

# Harris Ministries

## "Ministering in Word & Song"



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Dear Friend,

What a time we are having with our fast this year! God is moving and we are receiving revelation from Him! We are looking to Him for what, when, where, who, and how for 2013! We want to maximize our impact in the coming year. We want the right projects, places and directions from Him so that we are in the power place of His will! That being said, we are already on the ground running. It has long been my desire to aid churches that are trying to move the direction of fasting and this year we have already been in three that are progressing that way! We usually take the first 21 days off to fast and pray but I could not say no to these opportunities.

Friend, fasting is IMPORTANT! Jesus said in Matthew 6 "When ye fast" not if. OUCH! I know that most Christians have never fasted on purpose in their lives. They may have missed a meal accidentally or because of some fad diet BUT to take time and specifically fast for God--no. Fasting is powerful! It benefits us on several levels. It is a great psychological blessing in the area of confidence with God. When we do extraordinary things for God, when we exert ourselves spiritually, it causes confidence toward Him. Now, I'm not saying we earn anything, I am saying that WE know we went out of our way to bless Him. It aids our spiritual self image. Some of us need to know who we are in Him. Do some extra-curricular activities toward the Lord and see how long it takes to begin to overcome those things that have so easily beaten you in times past. You will find that you have a prayer life that is ascending in power because you are praying in faith rather than in doubt, fear, and unbelief. Friend, that is not arrogance toward God! It blesses Him! So see, when Jesus said, "the Father will reward you openly" there are Kingdom reasons fasting works!

We started out on January 2 fasting AND preaching Glad Tidings Assembly of God in Middletown PA. What a great church and people! They have had some challenges lately and I felt like God wanted to breathe some fresh life into that congregation. What a time we had! There were even some Facebook postings about what a great time the people had. God is good! Next we moved on to New Life Assembly of God, Dickson City, PA for a Friday through Sunday morning meeting. As I walked into the church I could feel the Holy Spirit and I knew we were in for a GOOD TIME! Pastors Jim and Julie Dinger are doing a phenomenal job with that church!

On Sunday night we were at Mill City Assembly of God where Pastors Jim and Dorothy Rugg had pulled together a sectional meeting of Pastors from their region. As I walked into the room the Lord spoke to my heart that because they had pulled together in AGREEMENT to honor Him at the beginning of the year, His Spirit was going to begin a region wide move that was going to bless each of their churches. We had an altar so packed I do not believe another person could have gotten into it! The Gifts of the Spirit operated and many were blessed by the power of God!

Finally, some other good news. For those who have been involved with the miracle of paying off the motorhome, I was informed by my chief financial advisor (Terri) we are within 2000.00 of putting that debt behind us! If you feel led to help us knock it out before April, you have our blessing! Other than that, though it has had its ups and downs, as of now it is mechanically very solid and (with the exception of needing cabinet work inside) we are taking it back on the road the first part of February.

Thank you so much for all your continued love and prayer support! It makes a big difference to us as we continue to work for God on your behalf in the fertile fields of America and (when possible) around the globe! Be blessed in all you do! May His hand be upon you and your children. May you be healthy ALL YEAR LONG! If anyone is going to be promoted and financially blessed may it be you and yours!

We love you!

Carl, Terri, and Lilly Harris