



# Changed Lives Ministries Newsletter Whoa! 2011



*"A living faith is not something you have to carry, but something that carries you."* J.H. Oldham



**Angel Tree**



We're almost halfway through February and it seems like just last week I was delivering Angel Tree presents to kids whose parents are incarcerated. What a blessing to be ambassadors of reconciliation and to share the love of Christ with so many that need to hear about His boundless grace and mercy. Because of you many heard that message of

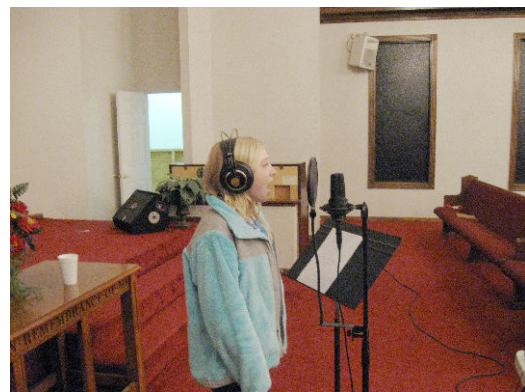
hope! A special thanks goes out to Grace Bible Independent Baptist Church and to Kathy Hope who facilitated the Angel Tree ministry there. I want to thank First Baptist Church of Spencer, especially Paul and Diana Pomeroy and Mindy Root who helped coordinate the Angel Tree effort there. I also want to thank all of you who participated in so many ways! If I were to name individuals, the list would be much too long for the space available and I would almost certainly miss someone. So I will thank all of you for the faces seen above and for many more who were touched by your love and generosity. We all know how hard the times are, yet I was totally overwhelmed by your expression of love for these children. Thank you!

### Changed Lives Ministries Volume 3 CD

Three weeks before I got out of prison my dad died. Prison is a loud place 24 hours a day 7 days a week. There really isn't any place to go to grieve or to be alone. John Schmid of Common Ground Ministry had previously given me a CD and on that was the song "This Is My Father's World". I put my headset on and played that song over and over again until I felt the grief leave my body and I knew in my heart that I would see my dad again. Part of our ministry is giving inmates CD's that share the Gospel in song. Men and women have been saved listening to these CD's. We minister through these CD's. For example, one man told me that another man had been disrespectful to him before count and he had made up his mind to get even as soon as count was over. During the count, he listened to one of our CD's after which he decided not to do anything violent. He found himself praying for the man instead! Mike Todd and I traveled to Alabama and then on to Texas to record individuals for our Vol. 3 CD. This promises to be our best CD yet! We've been truly blessed by the individuals who have given of their time and musical gifts to put this CD together! God has truly blessed this project! You can be a blessing too by sending a donation to Changed Lives. Thank You!



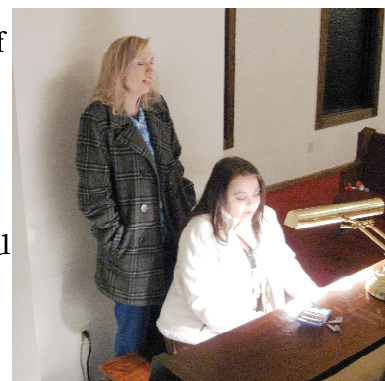
**Working late in AL, no one minded!**



**Blessings come in all sizes!**



**Mike and I will be on the CD too!**



**Tammy & Ginger rehearse**