

How majestic is your NAME in all the earth!

As we close out 2016 with Bridge The Gap Ministries, we want to reflect in remembrance of your sincere faithful sacrifices of prayer and support. It has been priceless to us for you have been the fuel! We have personally seen **359 folks lost in sin in 2016 come to faith in Christ !** It all happened by touching the untouchables, the least wanted, the last remembered and the lost without Christ. Of all the words Jesus said, His main message was always *"... I came to seek and to save that which was lost."* ...*"to destroy the works of the devil..."* *"to bring my Father's Kingdom to His world!"* About the only place where He could find folks who saw themselves **LOST** were the untouchables, the least wanted, the last remembered and the lost without a Savior.

That word **"LOST"** is more profound than we realize and often uneasy to detect; especially when it is deeply disguised in affluent neighborhoods, HOV lanes of traffic, social night clubs, endless ball games, padded office buildings. Some of these have their place. Yet no matter how hidden that word **LOST** be tucked away from recognition, Jesus' inescapable words still cut to the heart of main stream USA to hear, *"What good is it for a man to gain the whole world and lose your own soul?"*

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Realizing the awesome reality of the horrible **LOSTNESS** of the human race, Jesus choose to physically show up in person to REDEEM us all from our LOST CONDITION. **HE NEVER WOULD HAVE MADE SUCH A JOURNEY TO TAKE OUR DEATH PENALTY IF HE DID NOT BELIEVE IN A WORLD THAT IS TOTALLY LOST! LOSTNESS IS A BIG DEAL TO GOD and is an EPIDEMIC WORLDWIDE.** Did you know?

Of 131.4 million births per year / 55.3 million people die each year
Of 360,000 births per day / 151,600 people die each day
Of 15,000 births each hour / 6,316 people die each hour
Of 250 births each minute / 105 people die each minute
Of four births each second of every day / Nearly two people die each second

Population Reference Bureau & The World Factbook
(Central Intelligence Agency)

"It is appointed unto man ONCE TO DIE, and after that the JUDGMENT." (Heb 9:27)

"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it." (Matt 7:13)

Even the main stream churches are losing the reality of the **EPIDEMIC of LOSTNESS !** Yet God in His awesome wisdom has instituted and preserved His government monuments worldwide: solely to address this issue of **LOSTNESS** with the untouchables, the least wanted, the last remembered and the lost without a Savior - Justice buildings, detention centers and prisons.

OUR 2017 "INAUGRATION" TO GOD'S GREAT COMMISSION

"ON THE MOVE MAKING THE FIRST MOVE ! "

SEED PLANTERS

know they only reap what they sow, and they reap more than they sow.

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously." (2 Cor. 9:6)

Our 2017 inauguration "making the first move" is personally planting in LOVE God's Word DAILY and DELIBERATELY - to as many people, in as many creative ways, in as many places all day long:

1. Simple cards or letters
2. Simple phone calls
3. Simple visits
4. Simple fasting & intercession

SEED WATERERS

know they reap later than they sow.

"My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power." (1 Cor.2:4)

Our 2017 inauguration "making the first move" is only under the influence and anointing of the Holy Spirit's power through fasting and prayer. Recognizing we are not the message, only the messenger, in His strength alone. His Words WILL NOT RETURN VOID! In a later seasons we will reap!

SEED PICKERS

know when they persevere they reap the full harvest.

"Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy. Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them." (Psa.126:5-6)

Our 2017 inauguration "making the first move" is NEVER giving up on anyone. The most hopeless folks God wants to do His GREATEST work. Reminding ourselves daily if God never gives up on us, we cannot give up on others. Tears of perseverance are the greatest tools for a full harvest.

INMATES 2017 "INAUGRATION" TO GOD'S RADICAL CHANGES

God has given me a vision of a ministry, and I hope he gives me favor and grants me the opportunity to get the rehabilitation help I need so I can be restored with my family and rebuilding process.

Please God, grant me this request according to your Word and will. I stand on your Word in Matthew 7:7 that if I ask, seek and knock, things will happen.

Claude

To me God has told me that my freedom is near. I will be out in the streets and the real test begins. Now it will be time to show everything I learned. I have studied about Israel exile and I come to understand that it was the only way God would get my attention. I know I sinned just the same as the Israelite people and just like them I got sent to captivity. Thank you Lord for showing your face to me. I love you and I praise your name.

Anon.

I see that I will be put in a place where I can be with my family. I will be able to work and provide for my family. Lead my family and others.

While I first work on myself and my sobriety and my relationship with God, then I can help others with problems with addictions telling them and leading them to God.





I, Eddie, am a recovering addict that has been dealing with this disease for over 30 years. I have accepted Jesus Christ into my life awhile back but allowed the devil in again and I started using again. Somehow God stepped in and allowed me to come in here for a time of restoration. I asked God for a heart transplant because that is where it all begins.

God gave me these hands and I can make anything out of nothing a lot like Jesus does. But I don't have family or friends. All I have is Jesus to break the chains. God saved my life and I don't know why. I don't deserve it. I am only saved by grace.

If I want something I've never had, I have to be willing to do something I've never done.

That is what I am doing NOW. But the thought of me being released and going back where I was scares me. I am not forced to go. I believe the Holy Spirit is leading me in this direction.

Lots of application for places but a guy in here just gave me your address and told me to write you that you could help me. I pray every night that the Lord leads my path in the perfect place where I can be away with true believers that love the Lord and I need to learn from them.

I'm still here because God said it wasn't my time to die, that I had some work to do. I don't truly understand what God meant when He spoke that to me in a coma before I woke up 5 days later. *Eddie Geiger*

God's Amazing Redemptive Grace in DECEMBER

"For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was LOST, and is found.' And they began to celebrate."

Luke 15:24

Celebrate with us all those who prayed for forgiveness and salvation. Please pray for each name as they face the opposition because of their new faith in Christ alone. Pray they not lose heart in spiritual warfare.

Christopher Trotter
Desmond Ussery
Twane Kilgore
Joseph Clement
Eleazar Espino
Kevin Rose
Alee Reid

Jimmy Ortiz
Michael Dameroy
Carl Cross
Samuel Patino
Michael Rogers
Sergio Claros

Neshea Ortiz
Rod Johnson
Dreon Young
Mina Hammond
Nico Santiago
Marcus Way

We thank you in advance

knowing your every prayer and dollar will keep us on the front lines to **SEEK TO**

SAVE THAT

WHICH WAS LOST

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OUR VISION is to Bridge the Gap between the justice system and the mercy of God to effect lasting change in individual lives and families of incarcerated persons with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, so that they rejoin our community as (law-abiding, good, or honorable) citizens. Justice and mercy meet at the cross. The name is taken from Ezekiel 22:30, where God says, "I searched for someone to stand in the gap . . . but I found no one."