

## CLOSED DOORS – SETUP FOR OPEN DOORS & BOOKS

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"When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us."

— Helen Keller

Helen Keller gets the award for gaining more insight with no sight! She was truly remarkable! Who among of us have faced closed doors?

All of us one time or another. The call of God to ministry in 1977 was a mammoth family decision. There was one course in seminary that would have been very helpful for me – "How to exchange closed doors for OPEN DOORS".



From 1973 – 2003 Nancy and I faced so many closed doors in career work we literally lost count. Yes, we admit it was easy to focus on those closed doors and not knowing why they clossed.

But hindsight is 20/20 vision. God, in is infinite wisdom, closed those multitude of doors to reveal an **insight open door** that has never existed in history since 70 AD when the Jewish Temple was destroyed. That was the beginning of instituting the priesthood of believers into the court halls where the courthouse delivers judgment.

But closed doors are still inevitable as God changes the course of expansion for BTGM. God has closed the doors to the

Detention Center, and
Diversion Center to truly
focus on our court hall
expansions and collections
of Christian books to
prisons across America,
This is our second pallet



delivery to Christian Library Int'l. They were so glad to see us. They had been praying for more Bible and Christian books since their receiving box was practically empty.

The need greater that we realized.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

— Helen Keller

# Christian Library

Dear Bridge The Gap Ministries, Inc.,

Your gift of 47 Bibles, 670 Christian books, 1058 pamphlets, 24 magazines and 6CD/DVD just arrived! We thank God for these amazing resources! God says that his Word "will not return to Me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it" (Isaiah 55:11) Thank you for allowing God to work through you in bringing God's Word to the imprisoned through Christian materials!

We join you in prayer that the resources that God has so faithfully provided through you will be used to save the lost and encourage the saints. We have received letters from inmates saying that some books were read so many times that they literally fell apart. May all your books fall apart for much use ... and produce much fruit!

In Jesus' name, Kathleen Skaar – Executive Director

"Thank you for the book "The Divine Love of God" by Jeannette Saucy. I am rejecting my old life and ways. It was on our book cart. After I read it, I accepted Christ Jesus as my Savior. I thank you for the good deeds you all do out of the kindness of your heart." Steven Lake Co. Jail, Lakeport, CA

**Our March Newsletter** introduced the Christian Library, Int'l. The word needs to spread for churches to **network together** to collect used Bibles and Christian books that need to be delivered where most used.

It is **clean out time** in our homes to let go of Christian books we have had for so long to be dispatched to a hungry audience of inmates across America.

## OPEN DOORS FOR MINISTRY – DEKALB COURTHOUSE

**Tim Harris and Clay Massey** 

We met Ms. Montgomery as she was getting on the elevator to be in the court where her grandson was being tried. She was very happy for us to pray for her. We held hands and prayed for her. She was already a believer in Jesus.

Tim prayed for an unnamed family of three that were being evicted from their home. They were believers.

Tim and Clay prayed for Ms. Adetola who was waiting outside court with her 8 month old baby. She was being sued by a former landlord. She had recently moved from LA. Tim gave her his card and invited her to his church since she lived close-by. She was already a believer.

## OPEN "CITY GATES" IN EVERY COURT HOUSE

Conviction of SIN headquarters building. It was first established when every town was instituted and built just as God instructed in the Tabernacle.

Conviction of the consequences of sin attracting the backslidden and unworthiness in believers and the lost spiritual condition in unbelievers that their best efforts brought them there.

**Conviction of reconciliation** by settling all disputes among unbelievers and Christians.

Conviction of fornication and the sacredness of marriage through the issuing of all marriage licenses and many of all marriage ceremonies.

Conviction of resolutions in marriage counseling, disputes through mediation or divorce where there is an impasse.

Conviction for reconciliation, restitution, and forgiveness through accountability records.

Honoring support to loved one in handling all death certificates and disputes involved.

Honoring support of children as pro-life in all birth certificates, adoption of children.

Retribution of God's money stolen with a 100% success rate receiving "tithes and offerings".

#### WRONG DOOR AT THE RIGHT TIME



God can connect people in the most unexpected ways!

Jamar and Martin showed up at court to report for probation from Fulton Co.

Our conversation took a

most unusual turn when an employee probation said they were in the wrong building and referred them to the proper location probation office to report. Before leaving, God connected our spirits in Christ as they shared their changed life and accountability in a recovery home in Fulton County through <u>Victory</u> Outreach Atlanta.



### VICTORY OUTREACH CHURCH of Atlanta

"Reaching the Inner Cities and Beyond Since 1967"

**Bells rang in my heart at that moment** to connect with Victory Outreach Atlanta for a potential support with team in Fulton Co. courthouse. That contact is now open.

Our team we have in the Fulton court house is minimal in number compared to the thousands of unsaved and backslidden Christians that flow through those doors daily.

Please PRAY God connect us with this fellowship of believers there to expand a much needed volunteers for Fulton Co.



#### FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER

**OPEN DOOR** for Bridge The Gap Ministries was interviewed by Julie Thompson for an article about what was established in Gwinnet County. Go to **gwinnett** citizen.com / click on "Opinion" top line / click on "letters to the editor" for the article:

"Bridge the Gap Ministries brings mercy to the courthouse"