



“Share your faith every day as a way of life!”

How The Lord Used Us in JUNE, 2020

Greetings!

Things are almost normal in TN, with some limitations. Although modifications were made, it was great to be back in our home church beginning in May. We were blessed to have been able to do some formal ministry in June. As a result of the tremendous success that God gave us doing a “Virtual MAD Event” in partnership with the Iron Sharpens Iron ministry, we decided to start doing these virtual events on a regular basis on our own. We did our first “Virtual Event” on June 1st and 2nd. We reduced the content by 25% so we could do a three-hour event spread over 2 days. We had people representing the following states: CT, NY, NJ, PA, MN, NC, OH and FL attend. These events give us the opportunity to equip people we may never have another opportunity to teach. Through the “Virtual” Events, people from the following NEW states have been exposed to the teaching: AZ, MN, IN, OH, MS, IL, DE, AL, Washington DC, and the countries of Mexico and Haiti! We have never been in a church in any of these states, so what a blessing to reach some people there! Please keep these “Virtual” events in your prayers. God is using this technology to impact more people in places I have never been!

We did get to do one event in a church in June. I traveled an hour away to the Abingdon Baptist Church in Abingdon, VA and presented the full four-hour event on Sunday, June 7th. I was originally scheduled to be there about a month or two ago, but I am so grateful that it was rescheduled for June. Although the only people physically in the building were the pastors and worship team, the congregation attended online for the event.

I was contacted by our friends at “The Light FM”, Billy Graham’s radio stations, and asked if I would do a “Virtual” event for their listeners on June 18th. They wanted to keep it to two-hours, so I cut half of the material out and focused on the main points with less illustrative videos and examples. I traveled to their station in NC to broadcast the event. We were greatly blessed to have 270 people register for the event! Again, people in states I have never taught in participated.

Here are two testimonies I received from the virtual events:

“Just wanted to say thank you for your MAD event Sunday. I was only able to watch part of the live FB event but will watch the rest. It helped me to realize once again to trust a God to direct our encounters. I’m generally a quiet person but decided on Monday (at a curbside pickup) to give it a shot. The young lady who brought my order ask for prayer for “clear headspace”. Today a young lady said her boyfriend had been killed two weeks ago on her birthday and another has a dr appointment next week. I prayed for each before leaving but will continue to pray for these requests and hope to be able to follow up with them. You know there’s a world of young and old just needing to know someone cares about them. What a privilege to be able to pray for these people! Thank you again for the insight as to how easy it can be to reach others and to recognize opportunities! May God continue to bless your family!” - From a lady in VA

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"I've started noticing a lot of changes in myself since your training.... a lot of stuff that you taught really stuck with me. Especially hearing when God is prompting you to do something whether it's pray or talk to the person." - From a lady in FL

I was honored to be asked to give the commencement speech at Emmanuel Baptist Academy, in Penn Yan, NY on June 14th. With the restrictions that are still in place in NY State, I had to record a video of my address and send it to them so they could watch it in "Virtual" mode. I was hoping to meet the graduating seniors, but it may happen if they get to do their senior trip to a mission in Knoxville, TN sometime this summer. That would be great if that trip happens and I can ride down and spend some time with them.

UPDATE ON MY BOOK

The publishing company has completed the editing process, and now the next phase begins. We were blessed to have a M.A.D. Grad from Columbia, SC graciously offer to help design our book cover. He owns an ad agency and we are very excited about what he has come up with thus far. There's no guarantee we will use this, but I do really like it and so do the people I have shown it to.

SUPPORT

We are a faith-based ministry and rely on our regular monthly supporters AND the love offerings that we get at our MAD Live Events to be able to serve Christ full time vocationally. The pandemic has affected our regular monthly supporters' ability to continue to give. Our regular monthly support is at about 60%. In May, we lost one major monthly supporter and had our monthly support reduced significantly by one of our supporting churches. Obviously, this hurts. However, we trust God to make this up somehow. With so few Live Events on the calendar to begin with, and with the cancellation of many of these due to the pandemic, we don't have the 40% coming in, and haven't had a normal love offering since March 8th. The bottom line is we need your prayers and if possible, your financial support! Please be in prayer as to how you may help.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Schedule - As things begin to return to normal, please pray that all of the cancelled events will be rescheduled, and many new events will be added.
- Finances - many of you are experiencing these struggles in your personal life as well. Our prayers are with you as you pray for our needs as well!
- Health - please pray we continue to remain healthy.
- For God to provide the \$3,400 that we need to publish our book

"TENTATIVE" SCHEDULE FOR JULY - SEPTEMBER

- July 6 & 7 - MAD "Virtual" Event - 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM (Eastern) - sign up on our ministry homepage
- July 25 - MAD Live Event - Neath Church, Warren Center, PA
- July 26 - Preach - Neath Church, Warren Center, PA
- Aug 3 & 4 - MAD "Virtual" Event - 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM (Eastern) - sign up on our ministry homepage
- Sept 1 & 2 - MAD "Virtual" Event - 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM (Eastern) - sign up on our ministry homepage
- Sept 19 - MAD Live Event - First Baptist Church, Brevard, NC
- Sept 20 - Preach - First Baptist Church, Brevard, NC
- Sept 27 - MAD Live Event - Grassy Branch Baptist Church, Asheville, NC

Love in Christ, *Cathy and Don*

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