



## God Still Moves

As I sit and think about all the ministry has accomplished in the year it's been open, I am amazed and in awe of the greatness of the God we serve. This ministry was clearly not birthed out of the hearts of men, but truly by the Spirit of the Living God.

We have seen His Spirit moving in the hearts of a man and woman united for one purpose, to reach others for the glory of God. We have seen His Spirit calling those of like minds to join together in the ministry. We experienced the fire of His Spirit burning through the red tape involved in approving GtG as a non-profit entity. God led the man to the condemned building that was to become a house of healing and hope. The Lord giving the talent to take that which was condemned by

man, and restore it for the glory of God. God causing His people to pitch in any way they could, donating clothes, furniture, money; their talents of painting, construction...In so many ways the hand of the Lord has been evident throughout the building of this ministry.

Through the building process we saw the concept of man's condemned condition (ugly, burned up, used, and rotten) and God's full restoration (beautiful, new, restored to better than the original) shown to us so clearly. What the Lord can do with a mere building – how much more can He do with hearts fully yielded to Him?

Now, those who are often forgotten or rejected by society are being shown the love, purpose and provision of our Lord.



## The Ministry

Gateway to Glory Ministries is a 501(c)3 ministry. Gateway accepts no government or state funds, only private donations. A Board of Directors and several advisors meet on a regular basis to discuss the many needs of the house. The Board also helps to maintain the integrity of the mission – to reach out to the hurting of our society and initiate change into their lives through the power of the Scriptures and the love and acceptance of Jesus Christ.

March 7, 2007, Gateway to Glory opened the transition house for men to move into. The men are provided shelter, Biblical instruction, mentors, food, transportation, membership to the Y for exercising, and clothing. Through providing men the opportunity to see Christ's love in action, Gateway has helped over 25 men get a

fresh start on their new lives.

In one year, this is a **sampling** of what the Lord has done:

- 5 men have been confirmed in Christ
- 4 have become members
- 9 have been baptized
- 4 gave their hearts to the Lord
- 25 have received Biblical counsel and instruction
- 5 have attended Money Matters classes
- 1 is currently attending the Bethesda Bible Institute
- 8 are currently attending church
- 8 men volunteered at the LCS
- 6 men volunteered at the outdoor picnic
- 1 has gone through GriefShare
- 1 man got custody of his daughter
- 1 man saw his 13 year old daughter give her heart to the Lord at a GtG outing



*A 2 year old gets her daddy back.*

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**Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it. – Matthew 7:14**

## Testimony

Easter Sunday of 2008 I finally made my way to the Gateway To Glory house. At least a week before, something had been pulling me in that direction. Earlier that year I had been to the Overcomer's Outreach meeting at Bethesda Christian Church for substance abuse. I was impressed by what I saw. These people really seemed close to God. It was a new experience.

For years before I had been through the experiences that are probably common to most addicts and alcoholics: broken family, jail, hospitals, unemployment, and other behavioral problems. Life appeared to be about over.

The move to Gateway was unforgettable. As soon as I put down my belongings, I was offered a handshake, a hug, and a cup of coffee. I sensed a warm feeling of belonging. Comfort. Later I would learn that this was the Holy Spirit assuring me. I would also learn that it was the Spirit of the Lord that brought me to a place I can call home.

Surrendering to the Lord was like having a bad tooth pulled. You fight it and fight it. When it finally happens, you wonder why you didn't do it sooner. This is where God really used Gateway, Bethesda, and all the people involved in those places. The people of Bethesda were God's instruments in showing a love and respect I hadn't felt in a long time. The men at Gateway accepted me as family. God's love embraced me and I wanted more.

I was saved about two years ago, but never learned how to know or walk with the Lord. I had a big problem to overcome. I thought the men who talked about their faith, love and Jesus were sissies. I realize now, I was wrong. These are the "real" men.

Jesus is with me every minute of every day. He and His Holy Spirit guide me at work, play, and in my relationships with others. A newfound joy has come into my prayer time, worship, and study of God's word. At work I often feel a

guidance come to help with difficult jobs. I know I have a long way to go but it won't be a chore if I remember it is God's road I travel, not my own.

God's love for us is beyond understanding. The logical principles of worldly philosophy can't begin to explain it. It is much easier to simply believe it as it affects your life and those around you. Yes, when my faith is tested, I sometimes want to be angry with God, but in every case, during my walk with Christ, I eventually saw God's loving plan in allowing my testing. A particularly wonderful experience is that of forgetting, I mean it, really forgetting about one's addiction and only remembering you are child of God.

Bethesda Christian Church, my brothers and sisters in Christ, Gateway to Glory, and all people involved in the ministries that have supported me deserve thanks for the part they played in my recovery and salvation. God and His awesome power, however, deserve the glory and all my praise for leading the design of my new life and directing the parts that all the people in this ministry played, in harmony with the Holy Spirit.

A friend of mine likes to say, and I'm afraid I must snitch his material in this case, "I don't know where we're going, Jesus, but let's go!"

-Ron

*(from the editor – Ron came to Gateway from a ¾ house. He has been faithful in attending Catechism, Overcomer's Outreach meetings, as well as the Bethesda Bible Institute. As you can see, he is also a gifted writer!)*

### Overheard At Gateway

"What do you mean we can only stay here for a year?!"

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## From the House Manager

My name is Michael and I am honored to be part of the Gateway To Glory team. Jesus told us to tend to his sheep and at the Gateway house that is what we are doing. I once was beaten, broken and without hope, but found hope in Jesus. At the Gateway house we know the hope we have in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I like to call this house a spiritual boot camp, because this house is a place for men to learn Godly principles along with God's disciplines.

The men have a lot to do during the

## On the Inside, Lookin' Out

Serving a jail term of 10 to 30 years would be daunting to most of us. However, I have been writing an inmate who is serving that sentence, and he has the peace that only Jesus can offer. His earliest release date is slated to be in 2014, and he hopes to be released at that time to come live at Gateway. Though he is serving at least 10 years of his life behind bars, his latest letter to me started with this statement, "Hello and praise God, He truly is awesome!"

KP is a man my husband met while ministering at the Macomb County Jail. The story of his life was so compelling, we asked him if we could print up a tract

week: church, catechism, bible studies, a 12 step program, all while holding down full time jobs. But what I enjoy most is that in the little off time they have, they will accompany me to different churches, functions and outreaches, and volunteer their services.

The men in the house are in constant awe of the outpouring of love from every one of you. As a matter of fact, it overwhelms us all, and we want to say "Thank you very much for all you do and for your support to the Gateway to Glory Ministries."

telling it. It is a true story of God's forgiveness and the changed heart of a man apprehended by the Holy Spirit. (see Steve or Robin Malek for a copy of this tract)

Because of his changed life, the letters he writes to me are filled with praise to God, even when he's feeling pressured or down. He knows the Lord is serving his sentence with him.

If you would like to write an inmate to minister to (and get ministered to) please contact Robin Malek. There are lots of people on the inside that need the Lord's love and encouragement.

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## An Easy Way to Support

What if Gateway To Glory Ministries earned a penny every time you searched the Internet? Or how about if a percentage of every purchase you made online went to support our cause? Well, now it can!

GoodSearch.com is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up!

GoodShop.com is a new online shopping mall which donates up to 37

percent of each purchase to your favorite cause! Hundreds of great stores including Amazon, Target, Gap, Best Buy, ebay, Macy's and Barnes & Noble have teamed up with GoodShop and every time you place an order, you'll be supporting your favorite cause.

Just go to [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) or [www.goodshop.com](http://www.goodshop.com) and be sure to enter Gateway To Glory Ministries as the charity you want to support. And, be sure to spread the word to your friends! Charities (especially Gateway to Glory Ministries) will appreciate your support!



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## *The Final Word*

Are the circumstances around you causing you to be bitter or negative? Maybe now is the time for an attitude and heart check. My Bible says, "If you have the faith of a mustard seed, you can move mountains." A simple little request to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ can not only make a difference in your circumstances, it could make a difference in where you spend eternity.

Consider the two thieves on the crosses next to Jesus'. Now I'm not suggesting that the first criminal who derided Jesus perished because of his attitude towards his circumstance, but

I do know that the last person Jesus talked to had the right attitude. He was a repeat offender, a hardened criminal, one with a rap sheet (a long list of offenses) as long as your arm, and instead of asking for an appeal or a pardon or another chance, he simply asked Jesus to "REMEMBER ME", and he was ushered into paradise.

-Luke 23:39-43

*Selah*



## *Ministry (cont. from page 1)*

When you partner with this ministry, by donating, praying, or writing an inmate, you become a part of these men's lives and partake in the excitement of seeing good fruit blossom from once barren trees because of the inward working of the Holy Spirit!

Seeing the lives of men changed into the image and likeness of Jesus Christ is what Gateway to Glory is all about. By showing men that there is a better

way to live their lives, in accordance with Godly principles, these men can reenter society as men who will glorify God in all their ways.

Allowing these men to see God's love and acceptance in action, they can then reach out and change their families and their communities by their love for God and their Godly leadership.

*Write, pray or give! Be a part of what God is doing in the lives of people around you!*

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