

Dear Friend,

We are 3 weeks away from our first 2007 WOW JAM in the Gulf Area, including New Orleans and the surrounding cities. The waters have subsided but the destruction of people's lives and property prevails in an area of our country that is once again in the headlines. The Gulf area's plight has faded in the eyes of the country, and the city leaders still have no plan. The Bible says: ". . . **where there is no vision the people perish . . .**" (see Proverbs 29:18). People are perishing – still, but not from flood waters, but from each other! Following is an excerpt from a recent AP news story:

**"NEW ORLEANS (AP) - 'With at least eight slayings in the city in the first week of the New Year, officials are considering a curfew to help stem the violence,' police superintendent Warren Riley said Saturday.**

**Mayor Ray Nagin, meanwhile, urged residents not to leave the city, still rebuilding after Hurricane Katrina, because of the recent killings. Nagin and Riley both tried to reassure residents that they were doing all they can to make the city safer."**

I believe that Mayor Nagin and other city officials want to make the city safer, but nothing is working. I have stood next to the levee that broke and have walked in the deserted neighborhoods where houses are still turned upside down, I have ministered to people who lost it all and who now live in trailer parks, and I have prayed with pastors that lost their entire churches.

They need more than a curfew . . . they need Jesus! God has more than a plan . . . He has a destiny for the cities and for the people. I want to bring Jesus to those people in the form of food, haircuts, bike repair, groceries, makeovers, family photos, career counseling, prayer, the Gospel message and an opportunity for people to open their lives to the destiny of God. **I need your immediate help.**

Our goal for this year in the Gulf is 18 WOW JAMS, ministering to 40,000 people, and we are projecting 4,500 salvations. The cost of the project is \$200,000. The value is eternal.

I am asking you as simply as I can: Would you partner with us now by praying for the WOW JAMS and investing financially in bringing WOW JAMS to New Orleans and the surrounding cities? We need to buy supplies now and prepare the truck, organize hundreds of workers, and spread the word throughout the area about the WOW JAMS.

Also, we have two Mission Weeks coming up this year – in Los Angeles and in New York, and now is a good time to make plans for you and your family to join us. If you would like to sign up to help at a WOW JAM or to be part of our Mission Weeks, I invite you to check out our website for more information about how you can get involved.

Thanks for your prayers and financial support. Linda and I look forward to hearing from you.

Bringing the Savior to the Survivors,

*Stephen and Linda Vavara*

