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"Don't get ahead of God", a friend a mine told me after looking at my full schedule recently. What a thought! Now that would make anyone to stop and think; am I getting ahead of God? How do we ever know the answer to that?

See where God is working and go where He is. That is what I have done in the past and that way I know I am where He wants me.

Like this entire year, the past month has been a wonderful time of seeing God do His work in Oregon, Texas, Ohio and Colorado. What a blessing to be working with Forgiven Ministry; founders Scottie and Jack Barnes of Taylorsville, NC. Their ministry has the anointing of God as they are "reaching, reconciling and restoring those families impacted by crime." And with great success I might add. God is there and that is where I want to be.

Just the past three weeks, this anointed effort has produced great results for God's Kingdom with the "Great Dads" on Friday and "Day of Hope" for Caregivers of Inmate's children and the "One Day with God" where Inmates and their children meet and spend an entire day together. Often the children and parents are seeing each other and visiting for the first time ever. What a great thing to see hearts changed as Men, Women and Children say "Jesus take my life and change me."

I also help with the volunteer training as hundreds of people are trained to do His work in the prisons.

I received a special blessing as God used me in an unusual way. I use my routine with Bullwhips to get people to pay attention and then move to "Gospel Magic" that allows a way to tell the story of Salvation, God's love and the message of hope in a powerful way. There is no way to describe the feeling of seeing men, women and children put their trust in Christ.

Gospel Magic is a unique method to tell the Good News in a way that is easily understood. "Heartless Henry" is not happy until Jesus fills his heart. He brings life to the word of God in a meaningful and powerful way that is easy to understand by people of all ages. God has really blessed me with this opportunity to use this and other illusions on every trip to glorify Him.

I'll be traveling to Parchman, MS this weekend with the Christian Motorcyclist Association to work and stay in that famous old prison there. I'll have the opportunity to perform with bullwhips and magic as well as sing a little as we do a series of programs. I leave for Gatesville, TX on October 3 to be with Forgiven Ministry as we bring the children into a Woman's prison there. I'll be part of that as we train about 260 volunteers and then participate in the "Day of Hope" for Caregivers and "One Day with God" with the kids and their moms.

I have traveled in more than 20 states, Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic this year and have a full schedule ahead for the rest of the year with trips to Texas, Louisiana, NC, Upstate NY, Honduras and Guatemala. You can imagine the expense I have due to all the travel if you have bought an airplane ticket or stayed in a hotel lately. Being away almost weekly, never resting or eating properly can take its toll on my family and me. But we tap into the supernatural power of God and when we do that, all things are possible.

Pray we stay in God's will and that generous people like all of you will continue to be faithful with their giving. Also pray we can find others, like you with a heart and desire to participate with us financially and prayerfully.

If you need me for anything, please contact me anytime. Please look over our prayer needs and seek God for what He would have you do that will bless you and His effort.

His love and blessings,  
Joe McDonald Romans 8:28