

# Eagles' Nest Ministries

## Newsletter

### September 2023

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"God's command to "pray without ceasing" is founded on the necessity we have of His grace to preserve the life of God in the soul, which can no more subsist one moment without it, then the body can without air." John Wesley

### Praise Reports

- Praise the Lord for who He is.
- Praise the Lord for the showers of blessings He pours over us on a daily basis. Take time to see even the little ones.
- Praise the Lord for all the new people coming to church.
- Praise the Lord Tyrone R. has come home to Eagles' Nest.
- Praise the Lord for a new affiliate Eagles' Nest Home just closed on. Purchased by an Eagle.
- Praise the Lord for several new connections with people who want to help the ministry in some way.
- Praise the Lord, Jimmy P. has no cancer in his body. The Lord is gracious!

**"Let heaven and earth praise Him,..."**

Psalm 69:34

### Prayer Requests

- Please pray for the Lord to work on the hearts of probations officers to give permission for several of our men to be able to use the internet for their work.
- Please pray for Annual Eagles' Nest Ministries Retreat in October, especially that the men will receive probation's permission to attend.
- Please pray for several new projects being undertaken here at Eagles' Nest.
- Please pray for the Lord to send volunteers to help with many projects we need to accomplish.
- Pray for our friend Bob who needs the Lord to soften his wife's heart toward the ministry work he is doing.

**"The LORD has heard my supplication; The LORD will receive my prayer."**

Psalm 6:9

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## Applying for Housing at Eagles' Nest Ministries

Here at Eagles' Nest Ministries, we prefer new applicants apply 12 -18 months prior to release. When this happens we have plenty of time to get to know an individual prior to their coming to live with us and they get to know what we are all about.

We will process applications that come in closer to the gate, but it is less likely those late applicants will be accepted. It is best to plan way ahead in order to have more choices when you are ready to decide where you will go.

If you have an interest in applying to Eagles' Nest, please mail a short note indicating your interest and we will start the process. The address to mail to is at the bottom of this newsletter.

We do not accept applications from anyone who is already out of prison.

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**" He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be moved."**

Psalm 62:6



### Running Away – Not an Option

Sometimes the events of our lives are just a tad bit overwhelming – or at least for me... I'm sure your lives are also full of challenges and growth. Sometimes I want to crawl into a cave and hide until things calm down. Sometimes I want to quit!

Recently I allowed my focus to leave the face of our Lord. I told Sekou that I quit and ran to the mountains to hide in my folk's cabin. I felt defeated and alone. I felt that I was not needed and was not doing a good job. I felt useless and unloved – worse yet – unloving! I hate confrontation... I hate needing to correct anyone else... I want everyone to do what they are supposed to do and do it with a great attitude and unto our Lord!

The first night I couldn't sleep and spent the night talking and listening to God. Early in the morning, I texted Sekou to let him know that I could not, nor would I, quit or run away – because God said so. Even though I felt much better after a couple of days, I stayed and continued to rest for the remainder of the week.

When I returned, we formed a support team for the ministry leaders. It's a safe place where we can express our frustrations and joy without worrying about how others may perceive our attitudes (the others may never be inappropriate, but sometimes I just need to allow my raw feelings to be expressed and acknowledged). Sometimes I need help. Always I need to feel accepted and loved, regardless of whether I feel worthy or not!

May you be encouraged to reach out to those around you with encouragement and love – we all need each other. None of us are exempt and the one you may think of as being strong and above all that, may be the one needing your encouragement the most.

Deb



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**Where's your stupid little spray bottle now, Deb.?!**



Just so you know, when we say something negative especially about ourselves, Deb sprays us with water with her trusty little spray bottle.



# Suggestions From Our Experience Outside

## Continuum of Care Program

If you are on a yard that provides C.O.C. (Continuum of Care) program, it is a good idea to get involved. Several of our men at Eagles' Nest have benefited greatly from it.

When you are released from prison after completing the program inside, they will pay your first two months' rent and possibly a third month, if you are residing at one of their vendors. Eagles' Nest Ministries is a vendor for C.O.C. Completing the C.O.C. program does not guarantee acceptance into Eagles' Nest Housing. Everyone must apply and go through our regular system for acceptance.

Once you are out, they will work with you for up to a year. There are many things available they will provide, like great quality clothing, a bicycle or bus passes, work boots, work gear and tools are available. When you join their program, they will go over all this with you as these are just examples.

## Braille Transcribers

We are now working with the Foundation for Blind Children. One of our Eagles here at Eagles' Nest is working full time transcribing braille which he started while in prison.

The Foundation for the Blind Children is working with many inmates throughout the state at several different facilities. We suggest if it is available at your facility that you look into the possibility that it may be something you can do.

It is not hard to learn and the Foundation will help in any way it can. The need for transcribers is great and the Foundation is committed to helping those in prison and after they get released. It can be a full-time or if you choose a part-time source of income.

## Air Conditioning Training vs Water Treatment Training

In the many years Eagles' Nest Ministries has been around we have not seen any of our men come out and get a job in water treatment. This does not mean there are not jobs out there, but it just hasn't happened yet.

On the other hand, we have had quite a few men who have come out and quite easily gotten jobs relating to air conditioning. In fact, one of our men works for an air conditioning company and with the knowledge of his boss has started his own air conditioning company on the side.

The need in Arizona for this service is massive and it seems though the companies are always hiring. It might be a good thing to check this out and get involved if it's something that interests you.



**"Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us."**

Romans 8:34



## Attention Possible Volunteers

If you are willing to give some time to the Lord's ministry here at Eagles' Nest, we would like to hear from you. Most of our projects can be done from the convenience of your home. Here is a list of some of the projects which are available and need attention soon:

From Your Home:

- For those with a computer and the internet, we need research work done. It would be searching for specific information and entering it on Excel spreadsheets.
- We also need people who have a computer and are willing to do data input of previously researched material.
- We are looking for someone to possibly work with social media for the ministry. At present we have no presence on any social media.
- We are looking for people who would be willing to make phone calls, from our lists to a variety of resources and/or services to verify their information before we put it out to the public. We are asking the Lord to provide several people for this job as these lists are essential for people coming out of prison and for many who are already out. there is a short list of questions we ask on each call.

Outside Your Home:

- Pick up and delivering furniture and other donations.

Please pray with us for these needs that the Lord will provide volunteers to help as we are growing fast and want to provide the best for these men and glorify the Lord as we do it.

If you have any questions, please call John at 602-813-8283

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## God's Plan

There is a right time and a purpose for everything in God's Creation! Daydreaming and imagining we are someone else, or somewhere else, having or doing better things, begins early in childhood it subtly continues throughout our life.

At times, we still allow imagination to transport us to other places, and other circumstances. In good times or bad times, somehow, it's easier to embrace how things could always be better, instead of the reality of the blessings we have right now. BUT GOD has made everything appropriate in its own time. There is a right time and a purpose for everything on God's Creation!

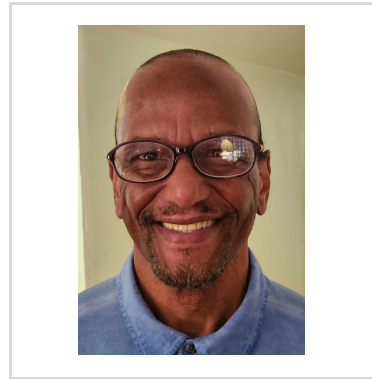
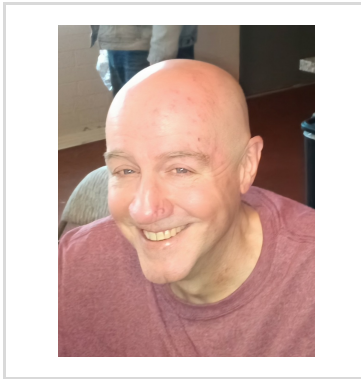
We can't see the whole scope of Gods plan from beginning to end, we can't even know if we will have tomorrow. Wherever we are and whatever work He has given us has a purpose and is important to be exercised and busy. So, God intends for us to make the most of each day, to find satisfaction in our work, in our efforts, in whatever we do today, and enjoy the fruits of our labor. It's all a gift from God for our good and is used to bring Him glory.

**"To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven: A time to be born, And a time to die; A time to plant, And a time to pluck what is planted; A time to kill, And a time to heal; A time to break down, And a time to build up; A time to weep, And a time to laugh; A time to mourn, And a time to dance; A time to cast away stones, And a time to gather stones; A time to embrace, And a time to refrain from embracing; A time to gain, And a time to lose; A time to keep, And a time to throw away; A time to tear, And a time to sew; A time to keep silence, And a time to speak; A time to love, And a time to hate; A time of war, And a time of peace. What profit has the worker from that in which he labors? I have seen the God-given task with which the sons of men are to be occupied. He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end. I know that nothing is better for them than to rejoice, and to do good in their lives, and also that every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labor—it is the gift of God."**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13.



Exciting new things are happening! We are in several development meetings with other organizations like ourselves as well as with a major Foundation who wants to work with us to help inmates. We will keep you informed as things progress. Praise the Lord for the things He has planned for us all!



## A Smile

A smile costs nothing, but gives much. It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None of us is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it, and none of us is so poor that he can be made rich by it. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and it is nature's best antidote for trouble.

Yet it can't be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen, for it is something that is of no value to anyone until it is given away. Some people are too tired to give a smile. Give them one of yours, as none needs a smile so much as he who has no more to give.

**"I have sought the smile of thy face  
with all my heart, show me favor  
according to thy word."  
Psalm 119:58 (Rotherham)**





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## This Could Happen To You

It can be very easy to minimize the terrible sin of pride in our hearts. The more we learn and the more success we enjoy, the more likely we are to think we are really something! We may feel like we can do anything we want, and we don't need any help from anyone, including God.

Pride is at the core of our nature. Pride leads to every other vice. It is the total anti-God state of mind. God's Word tells us that pride goes before destruction, and a vain, arrogant attitude leads to a fall. So be careful. If you are thinking, "I got this", and "I would never do those things or behave like that", let this be a warning to you. Just when you think you are standing firm, you too may fall into sin. Remember the wrong desires that come into your life are nothing new or different. Many others have faced the same problems before you!

Everyone faces temptations, but with God, no temptation is irresistible. You can trust God to keep the temptation from becoming so strong that you can't stand up against it, for He has promised to show you how to escape temptation's power so you can bear up patiently against it.

Trust in Him! He is faithful to always do what He says! Thank you, Jesus!!!

**"Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall."** Pro 16:18

**"Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it."** 1 Cor. 10:12-13.

Loretta

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### New House Needs

We are furnishing a new Eagles' Nest home to be ready to house men coming out and we are looking for a few household items:

**New or Used:**

- Toaster
- Blender
- Crock Pot

Call if you have any questions. We have a good number of people coming home in the next 12 months. Thanks in advance for your help

**New Only Please:**

- Twin Size Sheets & Mattress Pad
- Bath Towels
- Wash Cloths
- Pillow cases
- Sports Socks & Dress Socks
- Soft Blankets

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