cornerstonenaz.org)

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