## JOHNNY JERNIGAN MINISTRIES

## Positioning Churches for Unstoppable Growth





(Above and in left column: Celebrating Mother's Day 2020. One good thing about a pandemic having ALL of our children together!)

Dear Ministry Partners, Family and Friends,

We hope that this letter finds you doing well. **Happy** return to the, "new-not-normal!" Oh, happy days that our churches are allowed to begin the incremental return to worship.....slowly. Nationally. there is a roll out process from governors of how many, how far between, and how often churches and parishioners can begin the re-start of their congregational gatherings. Every other pew is being removed, nurseries are to remain closed, children's church gatherings are off limits and services will be much shorter in duration. Ushers will not touch the parishioners, greeters will wear masks and gloves. and coffee bars are closed for the foreseeable future. Pastors will also become acclimated to the look of many faces covered with N95 Masks to prevent potential germ transfer. Pastors are scrambling in the "how, what, where, who and when" of the return to the "new-not-normal." As evangelists, we too are



looking for how we will fit into the "new-not-normal". and ask for the Holy Spirit to use us to organize, train and mobilize the church. We are all in a new American Christian culture, post pandemic. To say we need you to pray is an understatement. Pastors are just now beginning to call our office to reschedule our ministry after months of cancellations. It looks like it will be June or July before we can ramp up to some form of constant travel to again do the work of the evangelist. Pastors are asking us to come and train their congregations, (on-line right now) in how they can reach out to their communities and gather people to their houses of worship. Parents are skeptical of children going to churches, our elderly population is encouraged to continue on-line worship, and altar services will now be carried out wearing gloves and masks. Even so, we are so hopeful to see a new hunger in God's people as we prepare to reassemble in our churches. Pray that we as evangelists will be effective in serving our churches, and that we will see a new season of evangelism explode in the churches we will serve. Pray also for our lawn business that we have started to continue to flourish and expand. It has been a true help to us in this shutdown. The Lord has so blessed this lawn business and the sweat equity has been favorable! Johnny has lost 10 pounds. Come on, somebody shout!

## **Unexpected Blessings**

The unexpected blessing from this shutdown has been the start of, "The Soul Winners Challenge." This is a weekly 15-minute teaching on personal evangelism. We are asking every believer to spend at least 30 minutes a week to **intentionally seek after someone** to tell their story of salvation. Eventually, being a Christian has to mean more than just going to church. It does not need to be

hours or days of effort. Just start with 30 minutes a week, and watch what God will do with your effort to tell others of His saving and joyous love. We are sharing this challenge weekly through Facebook. We have taught on how to share your personal testimony, how to use the Roman Road of Salvation and how to lead people in the sinners prayer. Please look us up on Faceook at Johnny Jernigan Ministries to watch and share with your family or congregation. One Pastor in Arkansas has made this a weekly study for his leadership to watch. It has been viewed in various nations, and we are hoping to expand to radio and other social media platforms very soon. Many have shared with us that, after watching the Soul Winners Challenge, they felt compelled to talk with someone about their faith. Many have emailed, texted, and called to share that they had led someone to faith in Jesus our Savior. That is truly exciting, dear friends. This entire shutdown has been an effort to stop the spread of Coronavirus/Covid-19 virus. However, we must believe for a Jesus virus to spread in the new-not-normal culture of Christian gatherings. The Father has tried to get our attention during this season. Everything has been shutdown so we could listen. If we. like John the disciple of Jesus, will lay our head on Jesus' shoulder, I believe we will hear His heart beating for souls. We simply cannot disciple what we do not have in our churches. If we can mobilize and gather in this window of opportunity, we could see a massive soul-winning season for the church. We may only get one shot at this, so we must be ready to run as the gates are slowly being reopened.

This is what you support when you support Johnny Jernigan Ministries. We are all about serving the church, organizing, training and mobilizing the army for one express reason....to win souls. We must have Pastors to lead our churches. We must have missionaries all around the world establishing the Christian message in every nation and in every tribe. We must also have the evangelist to gather people to the church, and spur the church to get out of their comfort zone and go and gather the harvest. It was Jesus' last instruction to his disciples (Matthew 28:18-19). Pray that the Lord will use us as He did Evangelists Billy Graham, Reinhard Bonnke, and David Livingston in their generation. It is the "new-not-normal," but Karen and I are both ready for the race. Open the gates someone, open the gates! Thank you for sending your best gift today to help us. With our return to going, and your kind giving, we are seeing souls being saved and filled with the power of the Holy Spirit! We truly are ready to be your evangelists in the "new-not-normal" world we have inherited. Will you go with us?

We love you,

Evangelists Johnny and Karen Jernigan Matthew 11:12

## The Soul Winner's Challenge

This is the challenge we send out each week to over 5,000 believers across the country and around the world. I beg you to take the challenge.

I am asking for you to pray right now as you read this letter. Ask the Father for at least one person that you can tell your story of salvation between now and Sunday. Pray for your Pastors to be used by God to draw people to the altar of decision. Ask someone to watch online with you this week or to attend as the doors are being slowly reopened.

Remember...

Amazon has taken over retail.
Uber has taken over cabs.
Apple and Spotify have taken over music.
Netflix has taken over movies and TV.
Google has taken over data and videos.

Will we allow the Devil to take over souls? No, must ring out loud and clear. We are working hard in this "new-not-normal." Will you join us to rescue the perishing? Will you text us, call us, or send an e-mail to let us know how God is using you to tell His story? We hope to hear from you soon!

Please visit johnnyjerniganministries.com, and click to donate securely through PayPal today!

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