



CELEBRATING THE GOODNESS OF GOD THESE 20 YEARS!

FOLLOWING ARE VERY ABBREVIATED HIGHLIGHTS OF 20 YEARS!



IN 2001, DURING A 90-DAY PERIOD OF PRAYER AND FASTING IN THEIR CHURCH IN TEXAS, GOD CALLED RAY & TRESSA SHAW TO FULL-TIME MINISTRY. God would reveal His commission 9-months later: **"Make Disciples A Flame for Christ"**.

ON JUNE 15, 2002 A FLAME FOR CHRIST MINISTRIES OFFICIALLY BECAME A CORPORATION WITH NON-PROFIT 501(C)(3) STATUS. The first meeting of the Board of Directors took place!



ON AUGUST 2, 2002, RAY AND TRESSA SHAW MOVE TO WEST VIRGINIA TO BEGIN MINISTRY.

IN SEPTEMBER 2002, IN-HOME BIBLE STUDIES BEGIN AND CONTINUE TO THIS DAY! EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY HAS BEEN & ALWAYS WILL BE THE FOCUS OF THE MINISTRY!

GOD transforms lives through HIS Word! Whatever we do, BIBLE STUDY is first and foremost. For many years, Ray and Tressa also led Evangelism and Praying to Make a Difference classes.



IN 2003, MINISTRY TO PASTORS BEGINS with a weekly prayer meeting with pastors. This weekly prayer meeting continued for several years until 2019.



IN 2003, WE HELD OUR FIRST CONCERT OF PRAYER AS WELL AS OUR FIRST PRAYER CONFERENCE WITH JIM & KAYE JOHNS! IN 2004, ANOTHER AREA-WIDE PRAYER CONFERENCE IS HELD WITH DR. CLYDE MARTIN.



IN 2005, OUR FIRST AREA-WIDE TEACHING & PREACHING CONFERENCE WAS HELD W/ DR. GREG FRIZZELL.



IN 2006, THE INNER CITY MINISTRY IN LAUREL LANES BEGINS. For 13 years, we ministered to all ages of these 100 families in this low income housing complex. Weekly outreaches included Bible Studies for all ages; Children's Story Time; GED training; the Bags to Buttons sewing class; & more.



Annual events included events such as Backyard Bible School; Family Fun Day; Easter and Christmas Plays; and the Annual Community-Wide Christmas dinner that included 100 large paper grocery bags filled with Toiletries, Cleaning Supplies and Paper Products for each family as well as a large bag filled with toiletries and toys for every child! This is a short list of all that was done these 13 years!



IN 2007, GWEN CORNMAN JOINED THE STAFF! Gwen would be the primary outreach coordinator for Laurel Lanes.



IN 2007, THE INNER CITY MINISTRY SURROUNDING MONTICELLO AVENUE WOULD BEGIN! The ministry to this 10-block area would include weekly Bible Studies; the monthly Bread of Life ministry wherein Panera Breads are delivered house to house by volunteers. Homes were painted and repaired. A Community Garden was planted. Annual events included Operation Clean Sweep; Back-to-School/Health Fair that provided 300 Backpacks filled with School Supplies and Toiletries to the children; as well as a Christmas Outreach with 100 Family Bags delivered door-to-door.

GOD PROVIDED A MASSIVE AMOUNT OF CHURCHES AND VOLUNTEERS FOR ALL THIS OUTREACH! WE ARE THANKFUL!



IN 2007, PROJECT G.R.A.C.E. IS BIRTHED! Ray composed a Handbook to help churches **Get Ready Ahead of Catastrophic Events**. This information would spread to churches throughout the state and country. The ministry would also go into churches and teach CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training. Ray would also become more involved in ministering to Emergency Responders.



IN 2008, construction begins on the future Lighthouse of Hope building in the Monticello Ave. Community! We paid \$10 for a building that was falling apart, and God re-built it through the gracious giving of churches, businesses and volunteers! It will take 3 years!



IN 2008, THE CHAPLAIN EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM WAS FORMED! Pastors from our area were trained to respond to communities impacted by emergency situations.

IN 2009, PROJECT GRACE PLANNED AND CONDUCTED AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM DRILL WITH FIRST RESPONDERS AND CERT VOLUNTEERS! The drill was held at Bridgeport High School!



IN 2010, TEEN CERT TRAINING BEGAN IN HIGH SCHOOLS!

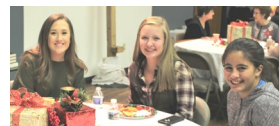


JUNE 4, 2011, WAS THE GRAND OPENING AND DEDICATION OF THE LIGHTHOUSE OF HOPE BUILDING IN MONTICELLO! Two weekly prayer meetings begin as well as Weekly Bible Studies. This building will now become the center for all the Monticello outreach events.



AUGUST, 2016 — LOVE MONTICELLO MISSION WEEK WAS HELD! Pastor Brian Pettrey from the Brooklyn Tabernacle, Pastor Mark Gittins from H2 Church in PA, and men from HIS BridgeBuilders in Dallas came to this week-long outside evangelistic event! People came from all over the area!

2016, TRESSA BEGINS TO TEACH BIBLE STUDY TO YOUNG LADIES IN THEIR TEENS & EARLY 20'S.



IN 2017, AREA-WIDE PREACHING/TEACHING CONFERENCE IS HELD WITH MR. RICHARD OWEN ROBERTS. A gathering for Pastors is also held during the same conference.



JULY 2017, THE LIGHTHOUSE OF HOPE BUILDING IN MONTICELLO COMMUNITY IS CLOSED.



2018, RAY UNDERGOES 3 MAJOR SURGERIES including heel reconstruction; total knee replacement; and Stage II Melanoma Cancer removal.

MARCH 2019, A WOMAN'S CONFERENCE W/ SUSAN HECK IS HELD. 104 women attend.



JULY 2019, RAY DIAGNOSED W/ STAGE IV METASTASIZED MELANOMA CANCER IN THE LUNG. This is a deadly cancer situation. He begins immunotherapy treatments. While the treatments gave him many permanent side effects, God removed the cancer! Ray is in the 1% of people who have this type of cancer totally removed! He is now in complete remission!

OCTOBER 2019, THE AREA-WIDE "KNOWING GOD" PREACHING/TEACHING CONFERENCE IS HELD WITH MR. RICHARD OWEN ROBERTS & REV. JORDAN THOMAS.



JANUARY 2020, AFTER 14 YEARS, THE LAUREL LANES OUTREACH IS CLOSED. Gwen will now focus as the ministry's Prayer Coordinator as well as a One-on-One Teacher and Disciple of women.

MARCH 2020, ANOTHER WOMEN'S CONFERENCE WITH SUSAN HECK IS HELD. The Covid scare hits the same weekend of the conference, yet 100 women will still attend!



APRIL 2020 — BIBLE STUDIES GO ONLINE!!! This has enabled people from around the country to participate in the Weekly Bible Studies! GOD expanded the ministry in a way we never thought!

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