

After-Retirement Wealth Planning

A **MAJOR Thank You** to those of you who minister with us by your intercessory prayer, communications, and financial support. The Bible says that your giving is building your **after-retirement** plan: wealth in Heaven that you will enjoy for **eternity!** Matthew 6:19-21 says it is **your job** to lay up **treasure for yourself** in Heaven, and is like making a bank deposit. John 14:1-4 says it is **Jesus' job** to only build your dwelling **place** there. Heaven will be different for each of us, depending on what wealth **we pre-send** to Heaven by being part of God's ministry on earth. Spiritual non-investors will **not** be wealthy in Heaven. Earthly wealth does not matter once we die, but Christian ministry investments never stop paying... **ever**. This simple truth is ignored by some people, while others are rightfully excited about it now... but will be 'off-the-charts' excited when they receive it in Heaven!

There's Gold In Them Ther' Hills (of Coatesville)

Speaking of wealth, we have been discovering **such precious gifts and talents** in the down-and-out **people** we minister to here in Coatesville, PA. It's like finding **gold**; our ministering has revealed such **beautiful souls**... people who know firsthand what the bottom of life is like... and now live in the celebration of God's salvation. Luke 7:47 says we love according to our receptivity to God's forgiveness... which our lifestyle unavoidably broadcasts. God and His followers **assign value** to people; this is called **ministry**. The selfishness popularly mislabeled as Christianity assigns value to **self**; this is evidenced in teachings, books and sermons that focus on human experience. *Biblical Christianity moves beyond owning God's goodness to sharing it.* The immature see problems or utopia... depending on their earthly resources. The mature see people and opportunities to minister to them... with the power of God (that changed **their** life) as their resource. There's **gold** everywhere!

New And Expanding Ministry

Our summer outreach to children (*highlighted in our last newsletter*) is organically **expanding** into an after school program. The police tell us that children in the city tend to get into trouble when they have nothing to do. In truth, they have homework to do and other constructive options, but those are often ignored when no adults are home. Some after school programs have come and gone, while others exist but are limited in scope. At our Coatesville Neighborhood Center, God is forming a ministry to the kids in our local area... but with our **ministry hallmark of R & D: relationship and discipleship**. This means that besides receiving some help with homework, having fun, and eating snacks, each child individually receives relationship building with a ministry staff member whose ultimate goal for that child is Christian discipleship. Please pray for this new ministry through its development, birth, maturity, and beyond. We have the privilege of addressing this vital need.

A **NEW** ministry is in the works which we are **very excited about**: we call it the **CPC / Coatesville Prayer Covenant**. Based on the Adopt-A-Street prayer ministry started in Newark, NJ, local people and churches pick a street in the city to commit to pray for and minister to. When the streets of Newark were 33% covered, the murder rate dropped 33%. Since then, Newark streets are 100% covered in prayer and the city is changing. We are in the process of gathering information from people in Coatesville who attempted this concept in the past. Our **CNC / Coatesville Neighborhood Center** is a non-denominational Christian ministry of **YWAM / Youth With A Mission**, centrally located and strategically positioned to unite Christians from the 80+ (yes, over 80) local churches in intercessory prayer and practical application of spiritual warfare, the greatest being love. Please help us now by praying for all the details to come together; there are many, and it is great to see it happening.

God Answers

We were blessed with a one week get-a-way last month to a secluded location on a mountain, overlooking beautiful countryside. The unique accommodations were lovely and for one couple only; extravagant privacy. Part of the time was for fasting and prayer for our ministry... to seek God in a focused and undistracted way. In this time, God encouraged **intentionality** and **articulation** in our ministry; for us to assuredly communicate the urgency and explanation of the Good News to those in our environment. It is **not** that we were **not** doing these before then; just that there is a need for **more**, and that these will **distinguish** those interested from those not.

Getting Off The SPIRITUAL WELFARE System

Amos 8:11 talks about a famine of hearing the Word of God. Psalm 119:11 says God's Word in my heart keeps me from sinning. Acts 17:10-11 says some Christians didn't believe what they heard, but checked the Bible for themselves to find out if what they heard was true or not. Unfortunately, **many Christians** choose to live on a **spiritual welfare system: depending on others to do their Bible studying**. 2 Timothy 2:15- "Study earnestly to present **yourself** approved to God, a **workman** that does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth." When Christians build relationships with people, discipleship should follow. Matthew 28:19-20 says being a **discipler** is Jesus' definition of a Christian. As people bear children physically to populate the earth, how much more important to bear children spiritually to populate Heaven, to prevent them from going to hell, and most of all: fulfill God's heart for relationship in John 3:16. Christians on spiritual welfare do not study the Bible, and so are less equipped, less empowered, less motivated and less effective at **making disciples... the #1 job of Christians**. Scripture comes in print, video, braille, computer, even sign language (the ASLV American Sign Language Version of the Bible). 2 Thessalonians 3:10 says those who choose to **not work** should **not eat**. Beyond mere physical food, spiritual food is more important. Christians on spiritual welfare do **not eat** healthy, Biblically; because they choose to **not work** towards getting their own Biblical food. We do not need a seminary degree to read and understand the Bible; getting a modern translation does help a lot. We all need to eat from **our own** Bible and develop two-way communication with God (His Holy Spirit is the One who talks to our heart, now that Jesus ascended to His Father). This builds our **personal** relationship with God, which is what God wants. Do not settle for **spiritual food stamps** (*limited and chosen by others!*). Freely eat from **God!**

God's Sense Of Humor

God seems to really enjoy using what the world calls **foolishness** for communicating the **only** thing that matters **eternally**. 1 Corinthians 1:18-21, 2:14-15, and 3:18-20 say human wisdom actually **prevents** the world from knowing God. Boldly pursue what God has called you to do! We are in our fifties, live in a brick (only) walled barn (fixed up to be a dwelling), use a wood stove for heat, enjoy being **foolish** nobodies in a very poor town telling total strangers that God is all about relationship and discipleship, and see people's lives changed for the good. Our missionary work of real-time personal street ministry is not always easy, yet is more joyful than anything else we've done. **This was God's "foolish" idea**; we just agreed. Our income is from people who support missions; we receive no salary or regular church support. We live simply and by faith, soaring like eagles - Isaiah 40:31. We **can't** pay our ministry supporters back... yet God **will** and **won't stop** - because they choose to believe and act upon God's **after-retirement wealth plan!** (*see plan details in first article on page 1*).

The Local Church

Our mission is just that: a mission. Those in YWAM all attend different local Christian churches of their choice. Our local church is such a joy to us and to our ministry. As some of you know, **October celebrates pastors** in the USA, **and other spiritual leaders too, according to the Bible**: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13; 1 Timothy 5:17; etc. It may be okay to have some kind of **public** ceremony, but it is better for you **and for them** that the majority of the honor is **not broadcasted**. Why? The weakness of mankind... for many reasons. Matthew 6:1-18 gives us some specific insights, and the next three verses are highlighted in our first article on Page 1 of this newsletter. The Old Testament, New Testament, and history itself (can you say Dark Ages?) all teach us about how sinful mankind (including Christians) can fall into religiosity through pride. It is far better to model Jesus, who taught us repeatedly that a true leader is a humble servant. Give honor where it is due, **and do it in a Biblical way**. In the functioning of a healthy relationship, we too ought to be such a blessing to our own local church. Globally, local churches meet in homes, caves, cathedrals, subway tunnels, hidden rooms, jail cells, and hospitals. The church is the **people**, not the facility where they meet. Meeting is vital - Hebrews 10:25, because **relationship** is vital to Christianity; God created family; God is love. Let us all minister to- and from- our own local church.☺

We would love to hear from you! We love you and pray for you! ♥ Loren + Kathy Falzone