



Stronghold Ministry's Monthly Newsletter

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Prayer is not an after-thought, but a major tool in our support. Please pray with us for the healing of many.

Tell us your story.
We want to help.

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Coming Events

***March 20** - Joe & Terri Fornear will share their testimony at a Life Group (home Bible study) at Dallas Bible Church.

Call or write for more info.

Getting the Word Out

-Joe Fornear

There is something about the c-word that refocuses a person to look towards the proverbial "higher power." Despite huge gains in science and medicine in finding treatments for cancer, being diagnosed still leads many to seek God's supernatural help. When I was battling cancer, and though I knew the Lord and had studied the Bible a lot, I still thirsted for God's words of hope and encouragement. Isaiah captures the feeling and the solution, "*The afflicted and needy are seeking water, but there is none, And their tongue is parched with thirst; I, the LORD, will answer them Myself, As the God of Israel I will not forsake them*" (Isaiah 41:17).

The Lord has much to say to those who are fighting cancer. He uses people like you and me to pass His word along. Will you help Stronghold Ministry reach out to hurting people who are fighting cancer now? Here are some ways to help:

*Tell someone about our website (www.mystronghold.org) and our ministry.

*Sign up and ask someone to sign up for this monthly newsletter, *The Exchanger*, and our weekly devotional newsletter, *In His Grip*.

*Donate to our ministry. We could use your financial help. Go to our "Donate" page, or send us a check at the address below. Donations are tax deductible. **Thanks to many who are already donating!** Let's spread His Word together.



Free House Cleaning! By "Cleaning for a Reason"

<http://www.cleaningforareason.org/>

This is a free cleaning service for any woman who is fighting cancer. From the website of Cleaning For a Reason:

"Fighting cancer is difficult enough, but living with it is even tougher - and that's where the Cleaning for A Reason Foundation steps in. This newly formed nonprofit offers free professional housecleaning, and maid services to improve the lives of women undergoing treatment for cancer - any type of cancer. Serves the entire U.S. and some parts of Canada too."

For other resources for people fighting cancer, Check out our "Resources" webpage: <http://www.mystronghold.org/Resources.html>

Let us know if you learn of other resources for cancer patients. Several of our partners alerted us to this free cleaning service. Thanks!

Testimony Time

We are featuring the stories of warriors and caretakers we serve. This month we share a note from **JoAnne**. She has been battling breast cancer that spread to her liver. She recently received cyber knife radiation treatments to the liver area and is doing very well now. We will share JoAnne's full story in a future issue of **The Exchanger**. Recently JoAnne wrote about our weekly devotional, **In His Grip**:

Dear Joe and Terri,

Well, your devotional has done it again! By that I mean, your words and God speaking through you has spoken directly to a specific issue I am dealing with. And it goes without saying, that your devotional helps me so very much. Recently I too came to know my "inner brat," as 2 days prior to my scheduled hysterectomy I came down with a second staph/strep infection in my left breast. (The first episode happened over Thanksgiving.) They immediately hospitalized me on Valentine's Day for six days and, of course, canceled my surgery. I was so "poor, pitiful me," and questioned why this had to happen, AGAIN? Since being discharged and at home on IV antibiotics, I have had much time in bed to think, pray and read including your devotionals. My attitude is so much better. I know there is a reason, and I just have to trust in the Lord that He knows what's best. Always! Thank you for playing a valuable role in my getting to a place of peace over this recent setback. It just amazes me how God speaks to me through you!

Bless you,

JoAnne

In His Grip is a weekly devotional e-mail intended to encourage and inspire those fighting cancer and also those in any type of crisis. To subscribe to *In His Grip*, go to - <http://www.mystronghold.org/Newsletter.html>. Archives are at Joe's blog - <http://www.mystronghold.org/Blog/>

Do you know anyone who might benefit from *In His Grip*?
Help spread the word and forward the link above.

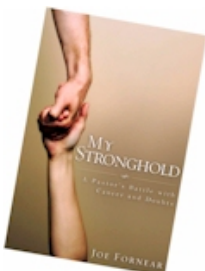
Book & Bake Sale - To Benefit Haiti

Saturday, March 6th, 9am to noon

Dallas Bible Church

15765 Hillcrest Road, Dallas, TX 75248

Dallasites, please come early & bring some books to sell for the Haitians!



My Stronghold

Visit our website for more on the book, [My Stronghold, A Pastor's Battle with Cancer and Doubts](http://www.mystronghold.org/My-Stronghold.html). Go to: <http://www.mystronghold.org/My-Stronghold.html>

If you are a cancer patient, or a caretaker of a cancer patient, we will send the book at no cost to you. Simply write and tell us your story. We want to share your burden.

Stronghold Prayer Wall

Please join us in prayer for these warriors

Stronghold has reached out to this list of individuals who are fighting cancer or have fought cancer (some have other serious illnesses). We don't want to neglect the centrality of prayer for healing. Will you take a moment to intercede with us for these warriors? It is motivating to know our prayers are like a sweet incense to the Lord (Revelation 5:8).

*Lord, please bring
complete healing,
strength and
comfort to each of
these You love
so much.*

Revelation 5:8

The twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb,
each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense,
which are the prayers of the saints.

Mike D	Althea	Karen	Luke	Cindy
Brisy	Robbin	Pat	Nancy	Lisa
Bekah	Correy	Jodie	Bill	Brian
Mr. W	David	Matt	Holly	Nisha
John	Angela	Susan	Ben	Sherri
Bill	Maryann	Hudson	Diane	Ted
Jon N	Bill	David	Allison	Darcelle
Rich	Tina	Darlene	Randy	Alan
Gloria	Edward	Lynda	Nelia	Jennifer
Claudia	Dianne	Yvette	Rick	Agnes
Jeff	Vicky	Sean	Linda	Fred
Carolyn	Rachel	Frank	Akadrianna	Dave
Laura	Stephanie	Larry	Janet	Mary
Mary Sue	Judy	Lori	Julie	Joanne
Ed	Terri	Katrina	Delora	Marilynn
Milton	Megan	Gregg	Clayton	Johnny
Sara	Ruth	Ruth	Kathy	Pat
Rex	Hank	Sam	Sherry	Mary
Monette	Vivian	Pete	Adair	Charles
Joan	Tony	Gina	Matt	Bill
Brian	Melody	Duke	Mike	Karen
Joanne	Michael	Don	Mildred	Betty
Kathy	Susan	Jack	Anne	Mr. H
Sue	Joseph	John	Fred	Manuel
Garrett	Emily	Richard	Kaye	Bob
Kathy	Michael	Lori	Lois	Nick
Peggy	Robert	Sheila	Gracie	Bonnie
Mr. L	Mike	Betty	Tom	Misti
Becky	Debra	Beverly	Cristina	Kristine
Frank	Michael S.	Darlene	Johnnie	Alfredo
Randy	Debbie	Cheryl	Linda	Sandi
Sue	Barb	Karon	Maurice	Virginia
Mr. S	Kent	Jacob	Gary	Linda
Susan	Ted	Rebecca	Pat	Prudence
Mrs. L	Andy	Susan	Dylan	Tracy
Priscilla	Steve	Ms. M	Carolyn	Vicky
Stephanie	Lois	Bill	Rusty	Inez
Lynne	Chuck	Sharon	Bernard	Kate