

# SFTHMin is giving you an opportunity to move from paper newsletters to digital

*It's been a process, 25 years ago we had our first website created. Websites have a "language" that changes as often as some folks change socks. Over the years we have continued to update the content using the old "language". In the last several years the language became completely obsolete and it could no longer be updated so we harvested all the photos, stories and content of 25 years accumulation and started completely over. I decided to focus this page on guiding you through converting from paper to digital. If you are satisfied to stay with our paper newsletter, we are totally fine with that, If we don't hear from you, all will remain as is. We are honored to have you in our partner family.*

*Since the late 90s when SFTHMin started publishing newsletters we always wrote, printed, and stuffed all the envelopes, then hired a mail company to address and post all the letters. Over the years we have used several different companies but we are down to one final company. For over 25 years these newsletters have been a way to stay in contact with "you" our partner base and we want to continue that.*

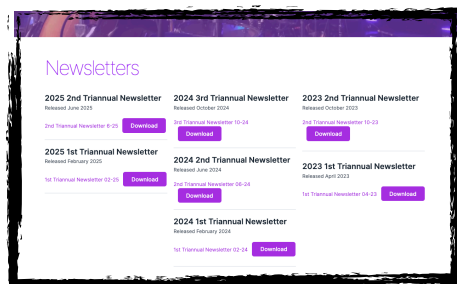
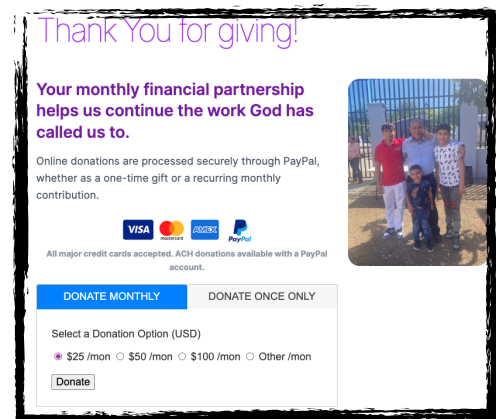
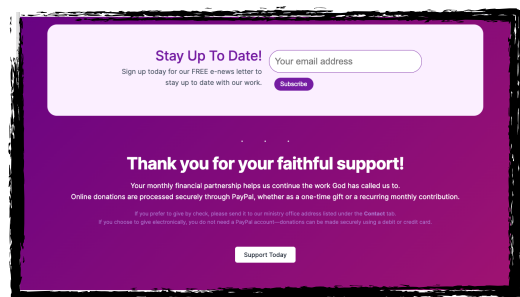
*As I formerly mentioned, if you are OK with a paper newsletter there is no need to respond, but if you prefer a newsletter in color via our website, log on to [www.sfthmin.com](http://www.sfthmin.com) scroll down the first page and give us your email address digitally; so every time we post a new newsletter I will send you a link digitally. The email company will not allow us to send you anything unless it comes through our website that they are vetting*

*and monitoring. SFTHMin will never sell or publicize your email, it's safe with the company that we have chosen to use to do the mail-outs.*

*We have also linked our merchant account to our site to make it easy for you to give, either a one-time gift or to continue your recurring monthly gifts. We use PayPal as a merchant account so you can either use your PayPal account or credit card. This is a newsletter and I will always keep it with that focus. Here we can share with you (our partners) our needs and obligations and always have a page of what God has been pouring through us.*

*For all of you that are not on-line and prefer to mail your gifts, that is totally fine, nothing will change, but for you that would prefer to make the digital change; SFTHMin team has made it convenient for you to do so.*

*Thank you for your Prayers, Support and Faithfulness*



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## How do we change seasons gracefully?



SFTHMin coach, 1997-2017, 39 states, 300,000 miles

Over the last 35 years people, places and things had temporal changes and SFTHMin has not been excluded. Our web presence, our family, SFTHMin team, and donors have been a developing dynamic process. This newsletter is about how to go through transitional change and still maintain focus and vision. We started full-time traveling in 2000 and for the 17 years it was our life. Our focus has matured, same people group, same message; just a different method.

Our family started with Mary and I nearly 44 years ago. We have raised 3 beautiful children and now we have 9 precious grandchildren and are back to our first beginnings. All things evolve and change; except the reason we committed to marriage has never changed. SFTHMin has had transitional adjustments except the reason we started this work 35 years ago has

never changed.

This year SFTHMin has a new web presence ([www.sfthmin.com](http://www.sfthmin.com)) and as I was digging into our past I was made so aware that the reason our team went into the local county jail last Sunday hasn't changed in 33 years. This newsletter will explain how **you** our donors and faithful prayer warriors can be a part of the transition from one progression to the next. The transition from 33 years of paper newsletters to digital doesn't have to be difficult as our media team has worked to cover all the basis. I will explain the process on page #3.

Our new website is an information site. There you can sign-up to be reminded via email that we have posted a new newsletter that you can view. We have spent many hours bringing the focus of SFTHMin and how our team has remained committed to that focus all these years. You can sow your one-time gift or setup your recurring giving. I will be posting our daily activities while in Nicaragua. You can see our history of what God has and is breathing through us currently. You can review the last several years of archived newsletters and much more.



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# I am a Disciple

(Continued from last newsletter)

I'm a disciple, what am I indicating? The Bible definition for a disciple is a disciplined student or learner. To our incarcerated friends, it's going to take effort to unlearn what life or earth has conformed you into. (Romans 12:1-2) explains that becoming a disciple is also a physical thing, not just thinking different but



our behavior must change and this is Spiritual service of worship. (Titus 2:11) indicates that the Grace of God teaches us how to live Godly in this present world. So as God through His Word transforms you into a disciple, allow Him to have your habits, addictions, and old behavior traits. According to the Bible being a disciple is not above their Teacher or a slave to their Teacher but like their Teacher (Luke 6:40). They must be able to withstand reviling (John 9:28). He must be able to follow his teacher even if it means going before the courts (John 18:15). It's OK if your teacher favors other disciples more than you (John 19:26). To be a disciple you must be able to

minister when your teacher is unable to (John 19:27). You must be able to negotiate on behalf of your teacher, know his heart (John 19:38). Your relationship with your teacher must have a Godly "love" bond (John 20:2). Don't be jealous when you are not his favorite (John 21:20). Ready yourself to deliver the message that God wants to convey through you at any time (Acts 9:10). Believe in your fellow disciples and work as a team, never focus on the past of the those you are committed to (Acts 9:26). Discipleship is co-gender, ladies can also be referred to as disciples by Luke (Acts 9:36). Being a disciple is not confined to any religion (Acts 16:1) Timotheus was from a mixed religious household. Seasons change but age should not be the factor if one is qualified to be a disciple (Acts 21:16).

In John 17 Jesus prayed the most beautiful prayer to His father on behalf of His Disciples. It took place immediately after the Last Supper just before they left to go to the Garden of Gethsemane. Read it carefully and keep it in context of who Jesus is praying to and who He is confirming. His Father God knew the information Jesus was praying but I believe Jesus wanted His disciples to hear Him confirm them with His words. What a powerful way to tell your disciples farewell.

## We pray Blessings on your discipleship

*The fields are white with fruit, ready for harvest. God's Word has equipped us to be the gleaners.*



*"We have to grow from the inside out"*

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**Jan 11**  
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*Touching a world  
with power, purpose and praise.*

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# Seasons will change & Progress

Luke in the book of Acts referred to the changing of earthly seasons, but he indicated how important they are in God's plan. Jesus spent 3 years with 12 disciples preparing them and equipping them for the next season of "His kingdom" here on the earth. In Genesis 8:22 immediately after Noah came out of the ark, God recognized that even though man's heart is evil, He would never destroy the earth again and there would always be seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night. Us as New Testament believers have the authority to shift the seasons that lay ahead based on our belief-system and faith. We as Spirit-filled believers are the righteousness of God and house or tabernacle the very Spirit of God. He lives and breathes through us, guides us, and instructs us to be accountable today for the seeds we sow because tomorrow we will reap the harvest of those seeds. We are caretakers of "His Kingdom" here on this earth.



When the SFTHMin team first entered the county jail 33 years ago we planted seeds and wrapped faith around every minute we served the inmates. We established bible studies, distributed bibles and reading materials, did weekly cell to cell visitation wrapping each move with expectancy. Some times we planted, sometimes we watered, and sometimes we harvested.

Leslie, the school director from Nicaragua told me a story with the same sernario. One of his very first students graduated his English class, attended the university majoring in English and is now working as a teacher/translator in a college.

You can't stop the power of a seed as we send them into the season just ahead of us. Seasons are going to change, it's a God order and the seeds we sow today will be the harvest we reap; if we wrap faith around it. Of course if you plant a garden and never water it or care for it, the weeds will consume the expected harvest. So, can we know what harvest the season ahead will look like, maybe not each little detail but the main structure, yes. Because as New Testament believers we carry the infallible Word of God and we daily plant those truths or seeds into a hurting world, wrapping each minute with expectancy and believing God will keep His promises and bring forth the harvest. So do season changes have to be scary, no, not as long as good seeds are sown in the springtime.

*You Matter & are  
So Valued!  
Blessings, Mary*

*Blessing as we  
move toward the  
next season  
Palm*