



Shiloh Messenger

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A Beautiful Exchange

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new” (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Hello, my name is Charles Nickens, and I would like to begin by giving God all glory and honor for His un-failing love by sending His Son Jesus Christ to take my place on the cross and for repentance and His resurrection power. I would also like to thank Pastor Rocky & Sister Debbie, Shiloh staff (Jason, Joe & Brother David). Volunteer teachers (Pastor Randy, and Pastor Mike) and all the supporters of Shiloh. There are special people who have loved me in difficult times, my loving family. I want to thank Pastor Mark Trice and his associate, Scott Niemeier for mentoring me in leadership while on staff at Maranatha Church. Also thanks to Brother David Slack, Pastor Jerry Hovater, and my best friend Pastor Chuck Fountain for expressing the love of Christ in a tangible way that has impacted and changed my life forever. You have a special place in my heart and I am eternally grateful and love all of you so very much.

What joy it brings me to have the opportunity to share with you about my life after graduating from Shiloh Ministries. First I must say, looking at who I am today, my past becomes more surreal, like a daydream or fairytale from a distant world. When giving my testimony it seems like I'm talking about someone else. That's mainly because I am talking about someone else. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new”. Wow! What a beautiful exchange, my old sinful nature for a new man in Christ Jesus. It is truly a Supernatural Event.

God has truly blessed me. Immediately after graduation from Shiloh; I went on staff as the maintenance man and grounds keeper at Maranatha Church in Mont Belvieu TX. They gave me a place to live, supplied me with transportation and offered an internship position in the ministry. Pastor Mark and staff are continuing to pour blessings into my life as I serve the Body of Christ. Here at Maranatha Church, I open and lockup the church; get all the buildings setup and ready for all services and events; decorate for the Holidays; sometimes work the video camera. I guess you could say that I'm a man of many hats, always having to be ready to jump in where needed without warning.



I have recently been assigned and put in charge of the cart ministry at Maranatha Church. The cart ministry is a shuttle service we offer here to all members and visitors. Hot, cold, rain or snow, we are ready and willing to pick you up at your car and take you to the front doors of our beautiful church. To some this responsibility may seem small but what I see in this is a mustard seed. Being a little larger than a speck of dust, when planted in good ground, the mustard seed grows and becomes a tree. If stewarded well and operated through Kingdom Love, like the mustard seed, this responsibility too will grow. The Lord loves using small things to represent majestic things. Nothing on earth has the ability to bury the power that lies within one tiny seed, AMEN.

Also, I am deeply devoted to Brother David Slack and Sus Manos Extendidas - Mexico Medical Missions. Sus Manos Extendidas means, “His Hands Extended” and provides medical and dental care to those in the rural areas of Mexico. They do an outstanding job of spreading the Gospel and bringing many souls into the Kingdom on “every” campaign. As you may know, the danger levels of Mexico rises each day. Please keep praying that the Bloodline of Jesus would be wrapped around the entire team and equipment, for safe travel, and favor at the border.

I have also had many ministry opportunities with bank tellers, people at Wal-Mart, with the homeless, people in gas station parking lots, and so on. In fact, the Lord has personally made it a weekly mission trip for me to go at night to certain areas in Baytown, TX. to minister Kingdom Love to people who have no hope and blinded by darkness. I do this because I am a testimony of God's love. What He did for me He will do for another. I see the hopeless as someone Christ died for, somebody that desperately needs to experience a love encounter with Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit, AMEN! I may need or would like to have a lot of things, but what I truly and deeply desire the most is to see lost souls saved, an increase in God's Kingdom.

I truly find life satisfying and astonishing to live life in right standing with Father God. It has brought me complete forgiveness and total peace; I would never trade this for anything. It is good to know that you were created on purpose, for a purpose. Which is, to tell others the Good News and to worship Him. I can hardly wait to see what's next. Come Holy Spirit and fill us with your love, mercy and Great Grace! AMEN.

Graduates Testimony

Hi my name is Justin Antley, I am 23 years old and I'm from the greater Houston area. It was around age 14 that my problems began to surface and the strongholds of the enemy began to take over my life. I was introduced to drugs and I quickly took a liking to the partying lifestyle. Marijuana, cocaine and prescription drugs became just an every day thing for me as long as there was money there was drugs and destruction. I had also began getting into trouble with the law, often being arrested and hauled off to jail not even caring. Life was a big joke to me, completely meaningless. Around age 19 is when reality really set in or so I thought it did. I checked myself into a 30-day drug rehab in the Houston area and that didn't last long. After failing to rid myself of these addictions yet again in my despair my family assisted me in getting to North Carolina to go to another rehab facility only to let myself and everybody around me down once again, still I was not ready...When I returned back to the Houston area things began to get worse and worse my addictions were out of control, some of my close friends had tragically died and I just could not handle life anymore. This was a vulnerable time in my life when I had first heard about a place here locally called Shiloh Ministries. This place is the best thing that has ever happened to me in my entire life! The first thing I found at Shiloh was a firm foundation to build on and that is my personal relationship with Jesus Christ. All glory points back to God!!! Since I have been at Shiloh I have learned who I really am in Christ and that God is where my strength comes from. I found out that I have a purpose and destiny in this life. It has been such a blessing to be a student at Shiloh Ministries. The teachers are great, the counselors are awesome and Pastors Rocky & Debbie truly lead by example. I could not of asked for better mentors in my life. My life has been changed forever I could go on and on about all that the Lord has done in this year of my life but the thing I want to highlight most of all is this; Shiloh commits daily to set an atmosphere where the Holy Ghost has His way and His mighty power begins healing people from the inside out and He renews the mind by the reading of God's Word. Signs, miracles and wonders take place every day at Shiloh. I want to thank everybody and anybody that gives of themselves, their finances and or their time to Shiloh for it truly is good ground to sow into. Thank you all and may God richly bless you. I am a life that has been restored.

Justin Antley



More Land To House More Men

(Update!! Current balance needed, \$21,000.00)

Everyday we receive e-mails & phone calls from men & families requesting help in getting set free from addictions. Our heart response is heavy in telling them we have no room. We as Staff have been praying for God to give us more land so we can build to disciple more men. Now we are at a place where we have the opportunity to purchase land adjacent to our existing property. It is 4 acres with a business building on it. The man that is selling the property is asking \$100,000 for it. We know this man & he is honorable. We have believed for this land & have participated in prayer walks over it for years. We know it is God giving it to us. Our Heavenly Father has spoken to us. He has said, "believe & trust Me that I will speak to people & they will give". Therefore we have opened a separate Bank account to receive the money that will come in before January 2011. This is our time frame of receiving the full amount of the \$100,000 that is being asked. We ask that everyone consider sowing a generous financial gift into this much needed addition. So other men that are still in bondage be brought into their "glorious inheritance". Thank you, for your generosity in giving & co-laboring with us in the Lord's Ministry at Shiloh.

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