Jesus told the religious leaders of His day that the new wine of His kingdom could not be contained in the old wineskins of their institutions. He also gave them a shocking new definition of what a “minister” looks like by going to the seashores instead of the seminaries to recruit the men who would be leaders in the new movement He was starting. He was neither religiously nor politically correct in His choice of disciples but it was later said of His ragamuffin army that, “those who have turned the world upside down have come hither.”

(Acts 17:6)

I sincerely believe that our Lord is again beginning a new movement and is fulfilling the promise of Pentecost, that in the last days, He would pour out His Spirit upon all flesh. Once again, He is shocking the religious community by calling men and women from the streets to proclaim the Good News of His coming kingdom.

In the first and the last days we are reminded by the Apostle Paul, to “Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world’s eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you. Instead God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise.”

(1 Cor. 1:26)

Next Generation Ministers of the Good News

The Lord showed me several different things through this year of Servant Leadership Training (SLT). One of the most important was beginning to believe who He says I am. That was the hardest thing for me. All my life, I always felt like I did not measure up. But throughout this year the Lord has really begun to open my eyes and allow me to see myself the way He sees me. He has also gave me some hope, a purpose and direction in my life. This was Something, two short years ago, I never thought was possible. So I thank God everyday for the changes He has made in my life.

New Wineskins
Before I had the Lord in my life, my testimony was very dark. Now the Lord has shown me that my past is my biggest tool to help others. My own self-destructive nature and experiences can be used to relate to others in a very real way.

My testimony of bondage is the very application that is required to show others to the Lord and to show them how He set me free. I have found myself and what it means to have peace, love and a purpose. I am no longer in darkness but living in our Lord’s beautiful light. Everything I have learned in SLT was to glorify God’s ministry.

Graduating SLT means a lot to me. Following through with commitments was not something I was known for before Dunklin. Neither was helping people but now, after this past year of awesome teachings and hands on experience, I have found the confidence that I was lacking and can now move forward working in Recovery ministry.

I know have hope and a purpose, thanks to what God did in my life over the last year in SLT. I look forward to the next phase, which is Staff Training and whatever else God has planned for me.

The Rest of the Story by …… Bro. Mickey Evans

There is a fresh wind of revival blowing all over the world and the people who have “ears to hear” are hearing the voice of God with great clarity, calling His people to spiritual renewal. Christian history has been marked by times of great spiritual movements that caused smoldering churches to catch fire again and impact whole cities and nations.

These included the “Great Awakening” under the leadership of Charles Finney, the Revivals in England birthed through men such as John Wesley, the Welsh Revival, the Pentecostal and Charismatic Revivals have set the historic precedent for the next, and perhaps the last, great spiritual awakening. These past spirituality movements took place in the darkest hours when human spiritually was in ebb tide, exactly as it is now in 2012. This end-time awakening has not begun by human leadership but in the very heart of God “who is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” (2 Peter 3:9)

I am not a prophet or the son of a prophet, but like my ancient predecessor Amos, the cowboy preacher, I believe that I have heard the “word of the Lord” and I must use every available opportunity to encourage God’s people to prepare to join the Lord in this great adventure taking place in the near future.

Lots of Love!