



In His Grip Ministries

Since our last newsletter we have been from West Texas to Mississippi, to New York and New Jersey preaching and ministering at Teen Challenge centers as well as a few churches. God continues to honor our "Yes" to Him with open doors to share the hope that we have found in Jesus. This month I want to talk a little about anointing and the power of anointing.

Connie & I cannot minister without it and ministries, no matter how well funded operate in vain without it. The Bible declares that it's the anointing that destroys the yoke of bondage. We see David and his descendants were effective because of him being anointed by Samuel and ultimately by God. I have always felt that the ministry of Teen Challenge, as well as every other discipleship ministry like it, has a special anointing because of the faith and obedience of Pastor David Wilkerson. After last month, I am more sure than ever of this!!! You see, it's one thing to pull up onto a campus with men or women who are hungry for change and a staff who have been pulled out of the clutches of addiction, and feel the power and presence of God. But a few weeks ago we got to walk into the front doors of the Original Teen Challenge at 416 Clinton Avenue in



Brooklyn, New York and even though there were no students or staff and the house had no drywall and was just a skeleton due to the remodeling we could feel the anointing of God! I wept as I looked at the shock of wheat on the fireplace that the Lord Himself used to speak so plainly to Pastor David and his wife. You see, he had had dreams of that very image that they were looking at!! He knew that Jesus was saying to him personally, "The fields are ripe for the harvest and this is the place." As we made our way to the basement and the prayer room I began to consider how many broken men had been healed right there, and how many more would come through in the future. Then my mind began to consider the fact that this anointing that began right here flowed to Texas to the Teen Challenge that I went to, as well as the hundreds of other Teen Challenges not to mention the other similar ministries

that continue to spring up out of the faith and obedience of a single country preacher from Pennsylvania. He heard God, trusted God, and did what God said. That was 62 years ago and that same anointing continues to flow just like the oil that ran down Aaron's beard all the way to the skirts of his garment in Psalm 133:2



Springs of Praise Church
Crystal Springs, MS



Mercy House ATC
Georgetown, MS





Brooklyn Teen Challenge



House on the Rock Church

Rockaway Park, NY

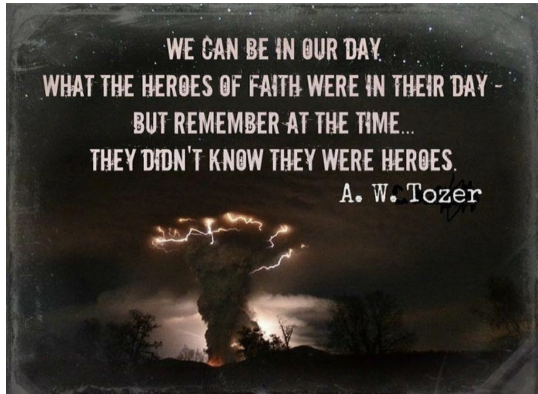






You know the crazy truth about serving God is that Pastor David Wilkerson had absolutely no idea the impact that he would have on the world by obeying God to go help some teen aged boys in New York City, but he went. Because he went, because he said "yes" to God, I get to sit at my desk tonight, in my right mind, free from the bondage of drug addiction and write this newsletter. Praise God!! It kind of makes me wonder how our "yes" to God will play out. The great A.W. Tozer once said, "We can be in our day what the Heroes of Faith were in their day—But remember, at the time they didn't know they were Heroes."

We love you! Please remember to pray for us and those in the pictures we shared.



We remain In His Grip, Jeff & Connie Johnson

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| August 29, 2021 | "Friends in the Park" Outreach—Abilene, TX |
| September 1, 2021 | Gospel Lighthouse—Powderly, TX |
| September 9-10, 2021 | Teen Challenge of the Midlands—Colfax, IA |
| September 12, 2021 | New Journey Church—Knoxville, IA
(AM/PM Service) |
| September 29, 2021 | Project Hope/Saving Grace Spiritual Emphasis—Houston, TX |

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