

# CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

Forty years ago this Summer I took on my first ministry assignment as a volunteer Youth Minister at a church in South East Texas. It was a very natural transition from having been the youth Sunday school teacher and a natural fit for the gifts and



calling that our Lord had granted me. As God began to enlighten me regarding my identity in Christ, I would simply pass the latest insights on to our youth group. The transformation had begun; it was quite revolutionary! A good friend remarked that he had never seen anyone make such a positive change so quickly. Of course it wasn't me, but the transforming work of the Holy Spirit as I began to

allow Christ to live His life through me. But it wasn't just me, Lue was right there with me and our youth group also began to come alive. They had a vibrant zeal for the Lord and a genuine hunger for His Word. They began asking how they could tell their friends

about Christ! Over the next 2 years many of them accepted Christ and the youth group tripled in size. This spread to the children's group where I ministered as well. It wasn't until several years later that I realized we had experienced a true Spiritual awakening! The fires of

His passion have continued to motivate me throughout the years. I have been able to minister in 26 states in the US and 25 foreign countries. I thank God for the privilege of being an ambassador for Christ and I am very grateful for the trail of changed lives that have resulted to the glory of God. Truly God is good!

## INTERNATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP TOOL: "TGIM! GOOD NEWS"

Discipleship is the primary thrust of SOURCE MINISTRIES. Since our mission outreach is both national and international, it is imperative that we have a way to follow-up with those to whom we minister. In January of 2005 the Lord led us to begin sending a weekly discipleship devotional email entitled TGIM! GOOD NEWS. This ministry tool provides teaching from the Word of God to encourage, edify and exhort God's people in their daily lives. For many, especially in developing countries, it is the only Biblical instruction they get on a regular basis. An estimated 10,000 per week receive GOOD NEWS. We are grateful for the way our Lord is using GOOD NEWS to impact so many lives. Here are some recent comments.

Lewis, a great word again. Although I do not often answer, your Good News is always appreciated! Many blessings.

Movie producer, Germany

Brother Lewis, so good to read your testimony of your walk with the Lord Jesus Christ. Missionary, Philippines

Thank you for that inspiring story of your wife's accident and healing. May I have your permission to print it on my blog? My readers would be blessed by such a demonstration of faith.

Minister, MS

Grace Christian Fellowship Church loves you so much. We have started a TGIM Team in our church. The Good News message you sent, I feel led to share all week with my church. I am so blessed to have you in my life. God bless you so much for the great work you are doing in God's kingdom. Pastor, Kenya

This Good News goes so beautifully with the lesson for our ladies. I will share it with them tonight. Thanks for continuing to be a blessing in my life. Lay leader, TN

A very good Word today from Christ's Life through you!

Pastor, FL

We really-appreciate the personal care you've shown toward us. Thank you for your prayers. I can't wait to read your Good News e-mail when it comes. I pray for you often. Pastor's wife, KS

Thank you again for a wonderful TGIM message. Thank you for reminding me that God still is in the business of providing. And I thank God that you continue to supply us with wonderful messages every week. Layman, GA

Thanks, Lewis! I printed this one up - I'm in the States raising support & needed to be reminded that THE LORD IS THE ONE RAISING THE SUPPORT!!! Missionary, Philippines

Thank you for this Good News. It is very wonderful and it came at just the right time. It encouraged me to stand in faith and depend upon God alone for my needs. I have nothing to give you, but my wife and I are committed to praying for you and your mission trips. Pastor, Uganda

Brother, my heart leaps with joy to hear from you. The message of Good News is beneficial to many souls. I am very glad to download these important and useful teachings. We will render them into our mother tongue TELUGU. Please do send us your literature. Pastor, India

Many people forward GOOD NEWS to their family and friends, and many pastors share it with their churches. If you are receiving GOOD NEWS, please pass it on. If not, I invite you to do so by contacting our ministry.

#### COUNSELING LEADERS

"Thank you for quickly getting together with us during our crisis. We needed godly advice about a hurtful and delicate situation. Your understanding and being real with us about the hurts you had experienced helped ease our hurt. You helped us see what God is doing and will continue to do in our lives. You both were a big help! I pray God will continue to use you for His glory!" Ministers Wife, Georgia

## INTERNATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP TOOL: The Ultimate Makeover

"I received the packet of materials including your book, *The Ultimate Makeover*. Thank you! They are very good. Every sentence has life in it. You explained very well the mysteries of God's Word hidden in the Holy Scriptures. I have read much literature of different authors, but I have never seen such thought provoking and heart-searching stuff in my life. Every line will move the souls of its readers. I believe that God has granted you the knowledge and effective writing capacity so that all people can understand your meaningful message." Pastor, India



### MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

#### FOREIGN TRANSLATIONS

The Ultimate Makeover has now been translated, printed and widely distributed in Spanish, Portuguese and Albanian. It's also been translated into Hindi and Bengali (India), Swahili (East & Central Africa), and French. These need to be printed. Introducing The New You has been translated into Spanish and French, but is also waiting to be printed.

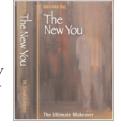
#### HELP OUR TROOPS

As a Vietnam Veteran, I remember quite well how meaningful it was to get a letter or package from home. It was especially helpful to receive teachings about the Lord. Those "spiritual reinforcements" were very comforting and encouraging. I am certain that God used them to get me through an extremely difficult time in my life. "Operation Sandbox" is now including The Ultimate Makeover in their care packages to our troops. This book is an excellent tool for Evangelism/Discipleship. Please pray about helping fund this MISSION project on behalf of our military. This is a tangible way to express your appreciation to them. Make an eternal investment in our troops by designating your gift to Spiritual Reinforcements.

"Back to Basics" is a phrase that has commonly been used to describe the fact that there are certain basic fundamentals required in every aspect of life. However, for some people, the basics have either been neglected or ignored. This is evident at sporting events whenever athletes make the wrong play. Sometimes the reason is obvious—a neglect of the basics!

This is also true in Christianity. There are specific fundamentals of the faith that are basic to a meaningful, victorious, and fruitful Christian life. Introducing the New You is a description of these basics, and it is designed to be a handbook for believers on the fundamentals of the Christian faith.

According to Hebrews 5:12, the first principles of the oracles of God are essential for every believer. This is because they are the foundational truths upon which the Christian life is built. Only when you build your life upon the foundational truths of God's Word will you be able to go on to maturity. Many sincere believers have missed the significance of having a firm foundation for their Christian faith. They have attempted to build a magnificent spiritual superstructure, just to see it collapse. Why? It is because the spiritual foundation of their lives was not substantial enough to support it. Introducing the New You is intended to help alleviate such a destructive error for you. [Order your copy today by contacting our ministry.]



#### MISSION OUTREACH

BRAZIL: September 24-October 9, 2010





I will be conducting 2 ministers conferences (Fermatas) with my friend Edmund Spieker of Churches in Missions. The first Fermata will be at Maringa, PR and the second Fermata at Pato Branco, PR. My messages will be about "Identity in Christ," "Victorious Living" and "Marital Harmony." The Ultimate Makeover in Portuguese (A Transformacao Total) will be given to each minister. I will also be preaching on Sunday.

AFRICA: November 10-24, 2010

I have been invited to speak at a Ministers Conference in the DR Congo. The Ultimate Makeover has been translated into their native language of Swahili and we are praying we will be able to get it printed for the conference. I will also be preaching on Sunday and conducting a Ministers Conference in Johannesburg, South Africa where the teachings from my book The New You are currently being shared over the Trans World Radio broadcasts.



## TOGETHER WE STAND!

To those of you who have been standing with us over the past 40 years, we say thank you! We need even more friends like you to stand with us during these difficult times. Please pray that our Lord would send more laborers to be part of our ministry support. As you can see from this brief report, "A great and effectual door is open to us, but there are many adversaries." There are numerous obstacles to overcome and challenges to be met. But all of these are simply opportunities for us to work together for the advancement of God's Kingdom! Please stand with us. Dr. Lewis & Lue Gregory

Only be sure . . . that you are standing firm in united spirit and purpose, striving side by side . . . for the faith of the Gospel. Phil. 1:26-28