

After Death of Husband and Son, Jeri Hill Uses Her Heartache for Healing

The year has been a painful one for Jeri Hill, the widow of Steve Hill, an evangelist for the Brownsville Revival and founder of Steve Hill Ministries.

"God knows I've shed plenty of tears," she wrote in the Steve Hill Ministries December newsletter.

In March, she lost her husband, in October, her son Ryan. And through it all, her heartache is fuel, driving her toward God, using her experience to connect with others who have dealt with depression after the deaths of family members.

"I'm asking the Lord to use the heartaches our family has experienced to help us reach more souls for Him," she writes. "God has already begun to do that in some amazing ways."

Before his death, Steve Hill dedicated his life to spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ around the world. Charisma previously reported on his passion to help those who are hurting and his pursuit of genuine, God-breathed revival continued to intensify after years of missionary work, church planting, and evangelistic crusades.

After the death of her husband, Jeri Hill continued with their ministry, manning the helm of an organization that stands in the gap for addiction, depression and rebellion, among other things.

Steve Hill's legacy has a continued impact.

"We continually receive testimonies that remind us of the importance of amplifying Steve's voice," Jeri Hill writes. "I'm so thankful that we are continuing to amplify Steve's

voice for generations to come!”

As the new year approaches, Hill is filled with hope.

“I have a real sense of expectation about what the Lord has in store for us this coming year! In early 2015, we’ll begin ministering both in the U.S. and abroad, taping sessions for our Online School of Evangelism, and hopefully, will find the time to write a few books that I’ve been asked to write,” she writes.

Her motivation is, in part, inspired by the death of her son. When Ryan was born, he was not expected to live beyond a few days, but he surpassed that by 27 years. During this time of struggle, Jeri Hill has found comfort in her fellow Christians.

“I am so thankful for the family of God! You have stood by our side, loved us, prayed for us and helped to bear our burdens,” Jeri Hill writes.