



# Faith Outreach Ministries

*Acts 15:41 "...strengthening the church" in her mission to the world.*

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***Faith Outreach Ministries*** mission is to take the message of Jesus Christ to whomever and wherever the Lord sends us. God's Word to Paul in Acts 26:18 is our mandate: "to open their eyes in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Jesus Christ."

***Faith Outreach Ministries*** was established in 2001 out of a vision God gave to Steve in 1982. The three pillars of the ministry, based on God's Word are:

1. ***The Ministry of Helps*** (I Corinthians 12:28), coming alongside of others and helping them achieve God's call on their life.
2. ***Healing*** (Exodus 15:26), bring spiritual and physical healing through the scriptures.
3. ***Restoration*** (Isaiah 58:12), restoring individuals, marriages and families to Jesus Christ.

The Ministry has focused on the ***Market Place*** where we have been reaching a variety of people with various needs. God has brought people to us or has led us to those who are hurting. The Market Place continues to be a part of what God is doing with the ministry.

In June 2011, God opened the door for a ***County Jail Ministry***. Steve went to the Muscatine County Jail where a friend was incarcerated. Since that time, Steve has been ministering to the men and women of that facility two days per week as Chaplain. At the present time, Steve is helping two men and a women gain experience and confidence in ministering to the people at the jail. The ultimate goal is to find individuals to continue the work he has started so he can go to other counties and help establish Chaplaincy Programs in jails where there is a need.

## ***About the President: Steve Russell***

Steve graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Iowa State University in 1966 and from the University of Iowa with a Masters of Arts degree in 1968. He worked ten years in health and human services at a mental health facility, a neighborhood community center and a drug and alcohol rehabilitation program at a community hospital.

After receiving Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and Lord in early 1978, he was discipled by a seasoned Christian Minister and joined him in a Biblical counseling ministry. Later a church was formed and he became the Associate Pastor of that church and continued to do counseling.

Starting in 1989, Steve joined Youth for Christ and served for 13 years as the Executive Director in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, working with middle school and high school students; after that he went to Des Moines, Iowa for 8 years, rebuilding the YFC ministry there. Along the way he was an interim pastor at three churches and has served a rural church for the last 14 years.

The core of this ministry and all we do is to raise up laborers in local churches to do the work God leads us to establish. We desire to strengthen the local church in its outreach to their communities.