

Behold The Lamb Ministries Update

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"I can only imagine what it will be like, when I walk by Your side. I can only imagine what my eyes will see when Your Face is before me! Surrounded by Your Glory, what will my heart feel? Will I dance for you, Jesus? Or in awe of You, be still? Will I stand in Your Presence, or to my knees will I fall? Will I sing Hallelujah? Will I be able to speak at all?"

"I can only imagine ..."

-Words to a song by, Mercy Me

Greetings from Southern Illinois!

What a tumultuous beginning to 2010 we in this world are experiencing. Disasters of earthquakes; wars involving our precious sons, daughters and friends; economic melt downs; and on the stories go. If we ever needed a Saviour it is NOW. The holy scriptures declare, "And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. **All these are the beginning of sorrows ...** And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold ... For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." Matthew 24:6-9, 12, 21, 22. **"But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."** Matthew 24:13. "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting [overindulgence], and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. **Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.**" Luke 21:34-36. The warning has been given; yet, still so few are aware of the times in which we are living.

What does this tell us? **Our jobs are not completed!** We are still called to be the "watchmen" on the walls to warn a lost and dying world of the events taking place and soon to take place. Pray earnestly for conviction and conversion of ourselves as well as others. "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for He is faithful that promised); and let us

consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." Hebrews 10:23-25. We are to unify in truth and effort proclaiming the everlasting gospel all the more as we see our world changing before our very eyes. I also believe we must be studying and praying as never before. We need to hide the Word of God in our hearts and in our minds. And truly this will never be accomplished without effort and decided action on our part.

"When the testing time shall come, those who have made God's word their rule of life will be revealed. In summer there is no noticeable difference between evergreens and other trees; but when the blasts of winter come, the evergreens remain unchanged, while other trees are stripped of their foliage." *The Great Controversy*, p. 679. What type of tree/Christian are you? "Only those who have been diligent students of the Scriptures, and who have received the love of the truth, will be shielded from the powerful delusion that takes the world captive. By the Bible testimony these will detect the deceiver in his disguise. **To all, the testing time will come.** By the sifting of temptation, the genuine Christian will be revealed. Are the people of God now so firmly established upon His word that they would not yield to the evidence of their senses?" *The Great Controversy*, p. 707. If we are to prepare to stand on the firm foundation of truth in a world where error is accepted as truth and deception is the wine of many, we must be uniting and pulling forward together!

Behold the Lamb Ministries still stands firm on the platform of truth and the spreading of the gospel in any form the Lord opens to us. Yet, it seems that many are pulling ranks, perhaps due to financial difficulties of their own. However great the financial difficulties, God claims a tenth for His own

to be accompanied with a heartfelt offering in support of His work as well.

For years it has been stated that this is your ministry. There is no evangelism here without you. Yet as the Lord has literally worked miracles and opened tightly shut doors for us to evangelize all the more, less support is coming in to keep His work strong. However, we greatly appreciate those of you "evergreens" that are doing what you can to win souls through your prayers and faithful giving. And we want you to know that after waiting for God's people to respond to our great need and seeing only a small portion arrive, we have stepped into the water of faith and done what we could to proceed in the direction the Lord so clearly has laid before us.

In the past three months, we have made the necessary changes to our sanctuary and the bare minimum equipment changes we could make to begin airing a weekly message over 3ABN in the near future. Certainly the enemy has been greatly disgruntled by this. We have experienced his attacks in various areas. But we remain serving One far greater and marching forward by His grace and in His strength. This forward momentum is putting Behold the Lamb back where God established it 25 years ago. And it puts timely life-saving messages as given by God through Pastor Kenny in view of possibly millions of people. It greatly expands our work throughout the US and in so many countries overseas. We are to tarry until He comes! The harvest time has not yet ended. God expects and calls us to do what we can to prepare a people to happily meet our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. But as an independent ministry, this cannot be done without all of us pulling together and taking part in supporting this work. Therefore, we are asking that you remain on board, get back on board, or simply get on board for the first time and do YOUR part. Support your ministry and God's work that is being done here at Behold the Lamb. A house divided cannot and will not stand. By God's grace **we pray we will be hearing back from you soon** with your tax deductible, God supporting gift to get your ministry back on the track God intends it to be on.—In His service,

Pastor Kenny, Sister Chris, & your BTLM family.

PRAISING GOD THROUGH TESTIMONY

In our last newsletter, we were thrilled to share some of our experiences during our evangelistic meetings in Washington, GA. In this update, we would love to share a conversion experience as written by one of the God sent attendees. It is our prayer that her story (which is still on going with miracles yet today) will be a blessing to each of you.

“Hello, my name is Janean Turman. I’m 36 years old and a mother of 5 beautiful children and a fiancé whose name is John. And this is my testimony.

“At a very young age, I suppose around 8 or 9 years old, I remember how my parents would send us to a Baptist Church. They sent us so they would have time alone. We would go faithfully each Sunday; and eventually, my parents had a change of heart and began to attend with us. However in my youth, I never really understood the meaning of our going to church anyway. And unfortunately, my parents only went for a few short months. Then all of us discontinued to go.

“At the age of 14, a situation occurred that tore my family, as I knew it, completely apart. We were all separated from one another. I was sent to live with my grandparents who were Seventh-Day Adventists. With them, I decided to go to church once again. This time, it was quite a different experience for me. I began to question the different faiths and wonder which was best for me.

“Sadly, problems in life began to get the best of me. I was reunited with my father. He then proclaimed to be a Jehovah’s Witness and felt strongly that I should be too. Now, imagine my religious confusion at an early age of, then, 16. I believed there was a greater power, but I didn’t have a clue who or what it was. I was torn as to which way I should go, or what I should believe.

“A few years later, I ended up letting God go completely. I had lost my family—even lived on the streets for a while. Religion represented total confusion to me. I ended up having a baby while I was very young and had no way of properly caring for her so I lost her to adoption. Everything in my life and mind was out of control and a huge mess. I began to have nothing but hate and frustration for myself, and others around me, including God!

“Even with my poor demeanor, God never

gave up on me as I did Him (at that time anyway). As I look back, I can see how through trials and tribulations God was knocking on my hearts door trying desperately to reveal Himself to me. Though still confused on any concept of God, I recognized His intervention enough that it urged me to pray. I recall praying and asking, “Whatever, or whomever, it is that I need to believe in up there wherever You are, please guide me and someday show me which direction You would have me to go. I only want to understand what is truth, and to be sure I begin to head in the right direction.” With that, I said, ‘Amen.’

“After that heart felt cry of a prayer, I did attend churches here and there, but they never felt quite right. I was even ‘baptized’ a few years ago. (I now realize it wasn’t performed in the Biblical manner of baptizing.) And for a short time, I did my best to be what I thought was being faithful to God. Deep down, it still just never felt like I was on the right track. So still very confused, I decided once again to just give it all up.

“Then in 2008, my children, fiancé, and I moved to Washington, Georgia. Here we could be closer to some of my family members including the grandparents who raised me for a short while. And it wasn’t long before my Grandmother began inviting me back to the Adventist Church. At this point in my life, I simply refused. But I did allow my children to attend. And every Saturday they would return with faces all aglow telling me how very much it would mean to them if I would be there with them. But try as they may, I wasn’t interested.

“November, 2009, almost a year later, here comes my Grandmother asking me if I would attend a few meetings being held for just 2 weeks here in Washington. For whatever reason, I caved in this time and agreed I would attend some of the meetings but only during this two week period. During those two weeks, I met Pastor Kenny Shelton and his wonderful wife, Christine Shelton. I listened with my ears opened as wide as they could be. The words seemed to flow from his mouth so effortlessly. He used the word, ‘truth’ quite often giving Scripture after Scripture for verification. Then, I remembered that prayer I had prayed almost 20 years earlier. I began to question if this was the answer.

Everything he and his wife said just seemed to make so much sense. I could feel something I had never felt before. And it soon became a necessity for me to be there in fear of missing out on something very important. By God’s amazing grace, it became evident that this is where I belong. **I finally felt free, accepted, and hungry for more! Finally, I knew which way to direct my life! God had answered my prayer!**

“As the meetings were drawing to a close, the Sheltons offered everyone a chance, or a once in a lifetime opportunity, to become a child of God. I have to admit—I was one of the reluctant ones to take this next step. But, finally, I decided to be baptized—this time correctly.

“My life as I knew it before December 12, 2009, is completely changed. It’s amazing to me to see how someone’s life can be changed so dramatically. Nor can I truly explain how I feel today. Things of life now just seem to fall into play as necessary. I don’t worry when asking God for help, **I know that whatever my need, I just ask, believe, and receive!** And my children, they are so very happy to have their mother with them each time the Church doors are open. We even do home family devotions. No more just lying around all day depressed. I stay busy continuously teaching my children, going to Church and participating where and when I can, and I now have a never-ending hunger for His Word! Everything is just in sync as it should be.

“I thank Jesus, and the Shelton's, for all they do. I prayer that God will continue to bless them in their work of helping lead others to the Lord as they have done with me and my family. My oldest son and daughter are considering being baptized and my youngest son, along with my fiancé and his two daughters, have recently been baptized! And it is my sincere prayer that my testimony will be of great inspiration to others and that they, too, will have a desire to get to know God in a whole new way”!

“Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.” Psalms 50:10.