

Eagles' Nest Ministries

Newsletter

April 2024

Praise Reports

- Praise the Lord for the growth at Eagles' Nest
- Welcome home new Eagle Elmer Myron
- Welcome home new Eagle Phynix Okagu
- Welcome home new Eagle John Szabo
- Welcome home new Eagle Jenghiz Stewart
- Praise the Lord for the family we have here at Eagles' Nest and To the Least of These Adults Only church
- Praise the Lord for his watchful care over all those who have recently gone through surgeries.

Prayer Requests

- Pray for continued healing and recovery for:
 - Debbie Deardorf
 - Dennis Forsythe
 - Kevin Yount
 - Otto Moreno
 - Otto's Mother
 - Steve Barrett
 - Mark Kyler's Parents
- Pray for God's leading regarding a new church building or expanding the present space.

Prayer

Prayer changes things! God tells us in His Word to pray always! Pray without ceasing, pray for ourselves, for each other, for our families, our country, our leaders, pray about everything!

Prayer is how we communicate with God, get to know Him and build our relationship with Him. Prayer is also how we receive God's power in our lives! When we pray, "Your Kingdom come", it's not just for someday. We are asking God's Kingdom to invade our circumstances right now! So be it!

When we understand that our heartfelt prayers release the power of God in our lives, it is like nothing we have ever seen before! Once we've experienced the power of God unleashed in our life through prayer, our lives will never be the same, nor will we settle for anything less!

As we go through each day praying and receiving God's power, we will accomplish things we would have never been able to do! Our faith is strengthened, our strength renewed! And our prayers for others have great power to heal and build up and change things in their lives also. Through God's love and power, attitudes change, circumstances change, miracles happen!

BECAUSE WE PRAYED!
Thank you, Jesus!

Luke 18:1, Acts 12:5, Phil. 4:6, 1 Thes. 5:17, James 5:15-16, etc.

Loretta

"Jesus Loves Me This I Know for the Bible Tells Me So"

God's Truths Never Go Away and Never Change

From the Gate of Prison to the Fellowship of Worship

That was the journey for me on Saturday, April 20th. My family came to the prison gate to pick me up. After some time together they brought me to my home on Fillmore St, The Eagles' Nest. My Eagle family was there to greet me with cheers and loving smiles. I felt so welcomed in my new home. All those needless, worried thoughts I had struggled with previously quickly vanished. My new brothers: Mike J., Steve B., Johnny M. and Steve S. along with my new sister Deb S. made certain that I knew I was loved and accepted here.

By 4, that afternoon, I was in a prayer circle holding the hand of the woman whose husband had held my hand the evening before and prayed for me. After enjoying some mac and cheese with shredded beef, (not the prison kind), we had an amazing time of worship. As draining as that day was emotionally and mentally I was revived by the Spirit.

I could go on for pages and pages telling you of all that the Eagles helped me achieve in this past week. But I'll save that for another time. My brothers in Christ, please know that God provides for HIS own. He provided the Eagles here for me when I really needed them.

God bless you all.

John S.

Founder's Corner

It has been a difficult time. Two Eagles have left the nest... One had been home for 2 years the other for 2 months. They left for different reasons, but both are living in defiance of our Lord. I love them.

I need for all to know, those coming home to the nest and those coming home somewhere else, it is not an easy path. You will be highly challenged. You will need to work VERY hard. You will need to continue to center your very being in Christ. You will need to rely heavily on Him! Let there be no doubt. Even while leaning on Christ, you will still be challenged. You will need perseverance; your faith will be challenged.

You will succeed, but it is not easy. Success will only come through relying on Christ, perseverance and hard work. There are many distractions. There are many trials. There are many restrictions.

God will bless you more abundantly than you can imagine. You will have MANY brothers to support and love you (and me too).

Probation and Parole is on your side and will do their best to help and support you. It may seem, at times, that they are being too restrictive. It may seem, at times, that I am being too hard on you. I hate that aspect of Eagles' Nest; I would so much more rather be soft and easy going... I enjoy the encouraging part. Correction not so much...

In re-reading the above, it applies to all Christians (except the Parole/Probation part). Life is difficult. We need to keep our focus on our Lord and walk every second with Him. A momentary lapse can cause long lasting consequences.

"Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us."

Romans 5: 1-5

Read 2 Peter 1 for instructions.

I love you,
Deb

"Let love be genuine...Love one another with brotherly affection."

Romans 12:9

On May1, 2024, at 7:45 AM, I left Cook Unit and was on my way to Phoenix – destination Eagles' Nest.

After meeting with my probation officer, I met Deb & John who met me and welcomed me. I met other Eagles brothers and began to feel overwhelmed with my first day out. Then I was given the opportunity to make my first phone call to my wife Nadenia & son Bryan to let them know I had arrived and to invite them to meet us at a local café for lunch.

I was very excited & my heart was beating fast. Then, I saw them arrive thru the café window & I embraced each of them with tears and long hugs after 8.5 years and I couldn't contain myself.

The next morning, I met the Eagles' Nest brothers for devotional time and explained how I experienced Loloma – the Hopi word that mirrors the Hebrew word, Shalom. I shared with emotions and tears what coming to Eagles' Nest meant to me – that I was welcomed home and experienced God's unconditional love through each of them of me and my family.

John surprised me with a large photo of me & my family members reunion – a treasure that embraced genuine love on my first day at Eagles' Nest.

Elmer M.
"Bavatya"

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Happy Birthday

Jimmy P. - Zach O. - Brian C.

We celebrate birthdays once a month and everyone is automatically 25 each year.

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A Daily Survival Kit

Submitted by Lisa Viveros

Toothpick, Rubber Band, Band-Aid, Pencil, Eraser, Chewing Gum, Mint, Candy Kisses, Tea Bag

Here's Why:

Toothpick - to remind you to pick out the good qualities in others. Matthew 7:1

Rubber Band - to remind you to be flexible, things might not always go the way you want, but it will work out. ... Romans 8:28

Band Aid - to remind you to heal hurt feelings, yours or someone else's. ... Col.3:12-14

Pencil - To remind you to list your blessings every day. ... Eph. 1:3

Eraser - to remind you that everyone makes mistakes, and it's ok. ... Gen.50:15-21

Chewing Gum - to remind you to stick with it and you can accomplish anything. ... Phil. 4:13

Mint - to remind you that you are worth a mint to your heavenly father. ... John 3:16-17

Candy Kiss - to remind you that everyone needs a kiss r a hug everyday. ... I John 4:7

Herb Tea Bag - to remind you to relax daily and go over that list of God's blessings. ... 1 Thess 5:18

This is my gift to you. May God richly bless you. To the world you may just be somebody...but to somebody, you may be the world.

Presented by Dennis F.

Catching The Rotator

Webster's dictionary defines transition as the changing or passing from one form, state, or place to another. Every person has experienced this in one way or another, good or bad. But it is just like Jesus to give you what or who you need to get you ready for the next transition.

My tech school roommate in the Air Force answered the call of God to not let me walk my incarceration alone. He told me to stay grounded in Christ and look at your sentence as a "long deployment". The last email my good friend sent me was "Congratulations on finishing your deployment the rotator is n it's way." Of course, the rotator being the transport van but what better way to transition back into society than to Eagles' Nest Airbase LOL.

I was greeted by Deb and John and from there it just kept getting better and better. I went back and got acquainted with some faces I truly missed and ate steak, the greenest broccoli I've seen in a long time (not stems), with mashed potatoes and shrimp. Amazing!!

The biggest take away is that God is the Master of the Transition but only if you allow Him to be. As John 15:4 prescribed by Jesus, says "Abide in Me and I will abide in you". If you do this, the favor of God will be with you no matter where you transition to.

Xydni Phynix O.

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God's Help is Only a Prayer Away

An Inside Look Today

I am no longer a slave to sin, yet in so many ways enslavement still threatens - myself, my desires, even my dreams. Yet without dreams I cannot exist, without dreams there is nothing to keep me moving forward.

I must look inside myself, to free myself. I must call upon God's power to face the person I've feared the most, the true me, the person God created me to be. Unless I can or until I do, I will always be running, and never be truly free.

I ask God daily to show me such freedom! Galatians 5:1 "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free."

Jameson Shimer



Saints On The Record Deborah Schmidt

There are ripples in the waters of life and then there are waves...

Deb Schmidt is a *tsunami*.

This is not an understatement or a matter of flattery but a fact, without her, without her obedience, we would all be out on our own.

Perhaps I (SaintA) should clear something up. When I interview someone, I want ask questions that not only provide you, the reader, a talking point but also to somehow encapsulate the character of the person. Needless to say, I struggled with these points when it came to the woman of the hour.

Not for the reasons one may think - lack of depth - but because there's a trove here that I cannot keep to the character limit. It's also more than that, you see when an Eagle comes home, they are met by this wonderful woman and in less than a day's time, you understand what she's about. (Yes, she's about God. Yes, she's about the ministry.) But most importantly, she's about *you*.

If you want to find a verse to attribute to the character of Deb look no further than 1st Corinthians 13. I should not have to repeat it, we all know what this chapter talks about. Well, that's who she is. When you hear that woohoo once you're off the van from prison, know that in that moment you have arrived home and that you are now a part of a family too big to fathom.

Perhaps by this point you're thinking about the day that seems so far away, the day you get home. You're thinking of just how much this person has done for all of us, including yourself, and all because she answered the Father's call. You're so wrapped up in these thoughts that you forget to answer: But *who is she?*

In cut and dry terms. She's a mother, a caretaker, a daughter of the Most High God, she's an eagle soaring high, she's only 25 (as we all are here every year), and although this shows someone you have gotten to know, many will be surprised, shocked even, to learn that she is also a *Survivor*.

That ringing word we have all come to know. A word so significant that it slips us away from this moment and into another, a time when our actions were clouded in darkness, when we as saints were not living in the Name of our Maker. A word that reminds us of the hurt we've caused. Of a hurt that we ourselves have suffered.

Deb Schmidt is a survivor but instead of letting that word define her. Instead of letting her pain root within her identity, she was called to do something that continues to astound me daily. She decided to obey our Lord and open her doors and her heart and her whole self to people who've created survivors. She chose to love us. She chose to live with us. And beyond it all, she chose to accept us. Not for our past, or our hurts, or anything that we did - but solely because she was told to love and love she does.

Anthony L.

Invite Others to Receive the Newsletter

If you know of anyone who would like to receive the monthly newsletter, please send us their information. If they are inmates, we need their name, DOC#, and full address. If they are on the outside, we need their name and email address. Anyone can receive the newsletter.

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