

In His Grip Ministries

It's a new year and we hit the ground running! January found us ministering in Mississippi as well as different parts of Texas. I know that most ministry newsletters for the month of January are usually about some word or idea to head into the new year, but for me my mind keeps going back to something that the Lord showed me a few days ago while reading Psalm 32. It starts out by saying, "Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is covered." This is the very message that God has enlisted us to declare!! No matter how much dirt these men and women have done, if they will simply call on the name of the Lord & repent, they will surely find blessings for their soul! However, my favorite part of this Psalm is found in verse 7. It says, "You surround me with shouts of joy from those celebrating deliverance." Man, when I read this I began to see the faces and hear the shouts of the men & women that God has called us to minister to. I also began to consider how God already has incredible people staffing these places. These folks are already receiving what they need to get the freedom they so desperately desire. So why would God enlist and employ and anoint us to go and do what we are doing? As I sat for a moment listening for the Lord's response. I felt the word "evidence" impressed upon my heart. The Lord gently began to speak to my heart and say, "You guys are the evidence of My deliverance and restoring power! And just like an attorney needs evidence to win a case in court, some of these men and women need to see some real evidence for themselves before they can get a shout of joy and celebration for themselves." As I continued to listen for the voice of the Lord, I heard Him say, "Haven't I told you, heal the sick, raise the dead, cast out demons; freely you have received, freely give? (Matthew 10:8) when you do as I tell you, there will always be celebrating."





Gods House of Hope-Kilmichael & Nettleton, MS



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TESTIMONY

I've never really known Jesus before coming to Mercy House Teen Challenge. I never even really picked up a Bible. As a matter of fact it wasn't until I had lost nearly everything and was facing an assault charge before I would even consider the advice of a childhood friend to come.



When Jeff & Connie came I had only been here a few weeks and even though I knew I was where I needed to be, my mind kept telling me to leave, to just run. I kept fighting in my mind and praying, "God if you are real, I need a sign!" One that would be unmistakable. That sign would come on January 5, 2022! Although the sermon Jeff preached was amazing, that wasn't what got me. It was after, when I was kneeling at the altar still praying for that sign because I wanted to leave so badly. Brother Jeff knelt down beside me and put his arms around me and spoke into my ear, "Haven't you had enough? Aren't you tired of running? Scotty, you are exactly where you are suppose to be. Don't

leave because God wants to use this place to guide you into His bigger plan." Suddenly I began to cry uncontrollably. I trembled as I felt this overwhelming feeling of warmth and peace come over me. I had never in my life felt this before. I was no longer anxious and best of all the confusion was cleared up in my mind. I'll be at Mercy House until God moves me. He is faithful to let me know. You see, I had introduced myself as Scott, but I have been called Scotty all of my life. When Jeff said Scotty, I knew God was real.



Robert Scott Cummings



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You know, Connie & I have been "freely" given so much...our lives, our health, our deliverance, our salvation, our healing, our marriage and I could go on and on!! Why wouldn't we go and give it freely? I tell you, there is nothing, I mean NOTHING like being surrounded by shouts of joy from those celebrating deliverance!

We love y'all,

Jeff & Ms. Connie

Upcoming Events

February 6-11, 2022	Ohio Valley Men's Adult & Teen Challenge-Youngstown, OH
	Esther House Women's Adult & Teen Challenge-Youngstown, OH
February 17, 2022	East Texas Men's Teen Challenge-Deport, TX
February 20, 2022	Church with No Walls-Slaughterville, OK
February 24-26, 2022	Teen Challenge/Adult Centers of Texas-Midland, TX



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