

## FCM July 2010 News

The Lewis family is so blessed with brothers and sisters around the world...prayers warriors and fellow believers in Jesus Christ the Great Physician. Thank each of you for your **prayers**...visits, cards, emails, phone calls, and Krispy Kreme Donuts from Myrtle Beach. Please keep praying!!!

On July 1<sup>st</sup> Robin and I journeyed into the desert; Holston Valley Hospital Kingsport, TN. Can it be true that the riches of life that we need can be found in the desert...a place that symbolizes loneliness, and through which we can seldom find our way? God is our hope in the desert! He knows our need for a desert experience. We never know where God has hidden His streams. We see a large stone and have no idea that it covers the source of a spring. We see a rocky area and never imagine that it is hiding a fountain. God leads me into hard and difficult places, and it is there I realize I am where eternal streams abide. In His perfect time blessings will spring up as fountains in the desert. Selected

Our God the Creator took us into the desert for us to be still and know that "I AM" God. An Israelite named Uzzah lost his life because he reached out took hold of the ark of God. He placed his hands on it with good intentions...to steady it, because the oxen stumbled. But nevertheless, he had overstepped his bounds by touching the Lord's work. We believe God used my illness to take us away from Freedom Center Ministries, His ministry so He could receive the glory.

If we have completely entrusted something to God, we must keep our hands off of it. He can guard it better than we can, and He does not need our help. "Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him." Things in our lives may seem to be going all wrong, but God knows our circumstances better than we do. He will work at the perfect moment, if we will completely trust Him to work in His own way and in His own time. For God has promised to work His sovereign will.

We share these testimonies for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to receive glory and praise. God has been so good through this journey. We have really enjoyed Him showing up and working in every detail of everything: George's health care, FC daily operations, finances, family visits. Also, Back to School Week was 3<sup>rd</sup> week of July

and it went great (without us)...served 423 students from 4 counties. One salvation of a mommy/ parent...PTL, pray she will be changed forever. God handled everything through His people. Testimony begins with Brother Fitz, as he drives us safe across Black mountain to Holston Valley Hospital ER. Then due to the circumstances an Urologist was called in. (We had been in need of one closer to home, George's is in Columbia, SC) Guess what! He was an MK (that's missionary kid) in Rome. We talked about the Lord and told him we would be praying for him as he did George's procedure. He loved that. PTL

Next, just before the MRI the Lord took me to the EDGE with excruciating pain and brought me back. He never left me...I was abiding in His presence. During the MRI test the Tech called the neuro surgeon at home to tell him to look at the films developing. The doctor was reading the results on his computer at home, he later came into the room at 11:30pm...said you need to go to a hospital that specializes in the spine. That would be in VA, GA, or NC.

Well, just before he came into the room Robin was on the phone with a friend. This friend's son had spinal surgery at MUSC Charleston, SC and was well please with their heath care. Robin asked the doctor about MUSC...he said MUSC is one of the best. The doctor called MUSC, they had 20 beds available on July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend...he made the remark "they have beds available and they never have beds available." Does that sound like a God thing or what? The Dr. said he wanted George there by Monday afternoon because Tues. the 6<sup>th</sup>...there would be no beds due to people having procedures done. The Dr. said he would start working on transportation. This was on Sat. July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Shortly the Dr. called the room and said transport is on the way George leaves in 1 hour. Man when God shows up He is quick. So he was transported Saturday July 3<sup>rd</sup> to Charleston, a 6hour trip by ambulance.

Meanwhile, Linda Griffis new to our FC team with 3 weeks training was "in charge" of FCM operations in our absents. God is so good He sent local and out of state volunteers to assist her with Back to School Week and He has trained her and grown her spiritually.

God can do so many things we want done if we will just get out of the way and take our hands off it. Some of you may remember the old RV FCM had bought for Don Hampton back in Oct. of last year. Well Don went home to be with Jesus the very day it was purchased so we did not know what to do with the RV. We started praying and asking God to send someone to buy it. Well the months went by as it sat in the FC parking lot. We began to ask God to send someone to just take it, get it out of the parking lot because BTS week was coming. Wouldn't you know, while we were at MUSC a man wandered into the FC who was homeless and diabetic on insulin. He needed a roof over his head and a refrigerator for his meds. Robin called him and told him if he could get it running just take it. PTL, the RV was gone just in time for BTS. I love it when Our Father does things like that.

We were in MUSC until July 10<sup>th</sup>. Jesus was shared with all that entered the room. We rested at my Brother Richard's house in N. Charleston. For a week as I was too sore and weak to travel to KY. After I was discharged from MUSC we went straight to Wal-Mart to get prescriptions filled. While I was waiting a gentleman asked for some assistance with purchasing his prescription. I talked with him, he said he went to so and so Missionary Baptist Church, I told him that was great but even more important is do you have Jesus in your heart? He said, Oh, yes I have had Jesus in my heart for many years. So Robin talked and waited in line with him. He had \$2.00 and his meds were \$4.00. Robin told him to keep his \$2.00 so he would have some money in his pocket and paid the \$4.00 for his meds. We feel that Reginald was an angel. He told Robin that God was please with all that you are doing...and maybe this a test because the next day we got a call from our brothers and sisters in Christ from Myrtle Beach that they were coming through Charleston and wanted to give us some money for traveling expenses. Well I'll have you know they gave us \$400.00. That's our God, we give away \$4.00 and He gives us back \$400.00 a hundredfold. I like His economy.

After 18 days it was great to be home in the mountains. Our first week back home one team from Alabama delivered wonderful meals to our house (but no dessert). After the third day my sweet tooth was in need...sitting in my chair I told Robin I sure would like some brownies or a piece of pie. The Lord is in all things of our

lives...he knows our desires. Within an hour Emma with a loving servant's heart and her Mom Melissa knocked on the door, guess what, you are correct...a plate of brownies right out of the oven. God is so amazing...He cares!!

The first morning of BTS week Robin and I went to the FC for the opening prayer time and to observe the children as they receive the love gifts. We stayed too long and I was hurting. When we got back to our house there was a team of men from SC working on the driveway...raising it to be level. I must have been pale because one of the men pulled up a chair for me, asked me if I was sick and wanted to take my blood pressure. God had placed an EMT (with all his equipment) at our house to monitor me for the whole week. Can He take care of us or what?

The 423 students that came to BTS week received free clothes, socks, shoes, underwear, haircuts, backpacks with school supplies, health packets, food, and played games. Their shoes were tried on for a good fit after their feet were washed.

We cannot praise and thank our Lord enough He is so good to Robin and I. Our sweet friend Cheryl from over Pine Mountain in Virgie, KY. stayed with us BTS week...she came to cut hair at FC. She has a Day Spa and does Healing Touch Massage...she blessed us with wonderful massages that week. We were in much need after the hospital stay. God's blessings just keep on coming. These blessings are good but His best blessing to us is His presence with us.

Freedom Center now has a helpful resource for your mission team. It is the Mission Alphabet book. It is loaded with information on Lynch, Benham, and Cumberland and the ministries there. It can help you with everything you will need for your trip from goals, packing list, phone numbers for housing, etc...We will be happy to send one free copy to your team leader and if you would like others for you team members they are \$7.00 each with \$2.00 of that staying in the ministry. Just let us know if you would like one.

#### PRAISE OUR LORD FOR:

- Reminding us that He is very present and in every detail of our lives
- Times in the desert when we see and feel Him more clearly
- His Grace and Mercy as teams travel to and from the mountains
- Holy Spirit's leadership in ministry
- Different location for FC shop and warehouse—together with no leaky roof and heat/ac
- Our brothers and sisters that share financial gifts
- Lewis' personal needs
- The privilege to have served approx. 610 people in July
- Our Tri-City missionary families and friends
- His wisdom and His protection
- Robin and George's health
- The mission teams (brothers and sisters) who come to serve our Lord
- "Christmas in August" shoebox project for December 2010, two schools and some grades of the third school for 2010 have already been taken  
(Contact us soon if your church would like to bless the children and families)

#### PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

- Summer volunteer mission teams as they come to serve
- God to bind evil spirits in the mountains
- Harvest of the Lost
- FCM assistant directors (MSC married couple) to serve with us on a permanent basis
- Tri-City area prescription drug problem
- The innocent children in this area that are being neglected and abused
- Bible study at FCM that people would be saved and changed forever
- Local pastors to teach God's word on spiritual truth
- Financial support for FCM and personal needs
- FCM folks prayer list, Lord knows request
- Spiritual growth for new believers

#### MINISTRY NEEDS:

- Updated/new laptop computer
- House cleaning supplies (family size pine sol, dish washing liquid, comet)

- Feminine products
- Cookware, bake ware, silverware, sets of glasses, all kitchen things
- Bath towels, wash cloths
- Queen and king size sheet sets (no twin sheets needed)
- Athletic shoes for the whole family (no dress shoes please)
- Summer clothes all sizes (no baby clothes needed)

God is faithful, He continues to bless...FC warehouse is full with winter clothes...**NOT RECEIVING WINTER CLOTHES AT THIS TIME!!!**

MISSION HOUSE PROJECTS FOR 2010:

- Replace roof
- Install buck stove exhaust pipe before winter Please!
- Master bedroom and bathroom to be remodeled
- Finish caulking and insulating the house
- Finish installing quarter round and crown mould
- Recover sunroom floor
- Vinyl siding on exterior of house
- Install two thresholds
- Two ceiling fans in screened porch
- Wooded boardwalk from kitchen door to brick steps in back of house
- Installed outside motion light

**Evangelism in the Mountains... you are invited to come serve Jesus with us! Thank you for your Prayers...we love you and we are praying with your church and family.**

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