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They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt?"

Well, we weren't in Egypt but Hustonville; and it wasn't Moses but God that I was asking this question and the answer I got was YES.

I brought you out of Hustonville for you to die to self, because you still doubt me and don't trust me. I was surprised after all I've seen the Lord do: deliver me and hundreds more of addiction, birth a ministry where there was none, get a 6500 sq ft facility donated - completely funded and staffed in just 6 years... certainly doubt was out of the picture by now! Well it wasn't. It wasn't a few months later I was doubting as if I never knew Him and doubting like an unbeliever.

The move from Hustonville to Willisburg was grueling. We lost residents. We lost board members who had made the commitment to help us oversee the move. We lost employees who were sure that God wanted us to move! Some staff members hung in as long as they could only to miss 10, 15, or 20 paychecks and having to quit out of necessity. So, I soon found myself with no one I recognized as those who had seen the hand of God move the last 8 years with me. We had new board, new staff and lots of hurting sheep! December 2009 was my lowest point I've been in since this ministry began. I had lost hope and the vision and most importantly I felt I had lost the support of those who began in this ministry with me. I almost felt deserted. I know that my vision and my self had died.

Well I've said it over and over again - go by faith not feelings, go by faith not feelings. Oh, but getting those feelings to submit to faith is the trick.

Now it is 2010. I am thankful to our Father for the year we are having. There is unprecedented giving; unprecedented salvation and baptisms! There is unprecedented growth!

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

I can get sickened when I hear success in ministries described in financial ways (nickels & noses), yet I know it takes finances to keep a ministry going. So how do we describe success? I think it must be on several levels!

1. **Spiritual** (Have we grown closer to our Father seeking His face not His hand?)
 2. **Obedience** (Are we listening and obeying? The Hebrew would be SHEMA)
 3. **Lives affected** for the Kingdom of Our Elohim.
 4. **Resting** (Are we allowing Him to do the work through us, causing us to not work in our own strength?)
- There are many other areas in which we should examine ourselves both personal and corporately.

The **miracles** - how God provides is amazing. Although the church as a whole continues to look the other way on addiction issues, we have grown. We began the year with 20 residents and 9 employees. Today we have 45 residents and 19 employees. We are one of the United States' largest addiction centers and one of the only "Christ Centered" to be recognized by the Department of Mental Health, Probation & Parole, Department of Agriculture as well as we are sponsored by Operation Unite, People Who Care, The Cameron Rakes Foundation and REACH.

By now I would have expected the local churches to be more responsive, but they are not! A few support Isaiah House but in totality less than 5% have responded with financial help, prayer or volunteerism. And this in America the largest mission field in the world. We as the Church continue to turn a blind eye and build million dollar buildings for ourselves and spend billions of dollars over seas while our own are dying and hurting from lack of compassion and discipleship.

Last December we had a sustainability and viability meeting for this ministry. Twenty people showed up although hundreds were invite. We sought out God's face for this mission. Three weeks later we were given \$23,000 that began a matching grant offer from Pastor Don Swarthout. We paid all our bills and that flamed the fires of hope. Three months later we were able to to begin our "re-work" program. We had been praying for a way to sustain ourselves from within the ministry rather than having to depend on the

church. We prayed that God would open a door that no man could close. This prayer began 3 years ago and the answer came in March 2010. A local manufacturer called us and asked if we would be interested in reworking their defective parts. Now in October 2010 we have roughly 15 of our men working on the property enabling them to pay child support, court fines, probation & parole, A/E, as well as send money home to kids and wives and pay a small portion for their stay. We also began Home Renovations. We currently have a Master HVAC, Master Electrician as well as plumbers and carpenters. To date we have renovated over 100 apartments and homes. These efforts have enabled another 5-8 men to get employment here. We have workers comp. on these men and are fully insured and they make anywhere from \$7.25 per hour on up to \$12. This in an economy that is devastated and unemployment is at 9.5% . We see this as THE HAND OF GOD.

God Himself birthed this ministry in 1999. He has sustained this ministry and is the one growing this ministry.

We are still debt free and have never taken a loan although many have suggested that. I personally find that to be counter scriptural for God's people to borrow. So we remain debt free and if we have to close the doors because we refuse to borrow money than that must be God's will.

I wish I could tell you to send your support somewhere else, to some other local mission. But I can't - not yet. As we work for our self sufficiency and doors are opened by our Father, your support is as critical as it ever was.

We are getting ready to begin several other projects to raise our funding. We already do 400 miles of garbage pick up for Washington County, sell over 500 ricks of firewood, the re-work program has done over 200,000 pieces all this generating over \$130,000 in income. We are looking at small engine repair, minor car repair, as well as manufacturing wood burning stoves. Folks our daily budget this year is \$2000 per day. That's what we need to help us return husbands back to wives, fathers back to children and sons back to parents. I think its worth it and I know those that have had their families restored do also.

If your church doesn't already support a local Christ Centered mission, why not?

If you don't personally support a life giving Christ Centered mission, why not?

I am not going to tell you that by sowing into this mission God will bless your gift and multiply it back to you! I am asking that you seek out the Father's face and ask Him what He wants you to do. It could possibly be a one time gift, possibly an endowment; 10% of my life insurance is going to come to Isaiah House.

Possibly volunteer? Come visit, spend a morning with us or an afternoon. We never close its not like we are just open 8-6pm WE NEVER CLOSE, WE NEVER TURN ANYONE AWAY. OUR DOORS ARE ALWAYS OPEN 24 HOURS A DAY EVERYDAY ALL YEAR FROM AUGUST 17TH 1999 UNTIL TODAY.

To those who pray for us, words cannot express the gratitude in our hearts. To those who support us with your finances we are forever indebted to you. To those who volunteer - thank you for joining us in the battle OUR lives and hearts have touched in a common theme.

I cannot begin to thank one without thanking all. We should look to the future for the praises from whom anything matters. Praise from my lips will fall but from His they shall stand forever.

But to the one whom all GLORY, HONOR AND PRAISE IS DUE I WILL MENTION! OUR SAVIOR AND ADONAI Yeshua Ha'Mashiach (JESUS THE CHRIST)

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