

FSBH YEAR END REPORT

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW BLESSINGS ABOUND GREATLY FROM GOD TO FSBH IN 2010

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him , all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye Heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen! Amen!

The very popular Christian song “The Doxology”, above was written in 1551 and is still true and popular today. It is all about God! It’s not about poor me, it’s about what poor me can do with great Faith in God which is His believers trusting in Jesus Christ alone and obedience to His words especially The Greatest Commandments.

First, I would like to say a huge (THANK YOU!) to God and all our donors and volunteers who supported us all year and made 2010 FSBH most successful year yet. A special thank you also to those who brought food, snacks, 500 toys for kids who otherwise would not have had any, 90 gift certificates for the adults and most of all Love for the poor at our first annual “Christmas Wonderland” for the homeless at the Budget Inn motel in Wentzville. Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! May God Bless You Greatly!!

God opened up the Heavens and blessed our little Mom and Pop ministry, First Step Back Home again in 2010. He also granted our prayers concerning our vision and goals but we are still waiting for the dream to come true. We prayed to God about our vision to bring more people to help the homeless and one of our goals to supply the funding to do that with. Our prayers were answered and now, we have through God’s blessings, helped more people than ever before in a year’s time and have had our vision realized by having an equal amount of volunteers and /or donors to help and show their Love to the least of God’s people, our clients. In the last 3 years we have miraculously grown an average of 30% in donations and volunteers. We currently have over 40 Churches and organizations bringing food every night of the year and ministering to the homeless at the motel for the homeless who live there. Our goals were to help 300 to 400 homeless and poor people already living in homes last year and to be blessed by God with the money to pay for it all. We surpassed our goals with helping 477 poor and homeless people and received from God \$162,000 in cash and in-kind donations. We are looking forward to God’s blessings to do even more next year. This is a pure Miracle considering I started FSBH with my credit card overcharged by \$1000 and an idea. This is not a coincidence! We have been faithful to God’s word to Love our neighbors as ourselves, specifically the poor, all these years and God is Blessing us for it. God has sent us over \$500,000 in 51/2 years and we have helped over 3000 men, women and children. Praise God, we Love you Jesus!!

It was a great year but also full of many dangers, toils and snares as the song “Amazing Grace” exclaims. There were a few times when things looked very bleak and it seemed impossible to continue. But by God’s Love, Grace and Mercy we survived. A few verses from the Bible helped us get through;

paraphrased, “When things get bad and storms come just keep focusing on the eyes of Jesus and keep plowing forward.” Another one was, “don’t let religion get in the way of your walk with God but meditate on and obey His words”. Obedience to His words is how we show our love for God. But some of the most encouraging verses to me are still the Greatest Commandments. Jesus tells the parable of the good Samaritan and after he explains what the Samaritan did for the poor victim, He says, “GO AND DO LIKEWISE.” And we did! But we also need to realize when we are doing something directly in God’s will we will be attacked by Satan and His demons. But with believing faith God will bring us through that victoriously and we will have a better life on the other side of the attack. You have heard of being tested by fire, well that is what may happen but you will be a better person for it.

Obedience to God and His Greatest Commandments is where a lot of Americans fall short and then the poor suffer. Now I’m talking about the poor who don’t have certain obstacles like handicaps or who don’t have a willing spirit which we have found to be about 50% of the people who call us. We have the experience to know we can help about 50% of our clients achieve benefits, employment and housing. In Missouri there are 3 million who need help so we could help about 1.5 million in our state alone. Too many people ignore the poor and needy and then we are left with millions of people living in poverty and homelessness in our country. This news may make people feel uncomfortable but it is also a disgrace to all of us to see our people uncomfortably digging in garbage cans for food and living under cardboard boxes in the woods or worse. As a Vietnam vet I didn’t fight for freedom meaning people are free to sleep in the woods in 0 degree weather. I believe this is why God is upset with us seeing so many of His people suffer needlessly. I also believe this is what God means when he says, Turn from your wicked ways and bow down to me and I will heal your land.” When we start Loving the poor and reduce the number of people living in poverty, I believe He will start healing our land.

God is also a disciplinarian and will discipline us when we don’t obey Him. He Loves us but is disciplining us right now with this awful economy and so many jobless. We have as much control over our world affairs as we do over the weather especially the panic over global warming. What a joke, like we can do anything about it if it were true. God controls the weather not us!

We will have better lives on earth and the promise of eternal life in Heaven the more we live by Faith in our Father God, His only Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit. We have proved this in a small way through our ministry in the past 51/2 years. God gives us free choice during our short lives but depending on how we trusted in Jesus alone and obeyed His Words and Commands, determines how we will turn out. I am a chief sinner but through God’s Love, Grace and Mercy I believe I have repented and turned out ok at 64 and have many of God’s blessings to prove it.

God especially looks at how we treat each other. The early American pioneers were a lot closer to each other and more Loving because they didn’t have all the conveniences, instant communication and wealth we have today and were forced to help each other to survive. They did things out of Love for each other and no one was left to starve or go homeless. We have traveled to many places in the U. S. rich and poor alike and have found more people helping people in the poorer areas. For example in LA, Calif. there is 60,000 homeless living on the area streets. But there are also 360,000 people who are millionaires and some living one block away from the homeless living on “skid row”. There are six millionaires to everyone homeless, with a very small percentage of the millionaires helping. If they were to follow God’s plan there would be no homeless at all on the streets of L.A. Do you think God is going to say, “Job well done my good and faithful servant” to that? What a disgrace and bad image that is to our country! No wonder many other nations don’t like us. Now, in South Dakota on the Lakota Indian tribe reservation they have 85% unemployment. But guess what, they also have 0 homeless in their streets. They take care of each other in Love and no one goes hungry or without shelter. So what makes the difference? I agree with God and say it is Love for one another and especially the poor. You should see the way these people

we have in the motel help each other with what little they have. We all could learn from them and have a much better, respected and Loving Country. A great economist once said, "Our greatest assets are our people." So why are we letting our greatest assets deteriorate daily? We all need to do something more to stop this deterioration or there will be chaos and violence in the streets. Crime is already on the increase in our country now.

Now after painting that dismal picture, I can say some people are changing their ways. **Hallelujah, Praise God and thank you Jesus** we now are seeing a small version of our vision come to pass here at FSBH here in St. Charles County. Our vision is that we see everyone in the World who is not self-sufficient sacrifice something of themselves, as Jesus has demonstrated to us dying on the cross for our sins, to help each one who is not self-sufficient in any small or large way. This is where God's blessings have provided. We at FSBH have experienced last year at least a one to one ratio of people helping to people being served who need help. What a miracle straight from God in Heaven. **We have had as many donors and volunteers as we had clients.** In our little ministry God has done His most powerful work being faithful to the vision He has given me. We also have people calling us every week now wanting to help us with the poor and needy. The vision God gave me is now growing at a fast pace but there is much more work to be done to help the millions of the poor and needy in our States and Country. Just in Missouri alone over half the people, 3 million, in the state are not self-sufficient. I'm sure most other states have the same problem if not worse. Some say we are turning into a third world country and I believe it is all due to the growing, uneducated and untrained, poor and homeless segment of people in our own neighborhoods due to our neglect.

Our dream remains to have the funding to build a complex that is a one stop shop for services for the poor and homeless using the Model of the "Kitchen and The Missouri Motel" in Springfield, Mo. Although, if our vision is realized because more people are helping all the poor, we would have to look for a new dream, HA! Which is our greatest desire? In the last few years since we started FSBH we have seen hundreds, currently over 500, of people join in on the quest for a better America, helping the poor.

You can be one of those millions who help the poor and needy today by sacrificing your time, money or some of the many other ways to support the poor. **The Bible says in Luke 14:14 " And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just."** This will greatly help reduce the social injustice of poverty which leads to homelessness and an early death in some cases. Just call us or similar agencies and we can guide you in the right direction.

Thank You!

God Bless You!

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