



PRAISE REPORT

March 21, 2016

I want to introduce you to an amazing Christian couple, Jim and Marcia Hannah. I met them at Cherry Hills Community Church. We all had a heart for men and women when they are released from prison, and the challenges they face. The greatest challenge is finding a place to live. At the time, Jim and Marcia had formed a ministry, "A Future and a Hope," which owned two houses in Aurora, one for men and one for women, who are on parole. When I was paroled from prison, my biggest problem was finding a place to live. I was blessed, as GOD led me to a strong Christian man, who let me rent one of his houses. Because of my prison experiences, I was very supportive of Jim and Marcia's ministry.

When I started Refuge City Ministries, by doing programs at a men's halfway house, CHCC and the Hannah's were my first supporters. As the years passed, our friendship, and our ministries grew. The Hannah's sold their Aurora properties and purchased an apartment in Littleton, which houses 38 male ex-offenders and a duplex, which houses 6 female ex-offenders. Refuge City Ministries expanded from 6 programs a month, at one venue, to over 48 programs a month at 6 venues.

GOD has blessed our ministries, but more importantly, he has blessed us. This last twelve months has presented some incredible blessings, and some overwhelming challenges; primarily for Marcia and Jim. In May of last year, Marcia caught, what we all thought was a minor cold. As the days and weeks dragged on, in spite of taking drugs for her cold, it progressed first to bronchitis and then pneumonia, resulting in Marcia being hospitalized. Though under 24 hour care, strong medicines, oxygen and much prayer, she kept deteriorating. Then the moment, we all feared came. Marcia was struggling to get her breath. The doctors, nurses and Jim were all present. Jim, seeing that Marcia was dying before him, moved to help her. The doctor stopped him and told him that there was nothing else to be done, that this was the end. If Marcia could not get her breath, she would die. Jim, a strong prayer warrior, turned to God. Unbeknownst to Jim, Marcia was also praying. A few moments later, Marcia took a breath. From that moment on, she has gradually regained her strength and is now 95% of the way back to full health. I thank GOD every day that he chose to give Marcia her breath of life.

Today, Jim is the one fighting back. Three months ago, Jim started having trouble walking, with pain in his back and legs. The pain became so severe, that he went to the hospital. He was immediately hospitalized, due to the severity of his pain. Initially, the doctors thought the pain was caused by his knees, but eventually they

realized it was his hip. He had hip surgery, and then had a second hip surgery, due to problems from the first surgery. Jim was in the hospital for 51 days. Jim and Marcia

once again turned to God in prayer. Though frustrated by the length of time, the two surgeries, and the severe pain, Jim and all of his friends and family were in constant prayer for him. Today, Jim's recovery is ahead of schedule and he is doing well.

I thank GOD for bringing Jim and Marcia into my life, as do the many parolees who have benefited from their ministry. I thank GOD for their example of strong faith under challenging and life threatening situations. I pray we all grow closer to GOD, through their example.

GOD Bless,

Skip