Heirs of Promise

"Leading Others Into Their Promised Land of the Abundant Life In Christ." **April, 2013**

"Hidden But Never Forgotten"

Are you functioning as a member of the body of Christ but not outwardly seen by others? We tend to forget that the members of the Body of Christ also includes those hidden members working inside the body. Members that are not seen are equally important. Paul admonished the Corinthian church on how to view all the members of the Body of Christ.

"For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. And if they were all one member, where were the body? But now are they many members, yet but one body. I Cor. 12:14-20

Can you imagine how your body would react if all of the sudden your kidney stopped functioning? Or if your liver just said that it was packing it's bags and quitting because of lack of appreciation? What if your heart got offended that nobody liked the beat? The whole body would basically shut down and require immediate attention. In fact, if any hidden member of our body stopped working, the whole system would shut down and the body would eventually die.

Are you faithfully serving in your church by picking up trash? greeting visitors with a smile? working in the children's department? helping set up chairs? changing diapers in the nursery? praying at home for the pastor? calling someone who needs encouragement? serving on a foreign field or faithfully shepherding a small congregation? These functions definitely go unnoticed by the public. There is no clapping or rousing shouts of appreciation. Many times there are no pats on the back or articles in the Christian magazines. But Jesus is watching!

"For the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, and he pondereth all his goings." Proverbs 5:21

Faithfulness always precedes promotion. Don't stop functioning in your position in the body of Christ. Don't envy another member who seems to receive praise by the outward appearance. You are just as important. The health of the body of Christ is depending on you. Without you, the body would weaken and slowly become less effective. Here is the key. Whatever you are now doing, do it as unto the Lord and not unto men or to be seen by man. Your reward and promotion is on the way. As you function in your place in the body, think about this verse...

"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." I Cor. 10:31

You may be a hidden member of the body, but you are **Never Forgotten.**

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As a **Promised Land Partner**, you are helping us fufill the **Great Commission** of taking the Gospel to the whole world. Thank you for your faithful prayers and **financial support!** Together we can make a difference!

Jim, April, and Joshua

Thank you!

Good News Updates!

- **Total hearing the Gospel the first time....1,329**
- **Total first time salvations.....59**
- **Total first time baptisms.....40**
- **Total new church plant support.....2**
- **Total outside missions supported.....10**
- **Total Free Healing Packets sent.....34**
- **Total world missions giving.....$85,987.00**

Outreach Ministries

- **Feeding the less fortunate.**
- **World missions support.**
- **Local outreach to the community.**
- **Food Pantry.**
- **Free mini teachings.**
- **Free healing packets for the sick.**
- **Training leaders in other nations.**

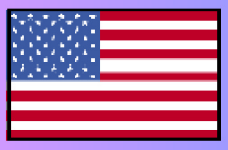
Our **"Heirs Cares" Food Pantry** is now up and running. With a **food voucher,** which we provide, a person or a family in need can come to church and get a free bag of groceries. When we feed a person physical food, it gives them an appetite for **spiritual food.**

When you give financially into this ministry, you are helping us reach the nations with the **Good News of Jesus Christ.**

Heirs of Promise Food Pantry

Help FEED THE HUNGRY

Donations $ and Happy Volunteers are now being accepted.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

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