

Camp Blessings



“One night the King of Syria sent a great army with many chariots and horses to surround the city of Dothan. When Elisha’s servant got up early the next morning and went outside, there were troops, horses and chariots everywhere. ‘Oh, my lord, what shall we do now?’ he cried out to Elisha. ‘Don’t be afraid!’ Elisha told him. ‘For there are more on our side than on theirs!’ Then Elisha prayed, ‘O Lord, open my servants eyes.’ And when he looked up, he saw that the hillside around Elisha’s house was filled with horses and chariots of Fire!” II Kings 6:14-17

Waging Peace in a Time of War

“The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much” wrote the Apostle James to the early Christian community. Through prayer a single prophet captured a whole regiment of fully armed soldiers that had come to assassinate him and invade his country. When Elisha’s servant took a “world view” it seemed that the situation was hopeless and death was imminent, but when the two men prayed their spiritual eyes were opened to unseen resources of Angelic hosts that outnumbered the invading army.

We face the same situation today in the so-called “War on Drugs.” The politicians have responded with money and military forces to battle the producers of cocaine in South America, but have largely ignored the increasing epidemic of alcoholism and drug addiction in our own country. They have trained S.W.A.T. teams to kill drug traffickers and they are sending 1.3 billion dollars to finance the war in Colombia, but they are oblivious to the fact that America is the biggest consumer of both illegal drugs and legal alcoholic beverages in the world. They waste huge sums of money on posting slogans to “Just Say No To Drugs” while sanctioning breweries to spend millions in advertising their products in the media. Like Don Quixote, the infamous knight who charged windmills with his horse and spear, thinking that he was slaying dragons, our political leaders want to fight on the wrong battlefield ignoring the sage advice of Pogo, the possum philosopher, who accurately assessed the problem when he said, “We have discovered the enemy, and he is us!!”

The drug and alcohol epidemic in America is real...but there is no real war being waged against it by politicians. Two million Americans are imprisoned for crimes largely related to chemical addiction. Drug related deaths in Florida exceed the number of homicides yet the prison system continues to animalize people in solitary cells with no organized effort to rehabilitate them from the substance abuse that led to their incarceration. Inmates are often treated like sub-humans while imprisoned, then are expected to be good citizens when they are released with nowhere to live and no one to help them rebuild their broken lives and families. If I sound frustrated...I am! I am becoming a protester. I’m not carrying a sign in a picket line, but like John the Baptist, I am “a voice crying out in the wilderness” as I watch the escalation of the drug and alcohol epidemic and see huge resources wasted on weapons of war that supposedly try to bring peace to the “War on Drugs.”

Do I have a better plan? Yes, I do! Thank you for asking!

Build Cities of Refuge where addicts can find physical, moral and spiritual help to rebuild the shattered infrastructure of their personal lives and train the emerging leaders to “comfort others with the comfort that they themselves have been comforted of the Lord.” (II Cor. 1:4) These missions are more than lighthouses for sailors caught in the stormy night of addiction, they are boot camps to train God’s army to wage peace in a world at war!

Dunklin Memorial Camp is committed to training leadership to open new Cities of Refuge. We are expanding our facilities at our base camp (Dunklin) and sending some of our best trainers overseas to help establish leadership training programs in the existing Cities of Refuge.

This month we are having a network meeting for all of our alumni leaders who are directors of Christian drug and alcohol recovery programs. It is like a family reunion where we have a tremendous time of fellowship, prayer and vision casting for the future. Delegations are coming from eight states and six foreign countries to share their curriculum and commitment to a common cause of creating leadership training schools to train the emerging leaders from each recovery center. Our own histories have taught us that our best resource for leadership are the men who come through our own recovery centers who have responded to God’s call upon their lives.

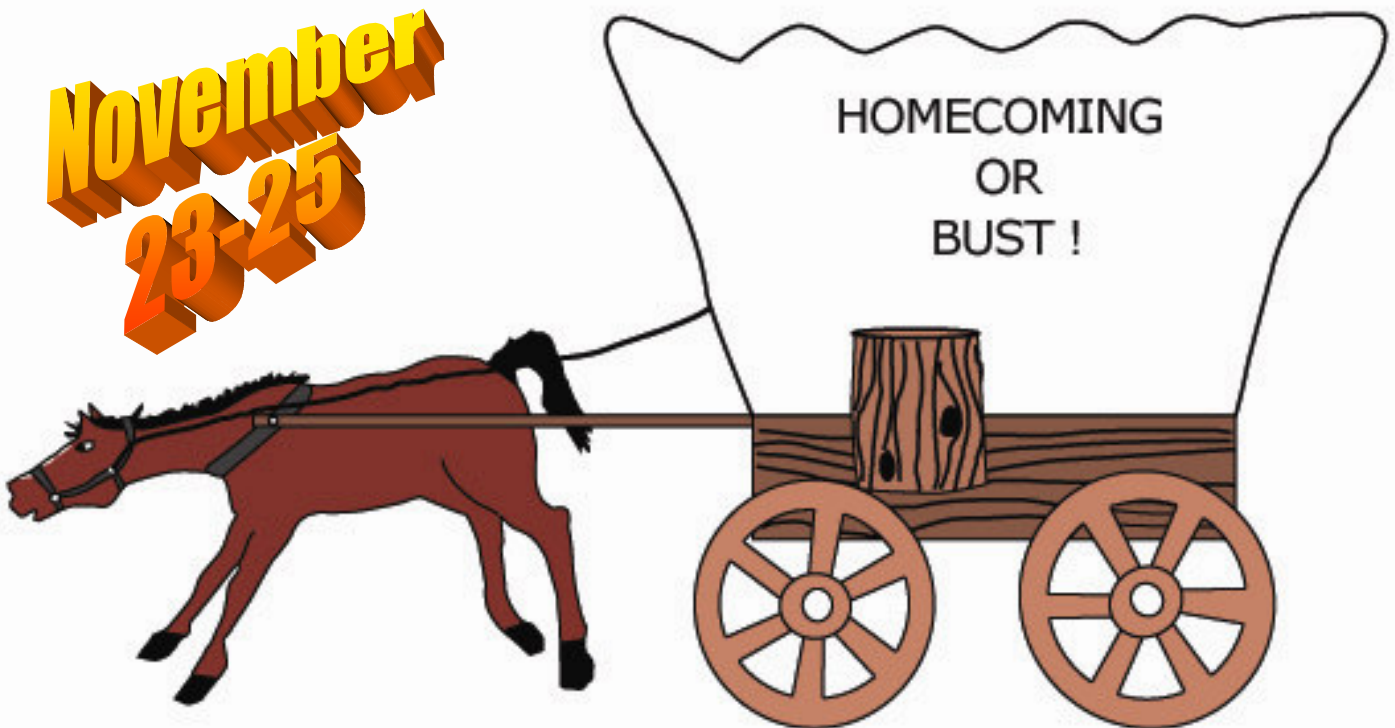
Terrorist training centers are being built around the world to kill people in the “name of Allah” and to impose Islamic government into a global empire ruled by religious leaders. Even though they fight among themselves over their doctrinal issues they are united by their hate for Israel and America. They are so inspired by their hate for us that they train young people from grammar school to college level to “kill the infidels” (that’s anyone outside of Islamic rule) by becoming suicide bombers. Many of these terrorist organizations traffic in cocaine and heroin production and sales to support their terrorist activities. Guess who is their best customer!! Their drugs kill far more people in America than all the rest of their terrorist activities!

We read the newspapers in vain looking for good news but what we see is a fulfillment of prophecy describing world conditions prior to our Lord’s return “as the days of Noah” before global judgment. Jesus said that men would talk and promise peace they were incapable of producing.

But we look up and inwardly, seek God in prayer and become aware that we are not in this fight alone; God’s angelic host and unlimited resources are waiting and available to help us win the war! The Cities of Refuge have always been part of God’s plan for building His “Kingdom on Earth” and we are meeting people from all over the world that feel God’s call to this kind of ministry. We are on the threshold of a spiritual movement that will bring God’s heavenly army to stand alongside of His earthly army to bring us the assured victory of “Peace on Earth and Goodwill Toward Men.” If you haven’t joined this army yet, pray and ask the Holy Spirit recruiter to place you where you fit in the Lord’s army.

Lots of Love,

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