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God bless you dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your love, prayers and support through the years. By the grace of God, we are still on the front lines. Some are being saved, others are returning and many are ministered to. The impact we have had on the Inner-City of Memphis is incalculable. Only eternity will reveal the extent of our ministry. I say "our" because you have been an integral part of it. Without your loving encouragement, we would have been disheartened and quit long ago.

Without your prayers, we would have fallen victim to the schemes of the devil, or not been strong enough to carry on. Your financial support has allowed us to continue unabated for 38 years in some of the most dangerous places in America. Thank you for being a part of the "evangelistic association." The Lord has made a difference through us.

Sunday night, I received a message on Facebook from a man, whom I had not heard from in eighteen years. LaMario McGhee contacted me and asked if I



We are blessed with the cutest babies at Miracle Baptist Church!

remembered him? I said yes and told him to give me a call. Immediately, my phone rang and he began to tell me how he left Memphis eighteen years ago and ended up in Jacksonville, Florida. He is working in the ship yards and still trying to live for Jesus. He wanted to call me and thank me for helping him when he was a young man. He got saved at the ICOC and became a member of Miracle Baptist Church. He told me that if it had not been for our ministry, he would surely be dead or locked up in jail. The positive environment of the ICOC was his refuge from the "mean streets of Memphis." We agreed

that the next time he visits family, we will get together. You have helped us make a difference in his life.

**The ICOC is still a refuge from the "mean streets."** A while back, a man brought his sons to the ICOC and said he was bringing them to get some of what he got when he was a kid. From time to time, we get some of the "Old Heads," who come in to just hang out with us. Riley Smith, a preacher in Memphis, has started coming back around. Thirty years ago, he backslid. I caught up with him and had to put a headlock on him. He was trying to

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**Six new Believers!**



**Thank You, Lord, for our Lifesource Volunteers.**

### **From Beth's Heart**

*"Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." Romans 6:4*

Easter is my favorite time of year! When I see the new life of creation coming forth during the beginning of Spring, it reminds me of the Gospel work of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the hearts of men and women all over the world. I am blessed to be a part of the saving work of Christ in the Inner-City of Memphis through the ministry of the RTEA, I especially love the daily ministry to ladies and their families through the Life Source Program as we share the Gospel and teach the Word of God and as we love them by helping to meet their urgent physical needs as well. My LORD has given me the rich opportunity during these 13 years to witness first-hand the salvations and transformations of hundreds of people by the Gospel and how each one has drawn new life from Christ's glory. Everything is made new when we come to Christ - what we see, what we hear, what we hope, and how we live. Jesus takes what was dead and gives it life!! All our ladies will testify that before Jesus, their lives had become desperate and hopeless, but when Jesus came into their hearts that's when true life and joy began.

There was one month in 2025 that I will never forget. God brought 3 ladies on different days to the Outreach Center because He wanted them to hear the Gospel. The first was Regina who showed up in our parking lot as I was unloading my car early one morning. She had no shoes, no coat, and no long pants and it was the middle of winter with freezing temps. My first thought was to get her some warm clothes, shoes, and a coat which we had in our clothes closet thanks to faithful ministry friends. I cooked her a warm meal and packed a bag with more food as she hungrily ate her meal. For the next hour, she told me much of her sad life story, and the Lord said to me, "It is good that you have fed and clothed her, but her most urgent need has yet to be met." I knew He was saying that she needed Jesus as Savior. After sharing the Gospel with her, she and I prayed together, and she asked Jesus to save her and come into her heart. She cried tears of joy and told me she could feel His love already. In my heart, I thanked God for the rich blessing of sharing in her new life with Christ. Regina stayed the entire day and enjoyed Bible Study time with the Life Source ladies and our precious volunteers, and I was reminded again of our Lord's amazing love and grace.

The next Thursday, Lisa showed up at the Center for Bible Study. God impressed upon my heart that I must offer an invitation time at the end of class. Lisa gave her heart to Jesus during the invitation, and one of our faithful volunteers counseled with her afterwards to make sure that she understood the depth of God's love for her, His gift of eternal salvation, and the importance of her decision. Later that day, Lisa said that all morning she had been feeling an urgency to come to our Bible Study, but she was sick and depressed. She said something inside of her made her come, and even though she was trying to fight against it, she gave up and came anyway. You see, God knew something she didn't, and He wanted her to hear the Gospel and His truth. Lisa died of a heart attack 3 weeks later. Again, I was reminded of the riches of His amazing love and grace for us as He had so compassionately cared for Lisa by drawing her to Himself and to salvation through Jesus His Son.

Precious Lynette came to our Life Source Bible Study the next week. Lynette had been trying to live life allowing some major sins to control her but had collapsed that day under the weight of it all. God used her time of desperation to draw her to Himself, and in that very hour, one of our sweet young ladies in our class told her that she knew where she could receive help so she brought her to Life Source. Lynette gave her heart to Jesus during our Bible Study invitation time and is now learning that Jesus is all the help she needs and with Him all things are possible. Please pray for Lynette as she grows in her new life with Christ. Pray that she will continue coming to Bible Study and be encouraged by Christian fellowship.

This Easter as we reflect on the death and resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, may we also reflect on His amazing love which draws each of us into His gracious gift of salvation and abundant life with Him for eternity. Hallelujah! What a Savior!

A Final Note...

I will be stepping back from planning and executing the fundraising events for the RTEA as I have for 13 years but will continue to direct the RTEA Life Source Ministry to ladies and children in the Inner-City of Memphis and surrounding areas. If you are interested in working in the area of fundraising or know of someone, please contact Bro. Ronnie Tullios. We know God will raise up someone to fill this part-time position so we thank Him and praise Him in advance!



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get away from me, so I grabbed him and said that the devil had him long enough. He had to listen to me as I loved on him with a headlock. He later gave his testimony and said that he thanked God for a pastor who loved him enough to put him in a "Holy Headlock." He is now pastoring a Church.

Please pray for Riley. His daughter passed away this past weekend. Only God can help this kind of hurt.

Some of you know that the Promised Land Camp Bunkhouse was gutted by fire in January. We are in the process of trying to get it rebuilt. In addition, I recently found out that I have Prostate Cancer. We don't know much about

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**From Chris Coury @  
1st Baptist Millington**

*Hey Ronnie, I just counseled with a woman today who wanted to join our church (First Baptist Millington). I asked her to share her testimony and she said about 30 years ago at Crossroads Baptist church in Hughes, AR an evangelist preached on Hell and she was so moved and convicted she gave her life to Jesus as Lord and Savior. I asked if she remembered the visiting evangelist and she said Ronnie Tullos. Her name is Mesila Horn, you may not remember her but she will never forget you. God bless you brother!*



### **A Word From Pastor Luke**

Happy Spring, everyone! I am sitting down to write an update on the ministry and am blown away that we are already a quarter of the way through the year. They say that "time flies when you're having fun," and serving the Lord at Miracle Baptist Church and the Inner-City Outreach Center is certainly fun. One of my greatest joys in life is the relationships I have with people. I will be standing in line at the grocery store racking my brain as to how and chat up the person in front or behind me. I often joke that my wife tells me beforehand, "you don't have to talk to EVERYBODY at Walmart." Not always do these conversations lead to the gospel but usually I am trying to find an opportunity to encourage and testify about how good Jesus is. Why wouldn't I? This family known as the "body of Believers" is one of the greatest gifts God has given us. We have each other to "bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." People are lonely and hopeless. I encourage you to try and befriend someone with the hopes of winning them to salvation.

Continue praying for us as we seek to win the lost and teach our people how to grow and serve Christ. We have prayed for more male leadership in the church and God has blessed us with a few good men who are willing to serve and grow. Praise God! Please pray that God's hand of protection would be on them as the enemy tries to distract them.

Also, we are rejoicing as we have consistently been having roughly double the attendance on Sundays. Several people have made decisions to follow Jesus this year and are awaiting Baptism now.

There is much that could be said but I would just like to ask for prayer in another area; our community (really the whole city) have many youths that have no direction nor discipline. They are lost and seeking escape in the form of criminal activity. Many of the teens who once frequently visited the Outreach Center have been killed or arrested. It burdens me greatly that these young people are perishing. I see my own children in them and my heart breaks. Join us in praying for these precious ones who are living life on a razor's edge. If there is hope for us who were once enemies of God then there is hope for these who are often viewed in fear by society. Ask God to break through the fog of anger and drugs and save them.

Thank you for all the prayers, support, and labor. I love you and hope we all experience revival in our hearts that spreads to the nations. God bless you.



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it yet but have been assured that it is not that bad. They caught it early. Thank you Jesus!

Luke and Beth are such a blessing to the ministry. God is using them in a great way.

Finally, I would like to ask you to pray for us. Since Covid hit, we have lost tens of thousands of dollars in support. It is not just because of Covid, but that is the timeline. Also, the economy tanked and discretionary giving for most folks has stopped. We have cut our budget, and then, cut it

several more times. So you see the need for prayer. Please pray that God will raise up a new generation of folks, who have a heart for the Inner-City of Memphis. I truly believe that we are still vital to what God wants to do down here.

Thank you again and God bless you all. In His Service,



#### Prayer Requests

- Souls for the Kingdom.
- Revival in the "Hood."
- Health and protection for our Staff.
- Financial Support for the RTEA.
- Sean Tullos Memorial Ironman Golf Event
- Memphis Inner-City Crusade July 7 through 11.
- Laborers for the Harvest
- Luke and Jessica's new baby, due in May.

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:

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*"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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