



From Pastor Jim's
Desk

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Dear Freedom House Friends,

A blessed Thanksgiving from all of us at Freedom House to you and yours. I have often shared that this is the Holiday that honors His Divine position, protection and provision over us all, which makes it such a very unique observance in this culture. He is worthy of all praise and thanksgiving for the Goodness and Grace over our lives. Because the focus is predominantly motivated by faith and family, it is easy to see that our men are pressing in with the joy of hosting family and loved ones here for a big Thanksgiving dinner. For many of these brothers, this is the first Thanksgiving free from drugs and alcohol in as long as some of them can remember. Thank you Jesus!



This next week is filled with activity as we share in Jeff B's graduation. He has prayerfully shared a goal of working to develop and operate a ministry to former felons who need discipleship after prison time. Jeff draws on his own challenge after going through many years behind bars and with adding his love for God's Word to now give of himself and his energies to help facilitate this vision to become a reality. Congrats Jeff, we will keep you in our prayers. PTL.

In addition to Jeff's graduation, our FHM annual board meeting will convene. Our board members share such a heart for the addict. They also carry several other responsibilities as they serve with distinction. I am grateful for their friendship, counsel and help.



We have some new brothers who have entered Freedom House... Mike, Brice and Curtis who are already pressing in to grow in Christian character. All of these brothers are looking ahead to being here for the entire Christmas holidays and celebrating His great gift of love, living sober and joyful. For these new brothers and their families, this should be a season to remember.

Chapel studies in Acts are rich as we approach the second half of the book. There is so much to take away from all that the early church endured. As well, we share from "Foxes book of Martyrs", which gives a historic glimpse over time into the high price that was paid to get the Word of God into our hands and hearts. No wonder the scriptures talk of a "Martyrs crown".



Let me take a moment to share that over the last few weeks I have been addressing some health challenges. Most recently, I had double carpal tunnel surgery (yes, both hands at the same time) and am now on the rebound. The nerve loss made this a high priority to get done. Hopefully, some of the nerve damage will be reversed and recovered over the next few months. Your prayers will be a blessing.



I do want to take this time to share how appreciative we are to all of you for your faith, interest and support to Freedom House. We are grateful to our faithful supporters, but we need more, to keep these doors open to provide these young brothers a safe, residential setting with their basic needs all met and their inner man now "under the influence" of His Holy Spirit and Word of truth, day by day. **Thank You** to all who help share this vision and burden for the broken.

With Christmas ahead it is our hope and prayer that new commitments will be made for the coming year and that many new friends will join in this effort to redeem broken men through the Gospel and strong discipleship. With the economy booming and strong unemployment, it is my hope for first-time financial commitments to join us in these recovery efforts. Please pray over becoming or continuing to be a sponsor and charitable partner to help these men and their families recover life and hope through Jesus Christ. The gifts and offerings during the Christmas season have the greatest impact for all charities in the coming year! Together we will CONTINUE to make a great impact through faith.



Blessings and a wonderful, bountiful Thanksgiving to all!

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Helping those who desire freedom from addictions and life-controlling problems.