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**INNER-CITY OUTREACH CENTER**

**MIRACLE BAPTIST CHURCH**

**PROMISED LAND CAMP**

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Mr. Jeremy Cromwell, Mr. Chad Hall,  
Dr. Chris Russell and Bro. Ronnie Tullos**

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Dear Friends,

God bless you and thank you again for your generous love and support. By the grace of God we are still here. These days, we are being given many opportunities to trust God. One said that we are in a “dark” time in the world. But Jesus is the “light of the world.” We could say that these are “difficult times.” We know that Jesus can do “exceeding and abundant things.” Perhaps “lean times” would be appropriate. “My God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory.”

It might be better to call these days, “Trusting Times.” God’s Word says, *“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.”* (Romans 8:28 KJV) Can we rest in that? I have been for forty two years! Jesus has never let me down once. Trust Jesus!

God has allowed us to see 85 folks saved since the first of the year. All glory to Him! With the “social distancing,” we are not seeing many come to Jesus right now. However, our Church and the Life-Source Bible Study are composed of many elderly ladies and men. We are ministering to them with Bible Study lessons, phone calls and food distribution from our pantry. Just because we can’t come together, it does not mean that we can’t meet their physical needs. Thank you for your financial support, we are



**Mr. Vin Garino**

using it for the glory of God.

There have been some changes to our Board of Directors. Brother Vin Garino has retired and resigned from the RTEA Board. He was such a blessing and help to the ministry. A precious friend; He will be sorely missed. In addition, Dr. Chris Russell, the pastor of Second Baptist Church, in Russellville, Arkansas has come on board. He is a welcome addition and will help maintain the vision of the RTEA.

We have been working on our Community Garden. At the Promised Land Camp, we have planted potatoes, mustard greens and carrots. We are waiting for another load of top soil here at the ICOC, and then we can plant our regular stuff. We also will put in our irrigation system before we plant. Pray with us that God will bless the fruit of our labors.



**Dr. Chris Russell**

The Annual Sean Tullos Memorial, Ironman Golf Tournament will be held on May 19th, at TPC Southwind, here in Memphis. There is a way to play, so that our teams are not all together at once. We can maintain the “social distancing” guidelines for the day. If you are interested, respond to Mrs. Beth McDaniel. Information is on her page in this newsletter. I will be there encouraging the players.

Let me give you a sweet testimony. I was up at the Promised Land Camp one morning and my phone rang. The lady on the other end asked for someone else. I told her that she had the wrong number and she said that she was worried about her daughter, who had a bad headache. She thought she might have the Corona Virus. She said that her son-in-law was a music minister at a local Church. As we got into a conversation, she related that her

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## From Beth's Heart

I am excited to introduce to you a wonderful answer to prayer!!! For a long time, because of tremendous growth in our Life Source area, the RTEA staff and volunteers have been praying for another servant to work each week in our LAMBS program. God has graciously and abundantly answered through one of our precious church partners. Bellevue Baptist Church has provided an intern, Lydia Milton, to not only serve on Thursdays teaching and caring for our children alongside Susan Watts and Pam Adamson but to also fill urgent work needs in other areas of the ministry. Please join me in praise as we thank the Lord for bringing this wonderful blessing to our ministry team!!! *Welcome, Lydia. We love you and commit to pray for you as you love the Inner-City of Memphis and share the riches of the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ!*

### A Word from Lydia

"I am originally from Greensboro, North Carolina but have spent the past four years in Lynchburg, Virginia, as I attended Liberty University. This past December I graduated undergrad with a degree in Global Studies and a minor in Biblical studies. The start of my journey into ministry started in 2015. I sought the Lord for clarity on my purpose and what He called me to do vocationally. Matthew 28:16-20 rang clear in my mind and I knew that God had called me to GO and share the gospel with all people. So, I knew that God was calling me to do missions. It was and is truly my desire to see people hear and respond to the Gospel. I had been given opportunities to participate in missions internationally and locally. However, my heart was to be hands-on in the trenches in a third world country. I had decided that after I graduated, I would be moving abroad to the



Middle East to tell people about Jesus. Until then, I spent my summers working at an urban youth camp in Golden, Mo. This camp seeks to empower the inner-city youth to become leaders who will revolutionize the inner city. I thought that I was going to work at this summer camp to change lives. Little did I know that the Lord was about to change mine. I knew there were people in America that rejected Jesus. However, I didn't know that there were people in America who has never heard of Jesus. My eyes were opened, and I realized that America was also a mission field. There are communities miles down the road, or neighbors, who have never heard of Jesus. This shook me to my core. At that moment, I realized that being a missionary wasn't reserved for someone serving in the middle east or a third world country. Living missionally meant that I was to be intentional about every conversation I would have with a stranger. I was to be intentional about knowing and loving my neighbors. Living missionally maintains the consciousness that our mission is to tell people about Jesus, and it is urgent. So I surrendered my ideas and ideals of what being a missionary looked like, including location. I asked God to open the doors that needed to be open and lead me to where He wanted me to go. God led me to Memphis and has opened every door for me to work with RTEA and advance the mission of the kingdom."

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mom had passed away last year and her brother had passed away seven months ago. I shared that God has appointed the bounds of our habitation (Acts 17:26). All the viruses can't kill us until God gets ready for us to die and all the doctors can't save us when God gets ready for us to die. I told her that we can rest in that. She started crying over the loss of her mom and brother. God allowed me to minister the Word to her and God blessed her heart. As she hung up, she said, "I guess this wasn't a wrong number after all." I thought, "Out of all the numbers, she could have dialed, God put her in touch with me, a man very acquainted with grief,

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**SEAN TULLOS**  
**IRON MAN**  
**RTEA GOLF CLASSIC**

**TPC Southwind**  
**Tuesday, May 19th**

We invite all golfers to participate in this fun golf event by playing as many holes as you desire at TPC Southwind and by committing to raise sponsorships to help expand our evangelism outreach.

Call Beth if you would like to sponsor a golfer or register to play:  
**(901) 355-9165**

Visit [rtea.net](http://rtea.net)

**Longest Drive—Closest to the Hole**  
**Putting Contest**

*\*Please notice our change of date:*

The Sean Tullos Memorial IRONMAN Golf Classic is an important fundraiser for the life-saving work through the RTEA. We Need Golfers and Sponsors who share our heart for **Jesus** to join us. God has given us this opportunity to invest in the lives of others and to make a difference for eternity. We thank you for generously serving and giving.

**Tuesday, May 19th**



## PICTURES

Clockwise from top right:

—Mrs. Beth and Sequoyia, when she left for college. We are so proud of her.

—Next: Bellevue Loves Memphis, They replaced our upstairs carpet and painted for us. Thank you Jesus!

—Little Terri always has a smile. She is such a precious girl. Pray for her Mom. She needs to be more faithful.

—Soul-winning! It's what we do!

—Mrs. Mary's son, Chris, was shot multiple times and should have died, but God had mercy on him. He allowed him to live, get saved and join Miracle Baptist Church. Glory!

—Finally, we have our team from last summers Memphis Inner City Crusade. Folks from four different Churches came together and hit the streets with snow cones. Many, many, many asked Jesus to save them. All glory to Jesus for 33 years of ministry in the "Hood."



## LUKE'S CORNER

Greetings from The Inner-City Outreach Center! We made it through the holiday season and God has brought over a dozen new people into our Life Source and Sunday worship service. We are seeing souls saved and believers learning how to seek God for themselves as well as how to share their faith and serve others. As of my writing this we had 6 baptisms before year end and this year have already baptized 3. Praise the Lord!

We were having some issues with respect during our

free play days prior to Christmas, which resulted in our calling a meeting with our regular "hoopers" (basketball players). Together with our staff and board we came up with a new membership system which allows us more control over knowing who is in the building as well as provides them with a nice ICOC photo I.D. card. After some slight resistance, I can thankfully report that God is letting our sign up process and all related issues run smoothly. The people in our community appreciate our efforts to provide

a safe place for them to bring their families and hang out.

In other news, Jessica and I are due to give birth to our sixth child any day now. Lord willing, by the time you read this we will already have a newborn at home and will be deep into the joys a new baby brings. We covet your prayers during this time as we prepare to be plunged back into the chaos of sleepless nights but inexplicable bliss. God bless you all and as always thank your for myriad ways He allows you to support us.

*Luke J. Miller*

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whom God has ministered to and brought through the death of my son. Isn't God good?

Finally, I am encouraged by the graciousness of God's people during these "Trusting Times." More prayer than I have ever heard of is being lifted up. More people are turning to the One, who controls their destiny. The internet is being flooded with the Word of God, which "will not return void." (Isaiah 55:11) Perhaps we are on the verge of a great revival. "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." (2 Chronicles 7:14)

If we are desperate enough for a fresh touch from God, He will surely pour out His Spirit upon us. It can happen! It has happened in the past. May it happen now.

**RTEA Finances**

You can imagine the way things are going with so many not working. We know because we are helping some of them. One of my favorite sayings is "I have no aspiration other than the will of God." Will you pray that the will of God, be worked out in the RTEA ministry? That's all we want. Whatever; Whenever; However; May God be glorified through His perfect will. God bless you all and thank you. Alive and resting in Him,



**PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Financial Support
- The Golf Tournament
- Our Staff (Health, Christ Likeness and finances.)
- Luke's new son, Bear, my newest grandson.
- Miracle Baptist Members
- Life-Source Members
- Community Garden
- Souls for the Kingdom

If you would like to contribute to the RTEA, you may do so by mail at: Ronnie Tullos Evangelistic Assoc. PO Box 225 Ellendale, TN 38029 Or you may visit our website at RTEA.net and look on the Donation page for the following button:



*"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister." Hebrews 6:10*

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