



Dear Friend of Abiding Above,

January 2020

Happy New Year! We all will have 2020 vision this year!

If you will remember our past newsletters, I shared that God has put reaching the Mississippi Delta on my heart. This past December, we presented the Jesus Film for the second time in Crenshaw, MS. Once again, we utilized their fire department facility to gather many locals and church members for this event. We continue to see people pray to receive Christ as they watch the birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension into heaven of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The Jesus Film is a powerful tool in the hands of our loving Father.



Below is a note from one of the prisoners who is enrolled in our through-the-mail discipleship school. We have more than 40 doing lessons with us.

*"Hi! The last lesson I received that you graded for me had coffee spilled on it with a note of apology. I just want to say, "no problem!" Thank you so much for the apology but the spill was no big deal. The apology is absolutely tremendous though. Thank you again. Also ... thank you for the lessons. I absolutely enjoy them and always look forward to the next one in the mail. It's amazing the joy that a simple Bible lesson brings. Nothing next to the joy I've found in my love for God though. Thank you for all you do and the care you take with each lesson. It's amazing."*

Sincerely,

Jerry

My friend, this speaks of the reason we formed Abiding Above Ministries in April 2005.

***Abiding Above Ministries seeks to glorify God by encouraging all people into a relationship with Jesus Christ, discipling them in spiritual growth, and equipping them to make disciples of the nations.***

We believe a very conservative estimate of salvations from 2005 to the present is more than 48,000 people!

My friend! That is averaging about 3,200 people a year!

Because of your prayers and financial support, we have been able to accomplish this ... ***by the power of the Holy Spirit and to the glory of God!***

I still firmly and passionately believe that, as God's children, we must make our top priority loving God and making disciple makers to the ends of the earth! We must continue making evangelism and discipleship our top priority. If we do not keep these foremost, we could easily find ourselves bogged down in religious activities without seeing people come to Christ for salvation and coming to us to show them how to grow spiritually! Please help us lead men, women, boys, and girls to Jesus Christ. We need you!

We must also encourage and share what God has made clear in His Word, about who we are and what we have in Christ. Many years ago, now, when I began to learn what God's Word had to say about His grace, the work of the Holy Spirit, and our position in Christ, my life was absolutely transformed as my mind was renewed.

Paul said in **Colossians 2:6** – *“As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord (by grace), so walk in Him ....”* (by grace)

So, how did we receive Christ Jesus?

**Ephesians 2:8** – *“For (by grace) you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works ....”*

The same way we received Jesus into our hearts by grace is the same way we are to continue on as Christians in our daily walk with God, (by grace).

Please pray with me as I head to the impoverished areas of Jamaica in February, with Allen West and Steve Coplou. We will be doing street evangelism through the showing of the Jesus Film and handing out gospel tracts to the thousands of people who live in these areas of poverty. We need your help!

Pray also for a pastor's conference we are trying to establish. The purpose is to teach pastors and leaders how to train their own church to be a disciple making, multiplying church, that plants more churches with the same model.

Remember, as you pray and support us, we are moving straight towards people who are without Christ, and we are sharing with them what Christ has done for them!

We love you here at Abiding Above.

Abiding above,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris S. Hodges".

President  
Abiding Above Ministries  
Colossians 3:1-3