

## Out of Debt and into Blessing

I think one of the most frightening things to most American's is the whole thought that if you don't have the cash for it you shouldn't buy it. Seems that we live in a world that demands bigger, better, faster with a "get it now at any cost, no payments until next year mind set" that we are so far in debt both individually and corporately that to pay off our national debt today it would require a payment of 1.3 million dollars from each man woman and child alive in America today. The Bible declares that the borrower is the slave to the lender. (Proverbs 22:7) We are a nation of slaves spending the last of our resources like the prodigal son on wine, women and song soon to find ourselves under the belly of a pig. While all along false profits and politicians tell us to keep going, there are better days ahead. Like the prodigal there is no way out of debt but to repent and return to God.

Our ministry ended the year of 2009 with credit card debt of about \$12,000.00. While this was not an insurmountable bill we realized that it was robbing us of important assets that could be used for valuable ministry and that somewhere along the way we were slowly losing our confidence for God to provide for us. Ever so slowly without realizing it we were paying some of our debt roll over for the month with credit cards. Before long we were paying minimum credit card payments of about \$ 700.00 a month. After meeting with our CFO we prayed and made a decision before the Lord that we would sell off some of our assets and cover this balance and not to return to using credit cards again. We had a third ministry truck that we weren't using at the time and placed a \$ 12,000.00 price tag on it. Within a week we received a call from the state of Missouri from a Pastor who did a rural bussing ministry who wanted to start an inner-city ministry in a nearby metro area. The first words out of his mouth were, "I know this \$ 12,000.00 is needed in the Kingdom of God so I am glad to pay it for the Lord." While I was happy that we were paying off the debt something inside of me was unhappy about losing the truck. I felt like we had failed God in some way and to lose a ministry tool is always hard. But as of March 10, 2010 we were completely out of debt in every way except the debt of love. (Romans 13:8)

A short time after that I received a call from the same Pastor who bought the truck from us and he told us of a ministry in Minnesota that wanted to donate a school bus to us. We had needed a school bus for a long time and it came to us as an answer to prayer. On top of that the Pastor in Missouri gave us about \$ 10,000.00 worth of toys and give aways for the kids. Within a week we received about \$20,000.00 worth of goods and a bus to help us through the rest of the year. And more importantly we had developed relationships with our new found brothers and sisters in Christ.

In June of 2010 we were able to open up a new wing of dorms for interns and within six weeks we had four new workers from all parts of the country to come serve with us including one girl from Austria. Jesus made a way for us to gain favor with an adjacent property owner who allowed us to convert storage space into dorms. Something he vowed in the past never to do.

Then in September 2010 we received a grant of \$ 50,000.00 from St. Andrews Presbyterian Church to expand the Children's Activity Truck Ministry. We have since purchased a 14 foot moving truck and are having it converted into a CAT Truck in Florida. This will allow us to expand our ministry by six sites and five hundred children on December Fifth this year.

So, we began this year with five new workers and six sites and by the end of this year Lord willing we will have twelve workers and 18 ministry sites. God not only helped us pay off our debt but also gave us back a brand new truck, a bus and about \$ 20,000.00 worth of donations and when I began to reflect back on all of this and on the goodness of God I see he began moving when we decided to fully trust him and get out of debt.

The Lord reminded me of the Word in Ecclesiastes 11:1. "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shall find it after many days." I think he wants us to let go and cast in our full lot with him depending on no other but himself for everything. Debt becomes a problem when we depend on the world to provide our needs. But to strip oneself naked of all things before him and wait on his provision is faith and this is what pleases him.

Everything we have is from him. There is nothing that we use or posses here that belongs to the world. All is from God for his purpose. While we are not a perfect ministry all that is given here is applied to reach lost souls of children the world has given up on. Real ministry is transferring souls from this world into the Kingdom of God. Because in reality the only thing you can take to heaven with you are the souls that were won through Jesus using your life. Everything else turns to dust and is blown away for an eternity. Spend wisely now! God bless you.

**Pastor Scott**

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, Ephesians 3:20. (NIV)



## CAC News

In October we will launch a new sector of ministry for our middle school kids ages twelve to fifteen we have called "Something Good in the Hood." We are installing an inner-city curriculum to address these kids on the level that they come to us. The most important thing that we will do is break down into smaller groups and allow each of our staff and interns to begin to develop personal relationships with the kids. This small group dynamic will in our view add a new dimension by which these kids can be mentored and trained Godly living and faith principles.

Along with this small group dynamic we will be opening up summer camps and mission trips for these young people along with community service projects. These kids need to know who they are in Christ and that they have a purpose in life. Most inner-city kids think that getting things or having sex is the key to life. As one famous rapper said, "I'm gonna get rich or die trying." Well the sad news is he is dead no matter what happens in his life without Jesus.

Would you please pray for us as we begin these new steps with the kids. Also, we will be changing the format on our website. While the site will not be taken down the changes may take sometime to install. We hope to have some brand new videos for you along with some new pages featuring "Something Good in the Hood."



### Intern Positions Available

If you would like to be trained in one of America's most challenging inner-city ministries then this is the opportunity for you. This is a dynamic way to get street level experience in using the gifts God has given you to reach the lost, the hurting, the homeless and fatherless of America's fourth largest City. We have 5 and 12 month terms available. Housing is provided. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact Jessica in our office.



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