

We're back with a devotional and our latest news.



We're just a week away from Easter as I am writing this, which, for some, simply represents Spring Break. To the candy industry it represents one of the four biggest selling times of the year along with Halloween, Christmas and Valentine's Day. But for those of the Christian faith, it is the most revered day of the year.

It brings to mind an empty tomb half-way across the world in Jerusalem that solidified in the minds of Jesus' followers who He was—the Christ, the Son of the living God—**Matthew 16:16**.

The Bible records that the empty tomb was seen by John and Peter, two of Jesus' disciples, and that all of Jesus' disciples, except for Judas Iscariot, saw Him, talked with Him and even touched Him following His resurrection from the dead on that first Easter morning. Then several of them wrote of their eye-witness accounts preciously preserved for us in the Bible. In fact, the Bible records that more than 500 people saw Jesus alive after His crucifixion, death and burial and this became the bedrock of the Christian faith.

It has even been called the central teaching of Christianity--that the sinless Son of God died on the cross for our sins and that God raised Him from the dead three days later. In **1 Corinthians 15:3-8** the apostle Paul put it this way: *For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, [4](#)and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, [5](#)and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. [6](#)After that He appeared to more than five hundred*

*brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; 7 then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; 8 and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.*

And if you go to Israel today you can visit the empty tomb. Now we often return to the graves of our loved ones at various times of the year, but not so with the disciples. They knew that He was no longer there. The tomb was empty. And it wasn't until the fourth century and the rule of Constantine that the tomb became a sacred and visited site.

Once the disciples discovered that the tomb was empty and that Lord had risen from the dead, there is no record at all that the disciples or the early Christians continued to visit the tomb.

Once they had realized what had happened in the tomb, it didn't drive them to the tomb, but out to the world to let the whole world know what had happened and why. People needed to hear about this! They needed to know about this One who had come to save them from their sins—**Matthew 1:21; Luke 19:10**. And the resurrection of Jesus was at the very heart of what they preached--**Acts 2:32-38**

That same conviction—that people need Jesus—is what drives us at Reignite Hope and just like the disciples, we are now, with the addition of our mobile training center, going to take our life-changing training and the message of Christ out into the world!! We want people everywhere to have access to much needed job skills and access to the great truth that Jesus, through his death and resurrection, has given the gift of eternal life in heaven to those who place their trust in Him.

Our first class is scheduled to start in the trailer on April 13<sup>th</sup> and we couldn't be more excited. Imagine, eighteen wheels carrying the love of God all over the Southland! So I invite you to come and see it and take a tour through it. In the meantime, please be praying for every heart that will be in those classes. That for each of them Easter will also become the most revered day of the year and not because of Spring Break, Easter bunnies or candy, but because of Christ.



18-Wheeler Carrying God's Love Across

# the Southland

Our most fervent dream over the last couple of years was to build an 18-wheeler for mobile training filling the demand for ReIGNITE Hope programs in neighboring cities within 100 miles of our home base in Gardena. Where students cannot come us, the mobile training center allows us to go to them. Our first class is scheduled to start on April 13th on the Rolling Hills Covenant Church campus serving the Harbor Hills community down the street. We are excited to see how God will use our mobile center for His glory.



## Joint Venture

We are so thankful that God stirred in the hearts of a wonderful organization named Grace Community Services (GCS) to partner with us in the Mobile Training. GCS is a non-profit corporation in Orange County with the same mission we have to bless those in need in the name of Christ.

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Thank you for all your faithful prayers and support. Please pray for our students as they learn who Jesus is. May Easter become for them the most revered day of the year.

I'll keep you all updated and if you would like to contact me I can be reached by email at [steve@reignitehope.com](mailto:steve@reignitehope.com) or by phone at [\(310\) 847-0593](tel:3108470593). Please let me know if there is any way that I can be

praying for you during these challenging days in which we are living.

Happy Easter!

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