

# Hearts of Love

*Tom & Debbie Tillman "to touch the world for Jesus Christ"*

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bless you!***

*Tom & Debbie*

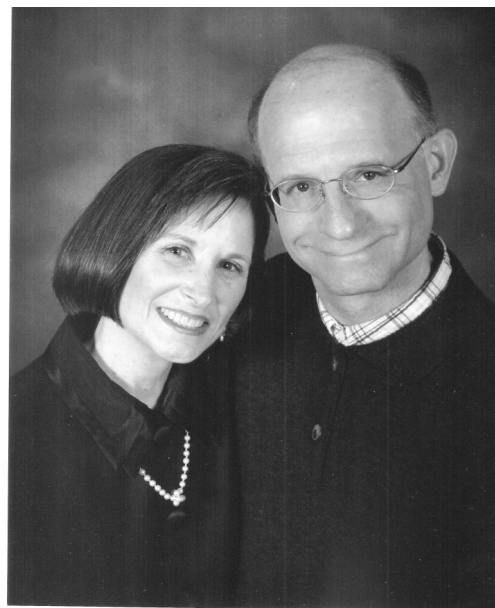
## A Prepared Heart

**W**e always pray before every radio program that God would direct those whose hearts He has been preparing to tune in and call us, to allow us to be His hand extended to them in the midst of life's circumstances.

Early in one of our recent radio programs, a very tearful Anna called from her hospital room. She was overcome with thanks to the Lord for His healing power. She had undergone brain surgery as a result of a severe stroke 6 days earlier and her boyfriend, William, had been told she probably would not survive. However, not only did she survive, but she had regained most of her speech and mobility – she was a living miracle and a testimony of God's amazing grace!

She said she had been raised in a Christian home and knew Jesus Christ as her Savior. However, she and William had struggled with drug addiction for quite some time and were living in a homeless camp when the stroke occurred.

William was in her room when she called us, and she soon handed the phone to him as it was tiring for her to talk. He immediately informed us of his absolute love for Anna and the torment he had experienced when he thought he might lose her. He said he had never believed in God although he had recently witnessed a miraculous provision of food right after Anna had prayed for the exact thing that was given to them. Then, a



*He has committed to  
us the word of  
Reconciliation.*

*Therefore, we are  
Ambassadors for Christ.*

*2 Corinthians 5:19,20*

few days later, Anna had the stroke, and again, he witnessed the power of God in the face of death – he said he now believed God was real and had been clean & sober since then, and they both desire to get married soon. At that point, we knew some of our listeners were praying, and we seized the moment to share God’s heart of love with him.

We talked about God’s love for him that was even greater than William’s love for Anna, a love far greater than anybody’s capacity to love another - God’s love went so far as to personally pay the penalty for the sins of whosoever would believe in Jesus Christ, and we told him what that meant. We talked about the difference between believing God was real and having a real, personal relationship with God who actually authored His relationship with man in the Garden of Eden. We pointed out that God had allowed William to experience not only His power but also His personal, gracious, loving intervention to reveal Himself to him. Then we popped the question:

Would you like to have a personal relationship with God, the One who created you, the One who has been calling to you? His answer: Yes! We prayed with him, making sure he understood that his prayer would not be a magic wand that would make everything perfect, and he must pray with absolute sincerity from his heart, which he did. We made sure they had a Bible and invited them to stay in contact. Please pray for Anna’s complete healing, for William’s new life in Christ and permanent housing for them. God has always been, still is and always will be **God of the impossible** – no one is beyond His reach, and nothing is too difficult for Him!

Update: Anna and William called us again the following Sunday night. She was doing much better physically and both were doing much better spiritually. They were listening to a lot of Christian radio and we encouraged them to find a good Bible-believing, Bible-teaching local church so that they

could begin to develop a good Christian family. They were living temporarily with a friend of William’s (Actually they were staying with his former girlfriend and the mother of his child; God has always been busy cleaning up the torn and tattered pieces of all our lives... some worse and some better than others; thankfully, the Lord Jesus Christ’s sacrifice on the Cross covered all the sin of everyone who has put their faith and trust in Him... of which, now, William is included.)

We, along with many listeners, will continue praying for Anna and William as we anticipate hearing from them often in the future.

From the very beginning of Hearts of Love, soon after God restored our marriage and family following a two year separation due to Tom’s use of drugs and alcohol, the heart of our ministry has been evangelism, doing all we can to lead others into the saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. We began studying to fully understand the Gospel, what it means to be *really saved* from eternity in hell, separated from God which is the destination of every person apart from faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and saved unto *Eternal Life*, living forever in the presence of God in the Glorious Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ. We sought to know how to share the Gospel and how to lead someone to life eternal. We have always been ready and willing to go to anyone who wants to know the truth and wants to be set free to be Born Again. We have developed tracts and a booklet toward that end and Tom has taught many classes on Evangelism. One whom we were privileged to lead to salvation was Nafeesa.

Soon after our second radio call from Anna and William, Nafeesa’s

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husband, Chris called us after several years. About 18 years ago, Chris had called us. He was a 'nominal' Christian who tried to 'keep up appearances' because his family was Romanian Pentecostal believers.

Chris had a problem (not to mention the fact that he wasn't walking with the Lord) - he had met and fallen in love with a young lady who happened to be a Muslim from a strong Muslim family... yes, he had a problem: his lukewarm, squishy walk with the Lord, his family and her family! He knew Christianity was real, and he wanted his future wife to be saved. He asked Tom if he'd be willing to come out to their office and talk with her; Tom, naturally, said sure, anytime! He drove out to Gresham a few days later and shared the Gospel with Nafeesa; he asked if she wanted to pray and trust Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. She said yes. She did pray, she did receive Jesus Christ's gift of salvation. Chris rededicated his life to the Lord and they have been a good, strong, Christian family ever since. Tom was also able to share the truth with Nafeesa's father but, as far as anyone knows, he didn't trust Jesus Christ for salvation; he had been

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given the truth so we trust that God revealed Himself to her father before he died of cancer.

To be clear, we know that Nafeesa did not believe because of any super ability in Tom; God had already prepared her heart for the Gospel, and Tom was simply the 'sower' who threw out the seed; it was all God's work; we know that but our goal is to always be ready with the seed anywhere and anytime God opens the door.

That is why we drive to the radio station on Sunday nights from 10pm until 1am and have done so every Sunday night for the past 27 years.

That is why we have traveled to Hong Kong to carry thousands of Bibles into China.

And... that is why we recognize the need to develop a good web-site. We had a web presence years ago but the person who helped us build our website vanished along with the

information necessary to work in the site and update it. We lost the site and our web name for several years. We were finally able to repurchase our name, **heartsoflove.org** and we have begun planning our new website. As you may know, it does take a certain amount of expertise to build a good, comprehensible, easy to navigate website. To build such a website is not an inexpensive endeavor, and we are stepping out in faith to see it done. If you would like to invest in this new path, this additional evangelistic opportunity for Hearts of Love, please mark your special gift for the Website.

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