



*Shining the light of Jesus' love on walled-in souls of our communities*

## **Executive Director Report**

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While working on an Acts 5 sermon text, I noticed a pattern.  
It could be our motto. WOW!

**Wonders**  
**Opposition**  
**Witness**

- God works wonders as he displays his power.
- Satan opposes God's work. Sometimes he stirs up enemies. Other times we are God's latest Job, God's shaming of Satan.
- God's children see the big picture which unbelievers can't see – God is at work through it all. They witness to the world. "WOW! What God has done!"

When we are in the midst of COVID, struggling with cancer, burying our loved one, or dealing with the latest restriction limiting our access or distribution of materials, it may be hard or impossible to see anything good in the situation. Yet our faith knows this great Biblical truth: God is unfailingly at work. He works wonders, he wins, and we are his witnesses.

Viewing the last two years through the eyes of faith, we see God working faith in hearts because of COVID, making us closer and stronger through cancer, making heaven all the more real through death, and strengthening our resolve to tell others while there is still time.

- New volunteers have come forth to fill needed positions.
- Work is flourishing in jails that have re-opened.
- As I write this, GraceLinks devotional email ministry has grown to a "congregation" of 520 souls.
- This email ministry has also grown into a print ministry, and we are preparing our second printing of devotions for delivery to IM and Texas, where one of the largest prisons in America is being served.
- Donor response to recent visits was strong.
- IM's new website is finished, and social media relationships continue to grow. Our reach includes Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram.

Our strategic planning is progressing. Expect a recommendation from the Ministry Planning committee. They have been vetting leadership teams to help us.

This process will include collecting StrengthFinders information as needed. By assessing Board and Staff gifts and communicating together, we can better examine future needs. We hope that together, we can:

- Determine both the needs of IM's future and the strengths each individual possesses;
- Like connecting puzzle pieces, we want to place each individual where their gifts are best suited for service.
- Help each individual anticipate where they would like to be in the future, in the big picture of IM's structure; and
- Create an atmosphere where joy accompanies faithfulness and satisfaction, encouraging accountability.

May all our work bring God glory.

– Phil Henselin