

Kingdom Builders Newsletter

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Wholly Committed Ministries Discipleship Training

Operation Excel

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Literary and visual arts
Video production
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We truly are created to love
and are called to serve

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There's help learning to have
patience, self-control, to love
and show kindness

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A Family's Miracle for Thanksgiving

The story you are about to read is of a family living in Austin, Texas. The mother is Director of a ministry to hurting women called Season with Salt Ministry. We hope that you will find her story compelling and inspiring.



As a single mother of 5 children, I had no idea how I was going stay with my son, Sean, in the hospital and provide for his siblings at home. My son, at the age of 13 was diagnosed with "Acute Myeloid Leukemia" on July 31, 2003. A very aggressive and life-threatening disease called cancer, my son became very ill.

I watched my son fight for his life and saw the courage that God blessed him with. Our lives changed drastically, especially for Sean. On November 8, 2003 Sean received his first bone marrow transplant from his twin brother Steven. Eventually he returned to Playing football and

basketball. We were all hopeful for the future; and then it happened. In less than a year the cancer returned. My baby would have to go through the terrible treatments all over again. This time Sean would receive a stem cell transplant from his oldest sister, Shatisha. Eight months after receiving his second transplant, to our horror, the cancer, for the third time, was back.

On our way to the Children's hospital, in Austin, Sean made a powerful statement. He said, "Mom, if I had to go through this again I would not change a thing." I turned

my head so that he would not see my tears. I wondered if he understood what he had said. Oh, what words of courage he spoke! It could only be the power of the Holy Spirit to give him such strong convictions after all he had gone through and was about to face for a third time. Sean also shared with me that he did not want to be put on life support and he expressed concern for us. The only thing he wanted was for his family to be OK. For this third go round the doctors gave us a choice.

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Uncommon Love

Recently our family and ministry were facing a crisis, we were days away from losing the vehicle that allows us to do ministry and our only mode of transportation. We sent out a plea for prayer and help. One man heard the call and sent out a plea for others to help our ministry. This man also has a ministry, Common Good International. His ministry provides the necessities of life for children in Central/East Africa.



His ministry is always in need of funding and yet, he gave to us. His out pouring of love reached the heart of a loving couple in Dallas, TX who also helped as well as another ministry that works with foster children. To all of you I thank you. Your uncommon support has been a great inspiration to us and is an example of the people of God joining together for Kingdom building.

For more information go to:
www.comgood.org

“Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful into him, and bless his name.” Psalm 100:4

Statements of Thanksgiving:

“It had been hard for me to think of any thing to be thankful for here in jail and then I got your letter. I am thankful for your letters they encourage me and remind me of what is most important.” *Sara*

“Thank you, Lord for putting loving people in my life.” *Jan*

Voices of Thanksgiving

“I am thankful for my 3rd grade teacher. She spent her personal time showing she cared about me. One special afternoon she, along with her mother, took me out to eat at a fancy restaurant and then bought me the most beautiful dress. Today, 40 years later, it is my turn to show I care. Thank you, Lord for the examples you blessed me with.” *Sheila*



“They turned me down again for parole, even though for over 25 years I have been a model prisoner. I am thankful that I know the Lord as my Savior and that this is my temporary home. Thank you, Lord that you have waiting for me a wonderful home where I will be free.” *Tonya*

“Thank you, Lord for my first car! Please help me be a good Steward of what you blessed me with.” *Crystal*

“Sometimes I forget and then I see kids in other countries who have no one to care for them. My mom is living on the streets doing drugs and my father is in prison, but at least I have my cousin to take care of me.” *Janet*

Inspiration Today

“So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.” 2 Corinthians 4:18

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Get another bone marrow transplant or do Palliative (Try to live a quality life until the time comes for you to die).

Sean wanted the quality of life, he was tired of the pain, medications and lengthy hospital stays away from the family. I wanted Sean to get another bone marrow transplant. Sean's faith and belief in the Lord was stronger than mine and I am a firm believer. Sean's faith made all of us strong.

We were in the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year when I made the decision for Sean to begin receiving chemo. After two weeks, Sean became very ill. At the same time Steven was falsely arrested in the Stony Point High School incident that was the lead story on the evening news of every TV station. A RIOT at Round Rock ISD, Stony Point High School. In fact, there was an over reaction and a great injustice done that day that continues to overshadow our lives, but the devil is a liar! Sean developed a pain in his stomach that ended up

being an infection in his intestines. Steven was held in the Round Rock Juvenile Detention Center for two weeks. I could not afford legal counsel.

After the two weeks, Steven was released with stipulations. He was sentenced to the Rock, a penal alternative school for the remainder of the school year. He was fitted with an ankle monitor and was to be in the house by 8 PM. Upon his release we headed straight for the hospital. Steven had watched over his brother except for the two weeks of being separated. Steven returned to his post, looking after his brother. Thank God Steven was approved to be with Sean, because after school that is where he stayed and slept every night, along side his brother.

On September 6, 2006, after being in the Intensive Care Unit for three weeks, we had to hold on to all the hope we could gather. Sean had fluid on his lungs and excessive fluid in his body, and now he could not breathe. The medics rushed in, placed a breathing cup over his

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Up and Coming Events

Sunday Children's Church

November 5, 2006

We have been working with hurting children whose parent(s) are incarcerated or are experiencing extreme financial difficulties. Many have never been to church; all need to see God's love in action.

We thank Friendship Community Church for lending us the space and being so supportive. We ask for your prayers as we continue to minister and reach out to these special children.

Royal Family Kids' Camp

Live & Silent Auction

Church of Glad Tidings

2700 Northland Dr. Austin, TX

November 12, 2006 12:30 PM

An outreach to abused and/or neglected children.

Donations for auction needed.

For more information call (512)459-5481 or email
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Celebrating Thanksgiving

At Crows Nest Farm

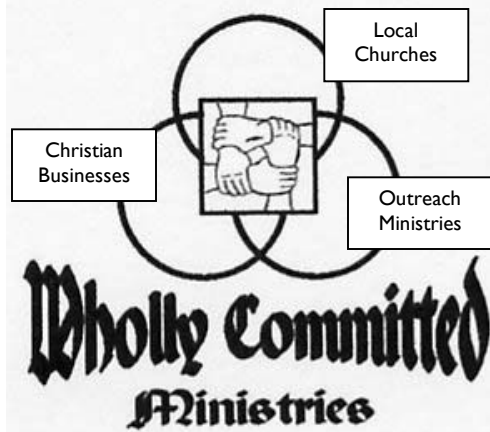
November 18, 2006

In our effort to continue to reach out to families in the Austin and surrounding area, we will have a day of Thanksgiving at the farm. If you would like to be a part of this effort we need volunteers, transportation and sponsorships.

For more information please call (512)636-1381

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Someone Needs You



We need you!

We need people to help us. Won't you consider being a volunteer, a sponsor, a partner? We need a ministry building to provide a place where people coming out of prison can grow in their Christian faith and build healthy relationships.

For a copy of our needs list or for additional information please call Sheila Green at 512-636-1381.

We are walking with people through the challenging times of their lives.

Won't you join us?

We can accomplish great things together!

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mouth, and began trying to save his life. People gathered around Sean's room to see what was happening. Nurses from the various floors, some who knew Sean and those who had heard of him came. And then there was Steven frozen, in space and time, unable to help his brother. The medic who had been giving Sean oxygen for about 30 minutes exclaimed that his arm was getting tired. My daughter took the tired medic's place. I kept telling Sean to squeeze my hand; I needed to know that he was still alive. One of the medics said that they usually do not give oxygen to a patient for as long as they had been for Sean, it had been almost an hour. The doctors were asking me what I wanted to do. It was hard for me to think, my world was spinning and I was so very scared. I did not want to lose my baby. But I remembered Sean's request not to be put on life support. So I told the medics to stop giving my baby the oxygen.

My daughter, Savanna was crying and screaming. We all were praying for a miracle. Seconds had passed and then all of a sudden Sean began to breathe and then he gave the command, "RAISE MY BED!" As he began to speak, we stopped crying instantly and looked in awe at Sean. The healer was in the house, or should I say in the ICU of the Children's Hospital. There was an electrifying excitement as well as an unusual quiet and calmness in the room. A miracle had just occurred! After the bed was raised Sean said, "THANK YOU JESUS." He continued to speak asking for the blood pressure cup to be

removed, he said he did not need any more oxygen, to take all the tubular lines off him and take away all the medications. Sean addressed everyone in the room with clarity and boldness. He was smiling and had a bright spirit that made people feel good and filled our hearts with laughter. Everyone that had left the room for us to say our goodbyes had now returned in disbelief. The attending doctor was in awe. He said, "I have never seen anything like this before, my knees are shaking."

I know that God raised my son up, just as he raised Lazarus up from the dead. Not only did God raise him up, but God healed him totally and completely. God is not a God that he should lie. He does things whole and complete. At the very last moment, I had to let go then...**GOD MOVED.** I am confident that both my sons will be mighty men of valor for the Lord because of what they have had to endure. I give God all the honor, glory and praise!

There were many people that came by the hospital to minister and pray for Sean and Steven. Ministries like Wholly Committed Ministries, Ministry of Challenge, Shoreline Christian Center, The Austin Christian Discipleship and Resource Center, Logos Baptist Church, Abundant Blessings and more. There is strength in numbers. Thank you all for your powerful prayers and support, God Bless you all!

This Thanksgiving we will be thanking God for the miracle of life.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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This Thanksgiving season we want to take the time to remember all of you, who contributed to Wholly Committed Ministries in 2006. We sincerely thank all who gave money and in kind offerings, clothing donations, school supplies, for volunteering, for your prayers and kind words.

Thank you!