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A Father's Persistent Cry

"I never gave up on my son"

This is a condensed testimony of a father and son, both incarcerated in Colorado prisons.

Dear Miller Family,

I've been a disciple and follower of Christ and have been praying for my son for the 15 years that I have been locked up. Chaplain Matt (Overholt) can tell you how long I've poured my heart out to the Lord.

On October 16, 2017, I requested my son to be moved from his prison to where I was. The Warden denied my request and said, "I am sympathetic to your concerns (but it) is my decision to allow the classification process to work as intended and not intercede. (Since then), God has called me to serve others by preaching the gospel and winning souls. I never gave up on my son.

On March 17, 2019, I told the church, "You all will be witnesses to God bringing my son here." I prayed that God would open doors that no man can shut. Every Sunday after that I told them, "My son is on his way, my son is on his way!" (In May,) the warden denied my request for the last time. (Shortly thereafter) the chapel clerks put the sign-up sheet out for the "Miller Family Musical Concert."



Carlos Gomez, Sr.

I was the "first" one to sign up and there were 74 slots. I came back a day later (in faith) to sign my son up into slot #72.

On June 5th I received the memo from the "Intel Officer" that my son has been approved to come to the prison where I am! My son came behind the walls of (this) prison on June 14, and that very night he came to the Miller Family service with me. From the beginning, I was calling on the name of

our Lord God to pierce my son's heart and conscience, through the message you preached and the awesome songs of worship you sang. When you did the altar call, I told God in my heart, "Do it now, Lord." I was praying my heart out with tears streaming down my cheeks. Then, as I was secretly looking at my son's feet from the corner of my eye, *I saw my son take off running to the altar... and I chased after him!... crying, praising, and worshipping God!*

That was the happiest day of my life. My dreams, my hopes, and my prayers had come true. God heard me and He saved my son. On July 28th, my son is sealing the deal and making his vow and commitment to Jesus and God in baptism. I am so blessed, honored, and pleased to help baptize him with Chaplain Matt.

Thank you for being God's vessel. May God continue to anoint your family and bless you all with His love, grace, mercy, forgiveness, favor, guidance, provision, and protection.

~Carlos Gomez, Sr.

**Read entire testimony on our website.*



UGANDA

Restoring HOPE to the Hopeless

We gave medicine to over 1,200 villagers at the 2-day clinic. Many received Christ as we preached during the day. Pastor Billy commented, *"The team from America and Canada was thirsty to reach out and evangelize. They did it without fear in the villages and at the medical clinics."*



Even Muslims and Catholics repented as the mission team ministered on the streets at night. Some have now been baptized."

Following a remote village medical clinic, Pastor Ben said, *"You have taught us how to love. God is transforming our lives and the whole community. This mission has restored hope to the hopeless, and even unbelievers are calling 'our' church 'their' church."* What a privilege preaching the Gospel to over 1,000 high school students and seeing many pray to receive Christ. Approximately 500 students and many villagers received their first personal Bible. ~Nelson Coblentz



We shared in prisons, schools, medical camps, and on the streets. One special moment I had was sharing the gospel with a Catholic man. The Holy Spirit spoke (through me) who Christ is and what He did. He fell to his knees, wanted to be born again, and said: "Pray for me." PTL!

~Cornelius Schmidt
Alberta, Canada

To see how devoted people were to prayer and fasting really has encouraged me to do so as well. ~Agathe Neufeld

Alberta, Canada

For us it was the best trip we ever took. We feel like we grew so much spiritually.



We want to continue living the missionary life no matter where we are. ~Franz, Susana, and daughter, Nella Wall
Alberta, Canada

NIGERIA

Regeneration via A New Generator

The old diesel generator that was used to pump water to prisoners wore out and we were able to provide a new power plant. The chaplain said some of the 1,000 plus prisoners couldn't bathe for several weeks and drinking water had been rationed. When the Word of God was preached at the generator dedication service, 18 prisoners received Jesus Christ! After the service, those 18, along with the prison officials, were each given a new Bible. PTL!



PA Auction Report

We thank God for another successful benefit auction!

It's amazing to see the community and auction committee in Lancaster, PA come together and make this yearly event happen. A huge THANK-YOU to all who contributed in any way to support this event. We appreciate it.

The proceeds from this weekend are approximately 20% of our annual income and 25% of the profits are shared with our sister ministries.

Net Proceeds: Heifer Auction.....\$ 71,768
Main Auction, food, offerings....\$118,827



RV Fundraiser

Stoltzfus Family



The motorhome the Stoltzfus Family is using is no longer reliable or economically feasible. The Executive Board approved a fundraising drive to purchase a newer, more dependable unit. The ministry does not go into debt for vehicles; a policy that has helped Gospel Express stay fiscally responsible.

The GOOD NEWS is we have the funds to purchase a vehicle. However, we are raising \$20,000 to customize the interior to accommodate their family. We trust that there are many people that have been blessed by their singing ministry that will consider helping. May God bless and guide you as you prayerfully consider this request. You can donate through the enclosed response card.

MILLER FAMILY

There's always excitement in the air as we all prepare to leave and our sons come home from their local jobs in the "Carolina summer heat." We cherish what will not be for over a month and anticipate the unknown of what all will be! Clothes, instruments, Bibles, personal electronics, fridge food, and more, all make their way into the bus, as each passes the other with spontaneous puns, songs bursts, and jabber, amongst those not wearing headphones. ☺

This trip began in Ohio before we headed west. It mostly centered around a week of revival meetings in Brownsville, OR. Other states

where services were held were Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado, Montana, and Kansas. Realizing the distance we needed to cover each day, I strategically planned one daily stop before arriving at our evening service destination. One of those stops was in Montana, by a clear rushing river, surrounded by pine-covered mountains: *Glacier National Park*. We spread out to ponder, paint, and pick guitars. The park doubled as a breathtaking sunset experience for our new CD photoshoot.

8,000 Miles - 5½ Weeks



Thank you to the donors who paid for all the fuel. PTL!

Dave & I got to celebrate our 27th wedding anniversary in downtown Portland, Oregon. During these several days, two of the children flew back east for a wedding. We were all re-

united again at Brownsville Mennonite Church. What a great blessing to cultivate relationships and watch the ministry of the Holy Spirit in all our lives night after night.



Generational blessings at Brownsville

We were so honored to join **Gospel Echoes Northwest** in a *Freedom Rally* prison weekend. This included an evening chapel service, where we saw inmates make first time commitments and others coming to the altar for prayer. Arriving early the next morning (6:30 AM) we were greeted by the servant-hearted Chaplain and his wife at the front gate. As pickups with barbeque cookers/grills pulled into the prison yard, followed by



Western Tour Highlights

four singing teams and many volunteers, we realized the impactful day we were about to embark on. During the first singing and preaching service on the yard, we soon smelled the aroma of burgers and hotdogs. We were privileged to help serve drinks to hundreds of inmates gathered in lines to receive their free meal. I witnessed many sets of grateful eyes as I handed them their lemonade. Our boys joined others weaving between inmates sitting on the grass with pitchers full of lemonade to offer refills. Eight hours later, packing up with fresh sunburns, full hearts, and misty eyes,

I realized I had just experienced a "Jesus Picnic." We remember their faces and the words that one of the men spoke to Kyle, "You all have made me feel like a human being again." Thank you, Gospel Echoes!

Thank you so much for praying! In 20 years, it was truly one

of the greatest God-filled tours our family has experienced. (See front page testimony also.)

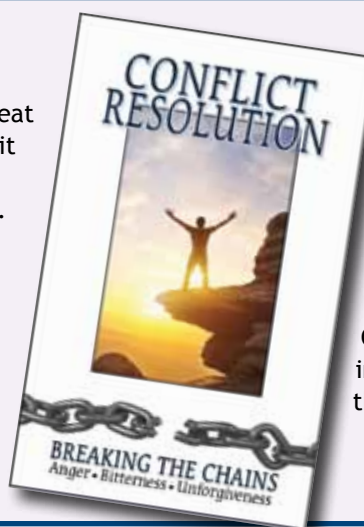
~Ruth Ann for the Millers

Huttonsville Correctional Center

We count it a privilege to share the Conflict Resolution Seminar with 35 men at Huttonsville in West Virginia several



weeks ago. It is indeed a great blessing to see the Holy Spirit of God ministering to hearts as God's Word is proclaimed. One of the men who participated in the seminar told me, "This was a really good seminar. I didn't think I needed a seminar on resolving anger but this deals with so much more than just anger. God ministered to my heart."



Another person shared, "I have come to understand the importance of dealing with anger in my life and unless I do, it cripples me and keeps me from moving forward in life." Praise God for the work he is doing in the hearts of those behind the fences!

~Mervin Wengerd

NEW CD's

*See the enclosed response card for ordering options



THE MILLERS
Called Me Higher

1. Immortal Invisible
2. How Great Thou Art
3. Watch And See
4. Scars
5. As It Is In Heaven
6. Holy, Holy, Holy
7. Always There
8. Called Me Higher
9. The Mission
10. Oh Lord, You're Beautiful
11. And Can It Be

Available Now!



STOLTZFUS FAMILY (CHILDREN)
Everywhere I Go

1. Exceeding Abundantly
2. Hallelujah He Is Mine
3. If I Were A Beautiful Twinkling Star
4. Gethsemane
5. Everywhere I Go
6. Initiative
7. My Redeemer Lives
8. Glory Special (Train Song)
9. Multiply (Little Barefoot Boy)
10. I Sing The Mighty Power Of God
11. Happiness Is The Lord

Fall Banquet Schedule

MIDWEST BANQUETS

Oct 22-23..... Fairhaven Fellowship Hall - Goshen, IN
Oct 24..... Fairview Mennonite Church - Kalona, IA
Oct 25..... Yoder's Kitchen - Arthur, IL

OH BANQUETS

Nov 4-5 Carlisle Inn - Walnut Creek, OH
Nov 6..... Brookside Farm - Louisville, OH
Nov 7..... Der Dutchman Restaurant - Plain City, OH

PA BANQUETS

Nov 19-20 Shady Maple Banquet Center - East Earl, PA
Nov 21 Franconia Heritage Restaurant - Telford, PA

*Don't miss this inspirational evening consisting of a delicious meal, testimonies, singing, and a ministry presentation. Nelson & Sarah, The Miller Family, and The Stoltzfus Family are scheduled for all the banquets. Free tickets are required. A love offering will be taken. Call the office at 828-859-7003 for more information.

Visit our website
or call the office
(828) 859-7003
to confirm dates before
traveling long distances

Team Schedules



Nelson & Sarah Coblentz

Aug 11-25 Tent Crusade — Linwood, ON, Canada
Sep 21-Oct 3 Journeys of Paul Mediterranean Cruise
Oct 22-23 Fairhaven Fellowship Hall Banquet — Goshen, IN
Oct 24..... Fairview Mennonite Church Banquet — Kalona, IA
Oct 25..... Yoder's Kitchen Banquet — Arthur, IL



Miller Family

Aug 11-25 Tent Crusade — Linwood, ON, Canada
Sep 5-8..... Vertical Youth Conference, Columbus, NC
Sep 12..... Auction Committee Appreciation Dinner— PA (Dave)
Sep 21-Oct 3 Journeys of Paul Mediterranean Cruise
Oct 22-23 Fairhaven Fellowship Hall Banquet — Goshen, IN
Oct 24..... Fairview Mennonite Church Banquet — Kalona, IA
Oct 25..... Yoder's Kitchen Banquet — Arthur, IL



Mullett Family

Aug 28-Sep 11 ... Children's Christmas DVD Filming — Lancaster, PA
Sep 12-13 Children's Christmas DVD Editing — Lancaster, PA
Sep 26-29 TX Prison Crusade — Huntsville, TX
Oct 9..... Yoder's Kitchen — New Holland, PA
Oct 10-13 Gap View Church — Gap, PA
Oct 20-23 United Day Spring Mennonite Church — Berlin, OH



Mervin Wenger (BTF: Bondage to Freedom, CR: Conflict Resolution)

Sep 26-29 TX Prison Crusade — Huntsville, TX
Sep 30-Oct 1 BTF Seminar — Huntsville, TX
Oct 28-29 CR Seminar — Belmont, IL, OH



Mel Stoltzfus Family

Aug 17-21 Tent Crusade — Linwood, ON, Canada
Aug 22..... Seeds of Truth Mennonite Church — Perry, NY
Oct 22-23 Fairhaven Fellowship Hall Banquet — Goshen, IN
Oct 24..... Fairview Mennonite Church Banquet — Kalona, IA
Oct 25..... Yoder's Kitchen Banquet — Arthur, IL