

November 2010 Dunklin "City of Refuge"



“And they shall rebuild the old ruins, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the ruined cities, the desolations of many generations.” Isaiah 61:4

Isaiah spoke these prophetic words 800 years before the birth of Christ. He spoke of a people who have had their broken hearts healed and have been set free from their captivity and called by the Lord to build “Cities of Refuge” to see the next generation of captives set free from the slavery of alcohol and drug addiction.

I believe that we are living in the manifestation of this prophecy and I am thrilled to share the testimonies of the pioneers that have taken what they have learned at Dunklin and have gone out to build new recovery ministries.

We did not have enough room in our August Campfire to put all of the testimonies of the recovery centers and our printer was broken down in September so we are telling the “rest of the story” in this Homecoming issue. We will welcome many of these leaders, who will return to the Camp to help us celebrate our forty- eighth Anniversary Homecoming.

The strength of any Christian ministry does not depend on the value of its property or the size of its budget, but rather on the integrity and vision of its leaders.

Men and women who exemplified both of these characteristics have founded many great ministries and

their ministries died when the leader died because they failed to impart their vision and raise up the next generation of leaders.

Jesus set the example for all ministries that would follow by the priority that He placed on training His twelve disciples to carry the “Gospel for the Kingdom” to succeeding generations. His last message and promise to them was:

“You will receive power after the Holy Spirit is come upon you, and you shall receive power to testify about me with great effect, to the people in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the Earth, about my death and resurrection.”

Acts 1:8

Our alumni students have literally fulfilled their part of the “Great Commission” that Jesus gave His first disciples. They have built Christian Recovery programs in nine states and nine foreign countries. Many of them use Dunklin curriculum and they raise up and send out Servant leaders to open new Cities of Refuge. Each program is autonomous under the

authority of elders and boards of trustees but they are empowered and provided for by the Lord Jesus Christ.

We invite all of our Campfire families to visit the Camp on November 27th and 28th to celebrate the Homecoming of our Alumni men and their families. Jesus promised us that **“when two or three gather in His name, He would come to the celebration”** Matthew 18: 20.

Bruce Mickey

***A Blessing
from the
Camp
Director ~
Hugh
Morrow***



The hand of the Lord was upon me, and He brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; and it was full of bones. He caused me to pass among them round about, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley; and lo they were very dry. He said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “Oh Lord God, you know.” Again He said to me, “Prophecy over these bones and say to them, ‘O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.’ “ Thus says the Lord God to these bones, “Behold, I will

AGAPE HOME



By Debbie Tuel

cause breath to enter you that you may come to life. I will put sinews on you, make flesh grow back on you, cover you with skin and put breath in you that you may come alive; and you will know that I am the Lord.'

Ezekiel 37:1-6 (NAS)

Thousands of men and their families have come to Dunklin Memorial Camp over the past 48 years. They come because drugs and alcohol had caused them to be nothing more than dry bones. Their only hope was maybe God could give them life again.

"So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, sinews were on them, and flesh grew and skin covered them; but there was no breath in them.

Then He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, 'Thus says the Lord God, "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breath on these slain, that they come to life." So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they came to life and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Ezekiel 37:7-10 (NAS)

Many of this vast army that Ezekiel speaks of will come back to Dunklin on November 27th and 28th to celebrate our 48th Homecoming. For us who were a part of the valley of dry

bones it is a time to honor our Lord and to give testimony of the work and change that He did in our lives.

This valley of dry bones still exists in our world today, because the epidemic of alcohol and drug abuse is more rampant today than it has ever been. But God is still breathing life into the ones that were dry and this vast army continues to grow. The Lord asked Ezekiel in verse 3 "Son of man, can these bones live?"

That question will be answered many times over during Homecoming, not by Ezekiel, but from the men and their families who have experienced "the breath of life" from God themselves. We invite you all to come celebrate, worship and fellowship with us during this weekend.

As you know we take a special offering at Homecoming. This year's offering will go to help other regeneration ministries around the U.S. These ministries were birthed by D.M.C. graduates in whom God has called and equipped to start smaller Dunklins around the country.

These men and women want to duplicate what they experienced here in other places God has lead them. The ministries are in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Louisiana and Washington. Please pray about sowing seed into these new works. Look forward to seeing you at Homecoming.

In His Service,

My husband, Fred, graduated from Dunklin in 1989. At that time I was determined to keep him sober so we traveled weekly from Pompano to Dunklin every Sunday and to Indiantown every Thursday for Overcomers. We sat under many good teachings. God used my codependent drive to keep us at Dunklin to receive the help I needed.

I can still remember the Sunday school class when Fred had the nerve to announce to everyone that I was the reason he drank. Man was I angry, but God used that experience to break through my denial system and showed me that Fred wasn't my problem – I was my problem.

In 1997 after more training at Dunklin, Faith Farm and Abba House we were given a house in Moore Haven to start a home for women with addiction problems – a safe resting place where women come to know Jesus as their personal savior and receive healing from Him.

In 2000 my husband passed away. I found myself alone with what appeared to be an impossible task of running Agape Home on my own. God has been with me every step of the way. I have grown to lean very heavily on Him over these last 10 years. He has provided everything needed to keep our doors open. We now have four staff and many volunteers to stand along side of me.

Agape Home is a 12-month, in-house, fully supervised program for women who struggle with addiction.

Dunklin is my home. I will always be indebted to Mickey and Laura Maye and many staff that have been there through the years.

Breaking Free ~ GA



By Ryan Boggs

It has been 5 years since Breaking Free opened their doors to helping the hurting. From day one our hearts have always been to help the whole family find restoration and healing. As of today, half the men in our program have families or children.

This is particularly special to Gayle and I because we were the first couple to walk through family recovery. Gayle had walked through 5 years of my addiction with me, and we had a huge amount of hurt and baggage to work through. We strongly believe that if we can walk through the pain that we did and come out on the other side, anyone can - if they are willing to be obedient.

I am so thankful that Breaking Free was here for Gayle when I came to get help. So many times there is no support for the family and they are left to deal with the aftermath of the addict's destructive behavior all by themselves. This month we started our first parent/family recovery class.

Almost every parent, plus extended family, attended and we had over 40 people here. It is one thing for the addict to get help, but when the entire family gets help it increases the chances of sobriety dramatically.

Recently, Gayle and I have had the opportunity to teach marriage/family recovery class. We have been given so many tools for our own relationship and it is humbling to give them back to other couples/families who are walking through the same thing.

II Corinthians 1:3-4 Sums this up as it says, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord

Jesus Christ, the Father of Mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the same comfort with which we are comforted by God".

In other words we are so grateful to be able to give back the same "comfort" and time poured into us by Mr. Scott and Mrs. Melanie through the family recovery program to help others find hope and healing! Thank You!!

Breaking Free ~ TX

By Tim & Rachel Hundley



As recovering addicts my husband and I are truly blessed to be a part of what Breaking Free is doing here in Texas. We knew from the very beginning of this journey that the walk ahead of us would not be for the faint of heart. How many times we have witnessed those struggling to get clean and remain that way, only to fail miserably. "Oh, they will be back", we have heard so many times from those in addiction too deep to see a way out. The in-depth program founded by Scott and Melanie Mormon is an answer to prayer for so many of us that know from experience that a basic 12 step program will only

get you so far. Scott and Melanie have developed this program so skillfully that it can only be explained as a leading from the Holy Spirit.

We are teaching these young men the ways of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, loving them and letting them know that there are people who truly love them. Not only do they prepare them for the future, they lovingly help them let Jesus deal with their past, making it possible for them to see hope and promise of something even better than where they were before addiction.

Only through discipline and obedience to someone other than ourselves is this ever possible. The one ingredient that most programs lack is a one-on-one, up close and personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Not only is this talked about at Breaking Free, it can be witnessed in everything they do.

Even though this a free program, we see it as a “priceless program”. How could a price ever be put on something that God has given us for free? These young men, most of who cannot afford a treatment center, need no money. They only have to be willing to surrender all and find out that they have everything to gain in the process. One of the most touching things that I have witnessed is how these young men are treated like family. No problem is too small for Scott and Melanie’s full attention. They have wholeheartedly given their lives to help the hurting and raise them into the leaders that God has called them to be. They are a living example to us all here in New Boston, TX and we thank the Lord that we are a part of it. Leadership classes, Bible studies,

and Marriage Development is offered at Breaking Free. These alone have made an exceptional impact on our lives and our walk with Christ. Anyone who yearns to learn of the Lord and grow spiritually is welcome to come. Addiction is a matter of life and death. Breaking Free is life to us.

Family Recovery in Homestead

By

Jamie & Lilliana Garcia

During the first week of May the Lord gave us a very much needed vacation. It was a time of rest, which for a very



long time we cried out to the Lord for. It is really hard when you are in a recovery ministry to take this time off, as crisis situations always exist; but the Lord gave us a group of men and women who are committed to see this ministry through and who care for the community. This enabled us to take off.

As we came back to work, more families who have a strong calling from the Lord began arriving. The Lord spoke to them to spend time with us in restoration and training for the

mission God has for them. This time has been a blessing and a joy for us.

In the month of June we witnessed a true miracle of forgiveness and reconciliation of a couple in recovery. While he was in our residential program, his ex-wife showed up and wanted to participate in the classes we do on Saturdays for the families.

To make a long story—short, he asked her for forgiveness and after a painful process, she decided to forgive him with the same forgiveness the Lord had given her. He then asked her for her hand in marriage, and she said “Yes”! We married them in Canaan a couple weeks ago. Not only did the Lord do this, but they both committed to continue their recovery process as a couple and individually and received a vision of their calling to do for others what God has done for them. All glory goes to the Lord!

Lastly, I would like to share some more good news. The door has opened for us to record both in video and audio our teachings in the Family Recovery Process in Spanish. We will soon have these valuable materials on the internet so that other Spanish speaking countries and Hispanics in the US can have access to them. Please pray for this project to be a blessing for those who desperately need it.

Te Amamos!

(We Love You!)



Internship Program Internship Program

**with Roni
Laquesta**

By Gio Bush

Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him,

because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:5-7 I am a student in International politics and religion, and I train birds for a living. I am 21, the youngest of 3 siblings in my family, raised in Tampa, Florida my entire life. I have attended church since I was a baby, always active since I was young, and eager to be involved. Now I greet you as an intern from Canaan International. I write today to share my

heart with you about what I have learned in my relationship with Jesus these last few months serving with Canaan. Even as I have begun to introduce myself to you, I learned that Jesus does not see me as I see myself. Where I only look at my upbringing, job description, education or my church participation - Jesus sees me as a part of his family. He has reminded me of how much He loves spending time with me, and how much He wants to mature my love for Him. Part of this maturity is rooted in Jesus' call for me to reach out to those who distance

themselves, or are distanced from the church because of their life addictions, dysfunctional upbringing or unfortunate life circumstances. I know that Jesus desires me to encourage the church to come alongside the poor and unfortunate who need the balance and acceptance that comes from a relationship with Jesus and His church. The idea of serving those who are poor seemed realistic to me overseas, but rarely did I stop and process the need to share Jesus in Tampa, the city where I found Jesus in the first place. But this is where Jesus wants to grow me for now and teach me how to serve. Last year I served in a house that focused its attention



on reaching out to the homeless population in the toughest parts of Tampa Bay. But with a steady work and school load, I exhausted myself doing things for the men but not growing personally. Neither was I in relationship with them or Jesus. I asked myself, "If I am supposed to have abundant life by serving where Jesus wants me, why are all of my close relationships under such strain? Why do I feel like I do not have time or energy to hear from God?"

I soon learned of the need to be discipled and to disciple leaders who can humbly serve as

Jesus served. But the more I desired to be a disciple who leads, the more nervous I became about my character flaws that would rub off on those I would lead. My own insufficiency became my focus, and I lost sight of how Jesus could equip me to do what I know He has called me to do for the poor and the churchd whom He loves. A few months ago, Roni shared with me his heart to push young leaders closer to Jesus; to see the churchd serve those who are in a place of life recovery, and to grow together. Through the counseling I received in Canaan I have seen how Jesus wants to strengthen my relationships and develop new ones that are based on how Jesus sees me. I see the value in

training alongside men who come from a different walk of life than me, and are learning the same values of acceptance and trust in Jesus as I am learning. Here, there is a home to use the skills I have developed through my degree, and to be part of a local mission that is also focused on the needs of brothers and sisters overseas. If you can please pray with me for my patience and faith to be placed in Jesus, and on the work He wants to do in and

through me right now. I know that I am young, and I have a lot to learn about my relationship with Jesus, and my ministry to His church. Pray for my support in accountability and financially to develop these next few months as I jump in full-time as an intern student. Lastly, please pray that Jesus will give me joy and strength in my relationships with my supportive family and friends, loving girlfriend, leaders who minister to me and truly with Himself, who loves me unconditionally, even in my inexperience and growth.

MEDITATION ON PRAYER ISLAND

ODE TO MICKEY EVANS

He preached, he taught, he evangelized
For years and years on end
But then he came to a time in life
Where the road just took a bend

Not knowing just what lay ahead
With mettle he pressed on
Not ever daring to look back
Until his job was done

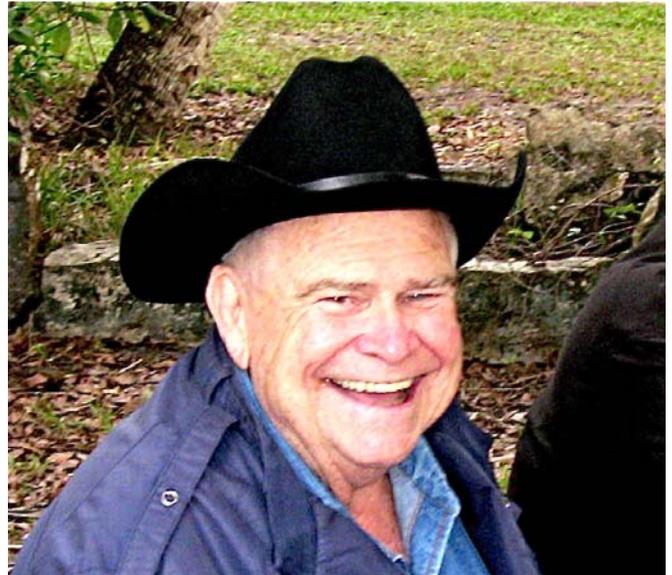
O, how he loves the Father
You can see it in his joy
You can hear it in his laughter
Just like a little boy

His passion is for people
Those who are down and out
Restoring life to the fallen
That's what he's all about

He's a cowboy at heart, I know it
He's ever looking for strays
When he gets through a brandin'
A man just changes his ways

Over these forty some years
It's become second nature to him
To seek men who are struggling
Bring them and their families in

Build'em up, restore their hope
Set there families on solid ground
Teach them to give what's been given
To others all around



I can see him now in the pole barn
Looking on, you'd think he's asleep
Then opening his eyes with that sparkle
He will lead you into the deep

The things of God are what matters most
He teaches men in their confusion
Listen, you can hear Him
The Father's not just an illusion

I honor him with these simple words
I give honor where honor is due
With untold hundreds of men I say
Brother Mickey, we love you

By: Robbie Dismukes

*Homecoming Celebration
2010
November 26th, 27th, 28th*

*Amazing
LOVE!*

We extend a warm welcome to all our alumni families and Campfire readers to attend a three day open house at Dunklin Memorial Camp. Our Staff and Board of Directors will be on hand to greet you personally, give you guided tours of our facilities and explain the various aspects of our ministry.

Friday

3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Registration and Fellowship
5:15 p.m. Payday Supper
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Fellowship in the Dining Hall

Saturday

7:00 a.m. Cowboy Breakfast around the Barbeque
8:00 a.m. City Folk Breakfast in the Dining Hall
10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Slide Show of Early Days at Dunklin
12:00 noon Buffet Lunch in the Dining Hall
1:30 - 4:00 p.m. Guided Tours around the Camp
5:00 - 6:30 p.m. BBQ Supper
(Please bring a covered dish or dessert)
7:00 - 9:30 p.m. Fellowship and Singing

Sunday

8:00 - 9:30 a.m. Breakfast in the Dining Hall
9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Worship and Testimonies
11:00 - 12:00 noon Sermon, Brother Mickey
12:30 p.m. Dinner on the Grounds

*Room reservations are made on a first come first serve basis.
Please call now to reserve your room! We look forward to
seeing you at Dunklin Memorial Camp!*



Camp Activities

- “Cowboys for Christ” in the Dining Hall on the 1st Thursday of each month @ 7:30pm.
Come and enjoy!
- DMC Sunday Service @ 11:00am
****Everyone Welcome!****
- “Freedom Seminary” classes meet on Thursday nights @ 7:00pm in the Retreat Center. Check out the Dunklin Website for more info on scheduled classes at www.dunklin.org
- Women’s Co-dependency & Boundaries classes
Call Margie Rowland @ 772-597-0922

At the Rodeo Arena

- Bull & Steer riding practice, Wednesdays @ 7:00pm (Bulls~ 2nd & 4th weeks, Calf & steer riding~ 1st & 3rd weeks)
- Team Sorting practice, Thursday @ 7:00pm
- Church Service at Gethsemane on Sundays @ 11:00am
- For more info call Karen & Jesse 772-597-2834

Dates to Remember

- **Nov 25th, Thanksgiving**
- **Nov 26—29th, 48th Annual Homecoming!**
- **Dec 24th, At the Jail ~ Christmas Eve Service!**
- **Dec 25th, Happy Birthday Jesus!**



How You Can Help

1. Prayer, prayer and more prayer
2. Scholarships for men in Servant Leadership Training
3. Monthly donations
4. Sponsor a Family in SLT
5. Sponsor a man in the Regeneration program
6. Any working vehicles, golf cart, 4 wheeler etc...
7. Musical Instruments – guitars, banjo, sax, etc...

Any questions or concerns about the
Campfire or subscription please call Carol @
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You can view the Campfire on our Website
in full color @ www.dunklin.org

DUNKLIN MEMORIAL CHURCH

Dunklin Memorial Church was founded by Mickey and Laura Maye Evans in 1962 when 160 acres were purchased in the western part of Martin County for the purpose of building an alcoholic regeneration center to minister to the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of addicted persons. Since that time, God has greatly blessed D.M.C. with an expanded ministry and with new additions as needs have arisen. We give thanks and all glory to Jesus Christ our Lord for what He has done and look forward to what He wants to accomplish through our various ministries.

CAMPFIRE

The campfire is a monthly publication proclaiming what the Lord Jesus Christ can do, and has done, for men in bondage to alcohol and drugs. This publication does not represent any particular denomination, but seeks to encourage all believers "to keep the unity of the Spirit", (Eph. 4:3), not in the letter of the law, but in the spirit of meekness and love. There is no subscription price. The Campfire is maintained by the freewill offerings of those who wish to share in its ministry.

FINANCING

Our ministry is made possible by love offerings from churches, groups and individuals who share the burden and blessing of helping alcoholics and drug addicts help themselves. We strive through various self help projects to supplement the love offering and donations so as to be greater stewards of what God gives us in our expanding ministry. Because of our religious nature we are exempt from licensing by the state of Florida. However, D.M.C. is registered with the state of Florida as a nonprofit, religious corporation. All gifts are tax deductible.

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