

# THE ASCENSION QUARTET



## NEWSLETTER

January/February 2019

### FROM THE HEART

Recently, in a casual conversation with my coworkers, the question was raised, "if you could go to any one place, where would you go?" Of course, that led to the reality that funding of this grand adventure would be an issue. One of my coworkers mentioned living a minimalist lifestyle in order to travel, as compared to amassing assets. I said, "let an old man share some truth with you. There are only three things in this life that are truly yours. First, is your relationship with the Lord. Second, are your relationships with family and friends. Third, are your memories. At the end of life, these are the only things that no one can take. All the things you possess (and I am not against possessions) will all belong to someone else. You only borrow them. Only these three things are truly yours, that no one can take from you."

Solomon said it years ago, "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity. What profit has a man from all his labor in which he toils under the sun?" (Ecc. 1:1-2)

What are you striving for? Are you working for worldly gain? Or are you serving the Lord with all of your ability, loving your family and friends with all your heart, and laying up cherished memories that will warm your soul until the Lord calls you home? Take a look at your life and see where your true treasure lies! "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matt. 6:20-21) -Wayne Hughes

### MOVED WITH COMPASSION

This beautiful girl is Esmaralda! She enjoys music, reading, soccer, and learning about God. Where Esmaralda lives, the average worker earns \$39/month. Homes are brick with tin roofs and dirt floors.

Esmaralda recently turned 15, and in Mexico, that is a huge milestone! The celebration is called a "quinceanera" and includes ball gowns and dancing. Unfortunately, due to her family's economic status, Esmaralda was unable to afford a quinceanera of her own. However, thanks to Compassion, Int'l, she was able to move to Mecatlán to continue a high school education, for which she is most grateful!

You can help a child get an education and learn their worth according to God! Contact us to find out how!



### CALL & RESPONSE

He has crowned your year! "You have crowned the year with your bounty, and your paths drip with fatness." Psalm 65:11.

We recently witnessed the beginning of the Lord's fatness- His blessing- for this new year! We rang in the new year in Potosi, MO, where, as we concluded, the altars filled up. One by one, people brought their needs and laid them at the feet of Jesus, beginning this year with a fresh hope. God is faithful!

In January, we ministered at Bibleville conference grounds in Alamo, TX and were so warmly greeted with the most hospitable accommodations.

You see, our RV had just died the week before. Our group, with this previous commitment to south Texas, piled ourselves in Walter's pickup truck, and drove the 14 hours to minister. We knew that meant no lounging on the way to stay (Continued on back)

### ON THE ROAD WITH TAQ

#### February 2019

February 16th and 17th - Family Time

#### March 2019

March 24th @ 6:00pm - Antioch Baptist Church, [1249 East Hwy 22, Centralia, MO](#)

#### April 2019

April 6th @ 3:00pm - The Cambridge, [2900 S. Jefferson, Springfield, MO](#)

April 6th @ 7:00pm - Greater is He Sing @ One Life Church, [3245 S. Kansas Ave., Springfield, MO](#)

## THE WORD IN SONG

It seems an easy response to people who are facing a big decision or difficult circumstance, to say, "The Lord Knows What To Do." But we have found this to be a Truth in the face of what seems impossible, that brings peace and confidence in the character of God to our lives, regardless of situations.

"The Lord Knows What to Do" was our song that went to #67 on the Singing News southern gospel chart. It references the story of Paul and Silas in jail. In the face of hopelessness, they still sang a praise to God. They understood their purpose was not to display the worry that consumes the world. They were not to reflect or rehearse the darkness that surrounded them.

There is a power in the fruit of our lips, singing and glorifying God, in the middle of a trial. The second verse explains it like John 10:10- Satan comes to steal! He wants your joy. He wants you to side with him that you are weak, defeated, powerless. He wants the Word out of your mouth! There are "no regrets" for those who continue to speak God's Word, sing His praise, and confess His promises as true regardless of what you see. Satan knows if he can steal your joy, peace, confidence, He can kill and destroy you!

Look what happened- an earthquake shook them all loose! It shook the foundations of the prison. Then their chains became loose. This is not just a story about God's missionaries- it's His Word to YOU! When you continue in what God's promises are to you, in the face of what it may seem, God will shake the foundation of your prison. Your past can no longer hold you! The words of others hold loosen their grip! And you are free to minister life, as Paul did to the jailer. His whole family was filled with joy because God shows up in our faithfulness.

"Trust Him and you'll see that every promise is true, because THE LORD KNOWS WHAT TO DO!"

## CALL & RESPONSE, Continued

rested, no space to change or to stretch out between concerts, and finding accommodations for the night. But, we went because we know God is faithful! As we trusted God for the weekend, our hosts were so kind as to find us quarters with the families that attended and showed us around the most sumptuous orange orchard (and we partook, heartily)! In response, we heard "Thank you for a rare ministry treat!" God blesses both ways!

## PARTNERING IN PRAYER & PRAISE

We have been believing for some months for an RV to replace the one that has served us so well. It was time for something that could better serve our needs. When the RV died (see "Call & Response"), we began doing the math to find out what we needed to finish paying it off. We had been believing God for our next RV to be debt-free, because we believe He wants this ministry to operate in financial freedom.

Imagine our delight when, at the end of our last concert, we realized that the offering for the weekend was *exactly* what was needed to finish paying off the defunct RV! We begin this year without debt! Praise the Lord for His provision! Now, we are calling to our partners to join with us in praying for the next RV that will serve to keep us on the road- debt free. With God, all things are possible! We set our faith! Will you join us?

God is no respecter of persons. We are confident that your 2019 will overflow with His prosperity, as well. 1 Samuel 30 says that those who support, share in the same blessing as those in the trenches. You share in our anointing! God is looking to bless His children according to His riches! That's us- that's you! Thank you for partnering with us in every way!

*Thank you for partnering with The Ascension Quartet. The seed you have sown brings forth a harvest all over the Midwest. You share in the rewards and anointing of this ministry! Not a partner? Sign up at <http://www.theascensionqt.com/partners.html>*

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