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To His Dearest- The Body,

My bride asked me to put together a “short” testimony for our most recent newsletter. For me to put together anything “short” stating what our most gracious Lord & Savior Jesus has done in my life would be impossible. I promise you I will be as brief as possible!

First, I need to introduce myself, my name is Bob Wells and I am a “major-league” sinner saved by a much more “MAJOR-LEAGUE GRACE.” Many years ago at the age of 12, I made Jesus my Savior. It wasn’t until many years later that I finally made Him Lord of my life. And Oh! What a Lord He is!!!

He rescued me back in 1996 from a major addiction to alcohol, narcotics, & cocaine. My life was nothing but a path of destruction for myself and all those in my “wake”, which I’m sorry to say that many were influenced and effected by my erratic self pleasing life style. After a couple of near death episodes from overdoses, etc... I found myself on June 16th 1996, “Fathers Day”, in a room on the 3rd floor of Tallahassee Community Hospital detoxing. Finally for the first time in my life I felt as

though I had come to the end of myself, and began seeking guidance from my real Father, Our Lord and Creator. Little did I realize how true His Word would ring, “Call unto Me and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.” Being at my end, I found His beginning, and how marvelous it was to step out of darkness into the Light!

As my appetite for His Word and His Way grew over the next few years I threw myself into His arms in reckless abandonment, knowing He was preparing me as a vessel for His chosen purpose, I knew life as I had previously known (self-seeking) was over and would now be given wholly to His service. On November 25, 2001, sitting on the church pew, He clearly told me, “I want you to serve me full time”! Upon getting home from church that day I told my wife He has called and I have answered, “Yes! Here I am send me!” She asked, “where and to what”? I said, “I don’t have a clue but, just as He has been preparing me He has also been preparing a ministry for me, which He will reveal in His time.”

On August 1, 2002, ChristTown Ministries began in Quincy, Florida. Wow! What a journey, this has been, an incredible year of “walking by faith, and not by sight”. We seldom are allowed to see very far down the road. He is training us not to be an independent people but a God-Dependent people.

When God called me to began this ministry, we knew it was going to require sacrifice of self, time, comfort, and money. After praying for the Lord’s direction we put our home and property up for sale, went to the bank and took out a line of credit for \$100,000.00 and began leasing a property which consists of a 23 unit motel, a 22,000 sq. ft. warehouse, and a 12 room boarding house. We are privileged to house women and children in the hotel, and men in the boarding house. We hold chapel services and are planning to open a thrift store in the warehouse, as soon as we have the funding to meet the building & fire code requirements, etc. Needless to say a ministry such as this is quite a financial load each month, and during the times when we were wondering how we were going to make it the Lord always faithfully called one of His children to step up and help bear the burden. We are running an average cost of about \$12-15,000.00 per month, with no salaries being paid whatsoever. Everyone working to meet the needs, whether full or part-time is strictly on a volunteer basis.

I am once again, as has been many times on this journey coming to the end of myself, which is always a good and exciting thing! Because this is when the Master can step forward and show His Majesty. We are at the end of our line of credit; our property and home are under contract to be closed by the end of December, which will give us some much, needed cash flow to help secure owner-ship of property for ChristTown Ministries vs. leasing property. Many times during prayer and speaking with

brothers and sisters in Christ the Lord has said to me “You have not because you ask not” as humbly as I can I am asking you, His body to please help. All I asked is for you to pray and seek direction from Him, do as He leads.

Many, many souls have been saved, literally thousands of meals fed, and much love abounded. I suppose one of the greatest blessings to see, besides a lost soul coming into the saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus, is to see a hardened fearful child come into a life of stability and love and to burst out of the hard shell the world has caused him/her to place around themselves and become a true child again full of smiles, laughter, and hugs, learning once again I can trust, things can be different! We truly must rescue the perishing and care for the dying! The field is white with harvest but the laborers are few.

All for Jesus,

Bob Wells