

October 2021

## In His Grip Ministries

Every October we find ourselves in the Imperial Valley in Southern California. This year was no different. We come to minister at the Turning Point and New Creations Men's and Women's discipleship homes. We also come for a wonderful Bible conference at Calipatria Community Church.



This conference is one of the highlights of our year, because men of God from different places and even different denominations are brought together by Pastor Mike Hurtado through the Spirit's guidance, to share their hearts with one another and bring encouragement to each other. On top of all of that we get to stay with Ms. Connie's folks and get treated like royalty. All of these things make our California trip one of our favorites. However, if you have followed our newsletters from the beginning, you would also know that the Lord has a way of speaking to me

through the Imperial Valley. This year He was faithful to do it again. You see this part of California is naturally a desert with no rain and extreme temperatures and sits about 100 feet below sea level. However, this part of California is also the producer of a large portion of this country's vegetables. That is a powerful message in itself.

This year the Lord spoke to me, once again, not through the land or the canals or the irrigation. He didn't speak through the contrast of a lush green field right next to a dry desert

field. Instead He spoke to me through two faithful field workers bent over in a vast field that covered many acres. At first glance I thought to myself "How overwhelmed they must feel." I immediately heard the voice of the Lord in my spirit say, "Yet you have vegetables in Texas." He began to minister to me about the state of our country and even our world that can seem so overwhelming to the Christian worker... He said, "Just stay faithful. Keep your eyes and your hand on the part of the field that's in front of you and before you know it the fruit will be piled up."





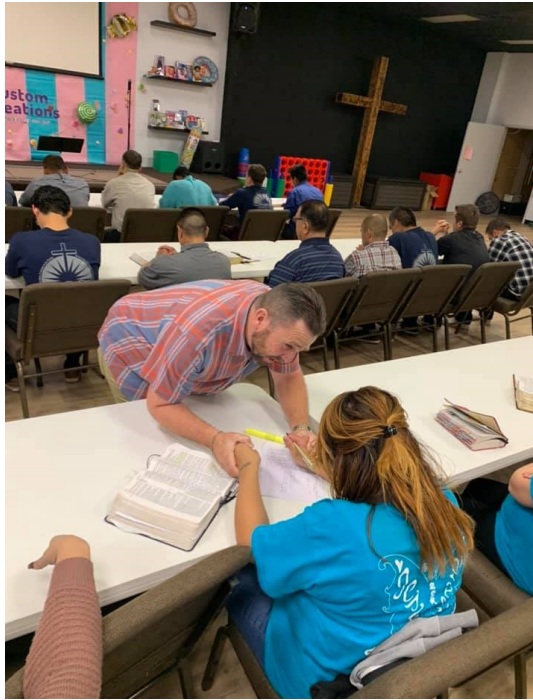


Lifted Up Living  
SOUL Sisters  
Turning Point Life Center  
Turning Point Men's Home  
Brawley & Holtville, CA





New Creations Men's & Women's Home  
El Centro, CA



Calipatria Community Church Bible Conference



The Well Christian Center-Yucca Valley, CA





As I continued to consider those two field workers the Lord reminded me that His way is in twos. Jesus always commissioned in pairs. I am blessed to have a partner in this thing that has the same heart for the lost; and not just the lost but also the broken and struggling who have been found. It's easy to get overwhelmed at times as we work in the fields of the lost and broken, but remember Jesus didn't say, "Run around gathering more harvesters." Instead He said, "The harvest is great but the laborers are few, pray ye therefore to the Lord of the harvest." So I'll close the same as I always do, Please pray to the Lord for us. We covet your prayers above anything else! We love you!

In His Grip,  
Jeff & Connie Johnson

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

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| October 31, 2021   | New Life PCG - Paris, TX  |
| November 2-4, 2021 | Spiritual Emphasis Teen Challenge of the Four States-Neosho, MO |
| November 5, 2021   | Friday Night Fire at Freedom City Church - Springfield, MO      |
| November 11, 2021  | East Texas Teen Challenge - Deport, TX                          |
| November 14, 2021  | Victory Christian Center - Azle, TX (AM & PM Service)           |
| November 15, 2021  | Abby's House - Fort Worth, TX                                   |
| November 16, 2021  | San Antonio Women's Teen Challenge - San Antonio, TX            |
| November 18, 2021  | San Antonio Men's Teen Challenge - San Antonio, TX              |
| November 28, 2021  | Manning First Assembly - Manning, SC                            |

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