

Dear Friend of *Abiding Above*,

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With your support, we continue to move forward!



**Message to the Prisoners.** I was in Atlanta this past month and had the wonderful privilege of preaching in the prison there. Men made decisions for Christ as I preached the simple gospel message: **Christ Died for You.** My friend Jim Wheeler traveled with me and shared with the prisoners how to have a quiet time and how to have a genuine prayer life. It was a blessing to them and an encouragement to us as we witnessed God working through both of us to reach these men. We continue to make available Bible study lessons for the inmates there. Thousands of men and women in this prison need the gospel and someone to help them grow spiritually. Because of you, we are playing a part in bringing this message and help to them.

My good friend Barry Singer organizes this part of the ministry for me. Barry is a former Bellevue Baptist Church member and seminary intern. He is a graduate of Mid-America Seminary and is now the chaplain for this prison in Atlanta. He did a wonderful job and I am thankful for his servants' heart.

**Plan for Work Abroad.** While in Atlanta I was able to plan for work we will do in Ethiopia as we partner with other people who have a heart to reach this country. We are praying and looking forward to an outdoor crusade that will reach at least 15,000 people. We are also planning an ongoing ministry with people who are in the process of starting a school and a Christian Training Center in the midst of over 2 million people! We hope to minister at this one location for many years as God opens the doors to Ethiopia.

We are also looking to Cameroon, Africa, and Cape Town, South Africa, where we have been invited to conduct a pastors' conference. This conference has the potential to reach hundreds of pastors. Maybe you remember a godly man named Andrew Murray who lived in this area many years ago. To this day people enjoy reading his writings on the spiritual life. I have many of his books on my book table every where I go to preach. His ministry to this day is a blessing to me.

**Here in America.** We continue to encourage and support the local church here in our beloved America. I recently had the privilege of sharing with a pastor and deacons the riches we have in Christ. We had a wonderful time of fellowship as we planned for a revival I will hold at the Hickory Valley Baptist Church here in Tennessee. This revival will take place in the month of June so please be in prayer for our time there. I have revivals in local churches across the United States. Missouri, Illinois, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Kentucky. Please help me in this.

Everywhere I go people say: I have never heard this message. The message of who I am in Christ. I see the lost saved and believers encouraged every time I preach. Thank you so much for praying for me and helping me.

**Conference in New York.** This month I will be in New York preaching at a Singles Conference. They are expecting over 300 singles to attend. Please pray that God will speak through me to these dear ones. Many doors may open as a result of this one event along the east coast. I have already been asked to preach at Americas Keswick in New Jersey in August 2008. This will be a great opportunity for *Abiding Above Ministries* to once again widen its field of ministry.

**The D L Moody Example.** Never underestimate what God can do through you as an individual. It all begins when we choose to allow God to make us Christ-like persons. Men and women with a quality of holy life that cannot go unnoticed. This was the characteristic which Woodrow Wilson noted in the great evangelist, D.L. Moody. Speaking at Princeton University before he became President of the United States, Mr. Wilson said of Moody:

**I was in a very plebian place. I was in a barber's shop, sitting in a chair, when I became aware that a personality had entered the room. A man had come quietly in upon the same errand as myself and sat in the chair next to me. Every word he uttered, though it was not in the least didactic, showed a personal and vital interest in the man who was serving him; and before I got through with what was being done to me, I was aware that I had attended an evangelistic service, because Mr. Moody was in the next chair. I purposely lingered in the room after he left and noted the singular effect his visit had upon the barbers in that shop. They talked in undertones. They did not know his name, but they knew that something had elevated their thought. And I felt that I left that place as I should have left a place of worship.**

My friend, God can do great things through consecrated individuals, through yielded lives.

It is my prayer for all of us that our lives make a difference. People should be different because we have been with them because we have been with Jesus!

Please pray for us. Please support us. We need you. God is using you in this ministry. We are eternally grateful to Him and you.

Abiding above,



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Colossians 3:1-3