

Dave Van Winkle Ministries

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I served as a Pastor/Evangelist for 47 years. My goal is to exalt Jesus while building His kingdom. My lovely wife, Teresa, especially has a heart for children and is an integral part of our ministry.



Sowing & Reaping

Transformed for the kingdom of God

The hero of our encounter today is Gideon. He and his people lived in the land of the Midianites as slaves who were severely oppressed. The Israelites experienced the theft of their donkeys, sheep and oxen. Their gardens were ravaged, so their existence was meager at best.

Gideon was a farmer by trade but put great trust in the word of his God. One day Gideon was hiding from the Midianites in the winepress while threshing wheat for his family. That is when the tables began to turn.

On the threshing floor, the Angel of the LORD appeared to this humble farmer and said, "The LORD is with you, you mighty man of valor!" What a statement! On a dark day when it looked like circumstances would never change, God stepped into Gideon's hopelessness. But Gideon didn't see himself the way God saw him; he didn't believe he was great or mighty.

Gideon kept sowing in his garden even though the Midianites stole his vegetables, but God gave Gideon a great harvest. Sowing and reaping works well when you sow good seed. Bad seed causes many to pray for crop failure.

As we see in Judges 6-8, Gideon's transition to becoming a great warrior was incredible. God saw his potential and sent the Angel to speak a word into his life. The path forward was, no doubt, filled with challenges, but Gideon was transformed step by step.

- He succeeded in conquering his greatest fears.
- He then conquered his foes.
- Ultimately, he conquered his own feelings.

Just like Gideon, you can take comfort today in the fact that God sees your potential and has a word for you to inspire and expand your territory. You do not have to live in bondage. There is deliverance and hope for your future!

New Website

Take the tour of our new website at davevanwinkle.org. Please let us know your thoughts about the site and suggestions of ways to improve. This site will help you learn about all the different aspects of this ministry. For our faithful ministry partners, know that we could not do this without you. Thank you for being our spiritual covering and support system.

Social Media Update

We have added worship music to the teaching videos on social media. Guest musicians — including our friend and board member Debbi Wilker — will join us to sing and play before our devotion.

Bring JOY to the Orphans this Christmas!

We have established a special annual tradition for the children in the orphanages we support. The children rarely get new clothing. Most of what they get are hand-me-downs or donated used clothing. While they are thankful for that, it is special when they get their own new outfits, and we want to help make that happen!



We endeavor to provide funds to purchase one complete outfit of new clothing for each child along with a watch for the guys and a necklace for the girls. The typical cost is \$50 per child. We now support nearly 100 orphans in Asia and Central America. It is a privilege to partner with these ministries providing food and clothing as needed.

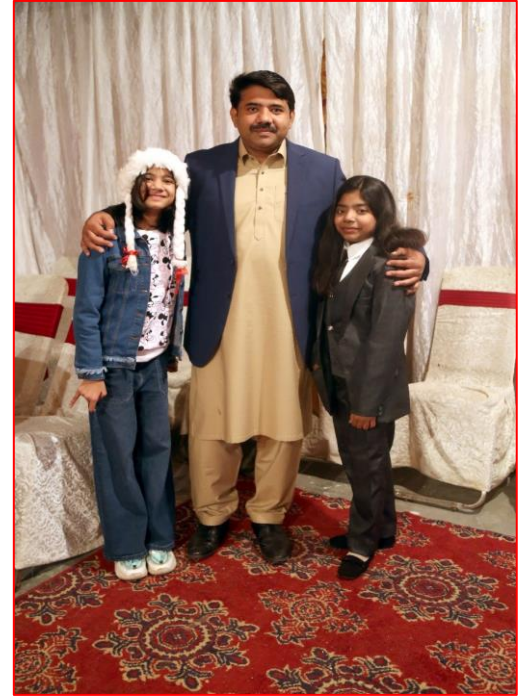
Will you consider sponsoring one child with a \$50 gift? You can make checks payable to Dave Van Winkle Ministries. All gifts are tax deductible. Or go to davevanwinkle.org, and click "Donate" to give.

Thank you for remembering these wonderful children in need this Christmas!

A Child's Healing Miracle

By Teresa Van Winkle

A few months ago, we received an urgent prayer request for one of the children in one of the orphanages we support in Asia. A 14-year-old girl named Bisma had stopped growing physically. She was also experiencing other symptoms, including nausea, extreme fatigue and general lethargy. Her bloodwork revealed that her iron count was extremely low. Her bone marrow also revealed other troubling information regarding her health. We immediately began praying for divine intervention for her.



Orphanage Director and Pastor Mugheez Salik with his daughter Esther, left, and Bisma, right.

Bisma had multiple medical tests and imaging. The diagnosis was nearly certain that she was dealing with leukemia. Prayer partners began interceding for her in this life-and-death moment. God heard our cry and granted her a miracle of healing. This healing could not be ascribed to medications or any other means except God's mighty hand.

We taught a Bible class to the orphans today and saw Bisma on the video call. Praise the Lord — she looks great! Her only remaining symptom is mild nausea, which is improving. She has the appearance of a healthy teen who experiences normal growth. To God be the glory! Our Lord is so gracious and honors His Word faithfully.

One of the Pakistani orphanages we have supported for four years experienced a flood from a storm in August and a fire (which was sparked by an unexpected significant power surge) in September. Many of the children's clothes were destroyed. Our ministry helped, and others helped, to restore the orphanage so that the children and their caregivers could live there safely. Now we want to give them something else to be thankful for this Christmas!

STAFF SPOTLIGHT: Liz Honeycutt



Words cannot adequately express the gratitude that Teresa and I feel for our dear friend Liz Honeycutt. She is a faithful partner of this ministry who always looks for ways to assist. Liz maintains our accounting books and generates the reports that are reviewed by the Ministry Board. She is conscientious and a great team player.

Liz served as my secretary while I was pastor at First Assembly in Orlando in the 1980s. Teresa attended as well, so we go way back!

Liz has always been committed to our Lord. Her heart of compassion is a strong asset to our ministry. Liz shared her testimony in our July 29 video (“When Your Future Is Stolen”), which is still available to watch.

To Liz: You are an integral part of our lives and ministry. We thank God for your gifts. You are appreciated and loved!

Testimony: Chris Chiacchira

How I was saved while visiting a rescue mission

The Orlando Rescue Mission has a special place in my heart. My grandfather had the privilege of preaching there on many occasions when I was a young girl. I looked up to him and loved spending time with him. One evening he asked if I would like to go with him and I eagerly agreed.



Dave Van Winkle Ministries supports the Orlando Rescue Mission, which provides housing for men and families in Central Florida. The mission also meets other needs of the homeless, including both physical and spiritual feeding.

At the mission, I saw many adults with various needs. We sang familiar hymns and then my grandfather presented the Gospel. As I listened, I felt as if the message was not just for the other people in the room but for me, too. I felt such a conviction and tugging on my heart that I was just as much a sinner in need of a Savior as every other person there. As soon as the invitation was given, I remember being one of the first to walk to the front. I knelt and my grandfather prayed the sinner’s prayer with me. Tears began flowing as I felt a heavy burden lifted off of me. Peace and joy flooded my soul. My parents couldn’t believe the change in me, as I immediately desired to read my Bible and spend time with the Lord.

I thank the Lord for my grandfather and his ministry to the Orlando Rescue Mission, and now my dad, Dave, and his ministry, as he has been involved in supporting the mission for many years. This ministry is about changing lives, and I am one of those whose life was changed!

“But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?”

— 1 John 3:17

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Introduce Us!

Introduce a friend or your pastor to Dave Van Winkle Ministries through our updated website — davevanwinkle.org — which explains the broad reach of our work. We're happy to provide more information through a phone call or email, too. Thank you for sharing what God is doing through Dave Van Winkle Ministries!

Ask Pastor Dave

Q: Dave Van Winkle Ministries combines teaching and discipleship, evangelism and missions. How do you sustain yourself as you serve?

A: I have a routine that I follow daily. I listen to a Chuck Swindoll message or a Max Lucado word. Then I have a time of worship, listening to some of my favorite artists (CeCe Winans, Brandon Lake, Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir, among others). I then spend some time in the Word having my own devotion. I am currently in the Psalms.

Q: Nations around the world, including America, are in a world of hurt. How should we pray at this pivotal time?

A: We must pray for revival like never before. Someone once said the need necessitates the call. The darkness is great, and the only solution is the light of Jesus. We need to pray for the harvest. Jesus said the harvest is ripe. Let's believe for a huge ingathering of souls before the return of Christ.

Q: What prayer needs do you and Teresa have now?

A: We both need prayer for strength. Teresa still has not fully regained her strength after surgery. The ministry is growing and there are more responsibilities. We are preparing to preach a revival online for Lahore, Pakistan. Thanks for praying for us.

Q: As we end the year, would you like to leave us with a Christmas blessing?

A: As you make your plans for Christmas with family and friends, I pray that your primary focus will be our blessed Savior. May His presence and power and glory be revealed to you personally as you seek His face. May there be a new revelation that will calm your fears, broaden your spiritual influence, prepare you for a great harvest in your family. This new season will be a gift from our Lord to you to expand your vision and increase your fruitfulness in Jesus' name!

Friends, thank you for your prayers and partnership in this ministry! See davevanwinkle.org for giving options, as the Lord leads. Thank you, and please let us know how we can best serve you!
