

Victory

IN THE FIFTEENTH CHAPTER OF FIRST CORINTHIANS, PAUL WRITES: "AND IF CHRIST HAS NOT BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD, THEN YOUR FAITH IS FUTILE. (V. 17A) AND IF ONLY FOR THIS LIFE WE HAVE HOPE IN CHRIST, WE ARE TO BE PITIED MORE THAN ALL OTHERS." (V. 19)

WITHOUT THE TRUTH OF THE EMPTY TOMB, ALL MEMORIES AND ASSOCIATIONS WOULD BE WORTHLESS. HOWEVER, THAT TRUTH CAUSES THESE MEMORIES TO BE MY EASTER VALUABLES.

IT ALWAYS SEEMED TOO EARLY, BUT THE SUN WAS SO LARGE ON THE HORIZON AND BROUGHT A WARMTH THAT SOFTENED THE SIGHT OF VISIBLE BREATH. SWEET ROLLS AND OTHER BREAKFAST FOODS LEFT ONE AMPLY FED. REST AND WAITING CAUSED DROWSINESS AND A SENSE OF INCOMPLETENESS BEFORE THE EASTER SERVICE BEGAN WITH THE FAMILIAR REFRAINS OF HYMNS AND THE CALL OF THE TRUMPET.

*"UP FROM THE GRAVE HE AROSE. WITH A MIGHTY TRIUMPH O'ER HIS FOES.
HE AROSE A VICTOR FROM THE DARK DOMAIN
AND HE LIVES FOREVER WITH HIS SAINTS TO REIGN.
HE AROSE! HE AROSE! HALLELUJAH! CHRIST AROSE!"*
(HYMNAL #216 CHRIST AROSE - ROBERT LOWERY)

IT'S FUNNY HOW THE FACES OF THE PAST ARE INTERMINGLED WITH THE FACES OF THE PRESENT AS WE CELEBRATE ANOTHER EASTER SEASON. MAY WE ONCE AGAIN EXPERIENCE THE WARMTH OF THE SON, THE FULLNESS OF HIS LOVE, THE ANTICIPATION OF HEARING HIS FAMILIAR VOICE AND JOYFULNESS OF PROCLAIMING AS ONE.

HE IS RISEN.
HE IS RISEN INDEED!

MARK MCCLUN

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE RISEN CHRIST,
ON EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27TH, 2005 AT FEFC.
AN EXTENDED TIME OF FELLOWSHIP IN THE GYM
WILL FOLLOW AFTER THE SERVICE. ALL ABF'S AND
SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES WILL NOT BE MEETING.

SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:30 AM
FELLOWSHIP TIME 10:45 AM

Investing In God's kingdom

OWNERSHIP MYTH CARDS

Ever wondered what happened to the Ownership Myth commitment cards that were handed out four weeks ago? Each card came with either a 1, 5, or a 10 dollar bill. We were to take this card and make a commitment to invest that money for God's kingdom. Here is what happened with just a portion of that money....

- Bought hats and gloves for my Hmong learners
- Gave to Intl. Fellowship of Christians and Jews
- Donated to Wartburg College Campus Ministry
- Gave money to the River of Life Church in Ohio
- Four Spiritual Laws tracts to spread the Gospel
- Gave money to Prayer Transformation Ministries
- Gave towards Men's Group Dinner on Thursdays
- Doubled and gave to "Feed My Starving Children"
- Gave to "Cornerstone" Family Violence Prevention
- Gave to Camp Shamineau to reach kids for Christ
- Gave to Salvation Army's Bed & Breakfast Ministry
- Increased support for a pastor of a "difficult" church
- Bought reading glasses for Barb Hugo's mission trip
- Purchased note cards and sent messages to friends
- Gave to our sponsored child in Kenya who's dad died
- Gave to Chafti to help a mother furnish her apartment
- Bought new Bible cover for neighbor girl's new Bible

- Gave to the Union Gospel Mission
- Purchased supplies for Boys Brigade
- Gave to Laura Snyder's mission fund
- Gave my portion to Samaritan's Purse
- Provided two meals to a family in crisis
- Gave to First Free Missionary Program
- Gave to MAF to aid the tsunami victims
- Paid for a neighbor to come to 10 Keys
- Contributed to Ely MN Younglife Ministry
- Doubled the money and gave to Red Cross
- Encouraged a missionary family in Budapest

One dollar goes a long way!

1 cent Used 1 cent for an object lesson.

4 cents Made copies of a track for my lost friends back home.

13 cents Donated to Source "Fallout" missionaries with a vision for homeless youth.

37 cents Bought a stamp to encourage a believer.

45 cents Gave to Feeding Children Intl.

Name
Phone Number

*As a faithful steward,
I invest in God's kingdom...*

- Gave to a young Christian family with baby in hospital
- Paid for the fee for an IV treatment for a college freshman
- Gave toward my niece involved in student campus ministry
- Giving money to the Focus on the Family Ultrasound Project
- Gave money to Anne Peterson's trip to Europe this summer
- Got a card to encourage a new Christian from the youth retreat
- Investing in a youth project for this summer (creative outreach)
- Bought a Bible and snack foods for a neighbor's son in Afghanistan

"Whatever you have done for the least of these, you have done for me."