

# MARK LAVINE MINISTRIES

OCTOBER 2011

## *Pastoring the Pastorless (continued on second page)*

In September, we did go back to Tulsa and travel with Bob, his sweet wife, Ramonita and a few others into the areas of the city that few of us venture. The 'dividing line' amazes me. Downtown, people are walking, busy about their lives, going to work, home, out to eat and mixed in the middle are those who look like walkers with backpacks and others, more obviously homeless, with their bedrolls and backpacks, sleeping on various benches. Further on, but not far at all, are what they call camps.

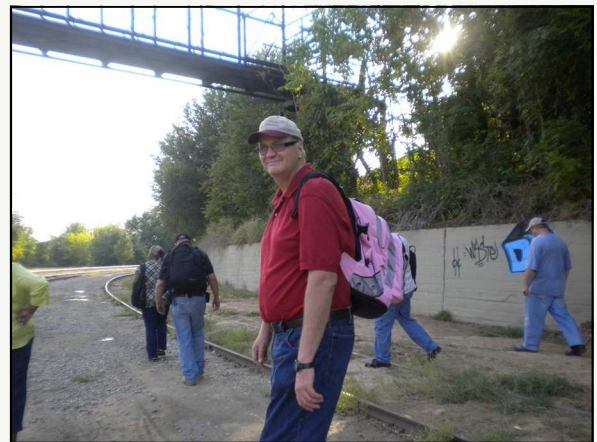
We traveled to three, all set up in close proximity to the river. Joyce Meyers talks about the homeless sleeping under bridges and overpasses when she teaches about ministering to the homeless and helpless. It begins to sink in more when you climb a steep bank underneath a busy, busy underpass, cars and trucks speeding by noisily over your head, and see the bedrolls and sleeping bags tucked up under ledges, waiting for the owner to return that night and curl up inside

trying to stay warm and get some sleep.

I stood on the train tracks below the busy city as Bob walked ahead to scout out the territory and wondered what I had for these people, God's



Packets of supplies are carried to receivers by backpack



## *Fall Schedule*



October 16, 2011  
Sunday a.m. and p.m.  
Word of Life  
Lanagan, MO  
Mark Moore, Pastor

October 22 & 23, 2011  
Saturday 6:00 pm  
Sunday 10:00 am  
Verdigris Valley  
Christian Fellowship  
Jim Raymond, Pastor

November 6-9  
Sunday-Wednesday  
Faith Tabernacle  
Jacksonville, IL  
AD Selby, Pastor

November 20  
Sunday a.m.  
Moss Bible Church  
Anderson, MO  
Bob Holloway, Pastor

November 27-30  
Sunday p.m. -  
Wednesday p.m.  
Lone Elm Pentecostal Church  
Carl Junction, MO  
Bud Walker, Pastor



Ps 125:1  
They that trust in  
the Lord shall be  
as mount Zion,  
which cannot be  
removed, but  
abideth for ever.  
KJV

Trust

*Fearless  
Confidence*



*Pastoring the Pastorless cont...*

Matt 25:45

Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.

KJV



love, a little snack food, some packets of toiletries from our church group and various donators. We are all called

and gifted to specific ministry, but all called to help homeless, fatherless lost people. Bob and Ramonita will climb down the steep hill to the tents by the river, touch and hug, hold hands and pray, listen to the needs and promise to return with the requested items the next week. "Here," says Ramonita, "let me show you a better path that way, this way is not so steep." They have been there before. The people call Bob pastor. He pastor's them. He has gone out and found those to shepherd.

Are you shepherding anyone?

Are there those in your town, or at your work that need a pastor, a caring person, that need you? Seek out those to touch and minister to. I think of Jesus and His disciples, traveling down the dusty roads, seeking those that needed a savior. We are called to do the same. Ask God what He would have you do.

*Will You Still Be Found Praising?*

*Or, will you let the devil steal your praise?*

*Read Acts 16:16-30 & Psalms 84:1-4*

Reasons to Praise God

- He deserves it  
Psalm 48:1
- Praise invites God's presence and makes it real to us  
Psalm 22:4
- We are commanded to praise God  
Psalm 150:6
- It is something you can do for God all the time  
Hebrews 13:15
- We are created to praise Him  
I Peter 2:9
- Your midnight hour will become your finest hour  
Acts 16:25
- You will draw people to God  
Acts 16:27-30

Blessed are those who dwell in Your house; They will still be praising You. Selah

Psalm 84:4 NKJV

**“The enemy would like to get us out of church so he can steal our praise.”**

quote from Mark Lavine

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*Pictures from Homeless Ministry Trip*



*Bob & Ramonita*



*Bob ministering to a young man*



*One of the neater camps*



*Ministry at a tent by the river*

*Phil 4:6*

*Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything; tell God your needs, and don't forget to thank him for his answers.*

*TLB*

*Mark 11:24*

*Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.*

*KJV*

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