



Joe McDonald Ministry

Isaiah 6:8

The Evangelism Trail –September 2023



Fall and cooler weather is closer today than it has been for quite a while. We had a great fathers training at “The Mission of Hope” the month of August for 45+ men. We covered “The Power of the Father’s Legacy.” We will be back Sept 15th for “The Power of the Father’s Words.” Then on Sept 16th we will participate in their annual banquet in the Ball Room at the Fair Grounds.



The Forgiven Ministry “One Day with God” in the Jefferson Unit in Monticello, FL was attended by nineteen dads, twenty-eight children, fourteen caregivers and over seventy-five volunteers from five states. Patti and I were blessed to participate, and I was able to do three programs on Saturday. One program for the caregivers, another for the dads and kids in the prison and we were allowed to go into the Infirmary and do a program for the inmate patients there. Here we are after a long day in prison on Saturday the 26th! Many of the lives of men, women, and children were forever changed.



In June we were blessed with Elijah David Breland, our 17th grandchild in total and our second great grandchild. Our granddaughter Kathleen and her husband Phillip brought a beautiful and healthy son into the world for us. “*Children’s children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers.*” Proverbs 17:6 KJV All are doing well, and Eli is growing big, strong, and more handsome every day! Kathleen and Phillip have become wonderful parents and Mallory, her sister and our other granddaughter is quite the helper and new “aunt.”

We have had an interesting year so far in our 20th year of full-time ministry. Because we have turned down trips to Colombia, SA, the Philippines, Brazil, SA, and Honduras, we were able to help my friends Lee Wilson and David



Middleton finish building a church in Brazil. The residents that build churches were trying to finish one by Christmas. So, our ministry along with another teamed up and donated toward the completion of a building with electricity to be ready by Christmas for services. The church is “Alto Bonito,” near Santa Cruz dos miracles. State of Piaui, Brazil. It is associated with First Baptist, Teresina, Brazil. You can see the progress here and a picture of Pastor Gildivan and his wife Savana Azevedro.



So much to be thankful for as we start to wind down 2023 and look forward to 2024. Some of you are in the midst of tough times. We have many on our daily prayer list for physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual healing and continue to believe our prayers will be answered. Jack and Scottie Barnes, the founders of Forgiven Ministry continue having health problems that keep them from attending the “One Day with God” events around the country. Please continue praying for their healing to be complete soon. For those of you that have lost loved ones recently, we share in your loss with you and will keep praying for strength, wisdom, and peace in your loss.

Patti’s book, “*Hell is Forever: The Way of Escape,*” will be in presale in a few weeks and out in October.

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