



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

### ***How the Lord Used Us in August, 2022***

Greetings in the Magnificent Name of Jesus!

I had two M.A.D. Live Events this month. We praise God for these events as summer is typically a VERY slow time! Cathy and I took our first “vacation” since we began the ministry in 2008. We took 5 days and camped with our son and his family in VA. It was a huge blessing being with them and we got some needed rest!

I had the opportunity to do some trail ministry twice this month. I took a young man from our church out on the trails in St Paul, VA for some riding and trail ministry. We met a couple who lives in the same town as me and are already followers of Jesus Christ. We had a nice time speaking with them. Then we pulled up onto the main trail and met a new Trail Ranger. On previous trips, I was able to share the Gospel with each of the Rangers and pray with them, but I had never met a lady, Ranger. She has only been on the job for a few weeks. I asked her about Ranger Dave, whom we have met several times and shared the Gospel with him. She said he had a neck injury and was taking a few weeks off. I asked if I could share something with her that changed my life and she agreed. I shared one of our off-road-themed cover Gospel of John with her and asked how I could pray for her. She said the list is very long and her eyes welled up in tears. I told her that God already knows what her struggles and challenges are and I didn't need to tell Him about them. I put my hand on her shoulder and prayed for her. She thanked me and we headed down the trail. Within a minute or two the Holy Spirit was prompting me to either go back and speak with her again or look for her on our way out of the trail system. The Rangers typically spend a lot of time on the main trail to check for permits and helmet wearing. I was confident I'd see her again. For the entire time we were riding, God had her on my heart to speak with her, and I couldn't wait to see what He was going to do with the next encounter.

We rode the trails for several more hours and found Holly parked on the side of the trail on our way out. I stopped and told her that God had laid her on my heart for the entire time we were riding and I need to speak with her if she was willing. She agreed. I asked her if she died today, where would she spend eternity. She said she didn't know. I told her that she could know for sure and I took her through the Way of the Master and explained why Jesus needed to come to earth and what He did for us. I pulled out one of Billy Graham's tracts and took her through it one page at a time explaining everything to her. She said she understood. I asked her if she would like to surrender her life to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in repentance and faith right now and she said she'd like to think about it. I told her that was good because she needed to make a decision with her whole heart. I told her I wanted to pray for her one more time and she agreed. I laid my hand on her shoulder and prayed that God's Holy Spirit would not give her a moment's peace and that He would continue to draw her to the Father. I told her that my phone number was on the back of the Gospel of John and that she should call me with questions or if she gave her life to Christ so I could arrange for her to be discipled. Glory to God!

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Here's a testimony I received this month: *"I had the privilege to see you speak at Community Bible Church in Lockport, NY a few months ago. I just wanted to write and say thank you. I have been looking for and trying harder to take advantage of opportunities to share the Gospel and pray WITH others. I appreciate your ministry, and because of your presentation, I've had an increased awareness of the holy spirit opening opportunities which has created some incredible interactions I would've missed out of neglect or fear before. I am naturally an introvert, so I am still working on overcoming the worry when talking to others. However, I am so grateful that you've provided some tools and encouragement to get started. Thank you again and I will continue to pray for your ministry!"*

### **SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT 3 MONTHS**

***Praise God! October is scheduled to be the best month we have had in years!***

- Sept 6 - Share a Gospel message with those coming to our church's food pantry
- Sept 17 - M.A.D. Live Event # 705 - Stony Fork Community Church, Rock Hill, SC
- Sept 18 - M.A.D. Live Event # 706 - First Baptist Church, Rock Hill, SC
- Sept 20 - Share a Gospel message with those coming to our church's food pantry
- Sept 24 - M.A.D. Live Event # 707 - Independent Baptist Church, Towanda, PA
- Sept 25 - Speak at Sunday morning service - Independent Baptist Church, Towanda, PA
- Oct 1 - **Open date that we would like to fill in TN or NC. Please contact me if interested.**
- Oct 2 - M.A.D. Live Event # 708 - Clark Street Baptist Church, Johnson City, TN
- Oct 8 - **Open date that we would like to fill in TN or NC. Please contact me if interested.**
- Oct 9 - M.A.D. Live Event # 710 - First Baptist Church, Friendsville, TN
- Oct 15 - M.A.D. Live Event # 711 - St. Bart's Anglican Church, Tonawanda, NY
- Oct 16 - M.A.D. Live Event # 712 - Niagara Frontier Bible Church, Lewiston, NY
- Oct 22 - M.A.D. Live Event # 713 - In partnership with WGRC, Centre Union Church, Yeagertown, PA
- Oct 23 - M.A.D. Live Event # 714 - New Hope Ministries, Laceyville, PA
- Oct 24 and 25 - M.A.D. Live Event # 715 in partnership with WGRC, First Baptist Church, Milton, PA. \*\*\*Part 1 will be on Monday night and Part 2 on Tuesday night.
- Oct 29 - M.A.D. Live Event # 716 - Pemberton First Baptist Church, Pemberton, NJ
- Oct 30 - M.A.D. Live Event # 717 - Grace Evangelical Free Church, Oak Ridge, NJ
- Nov 12 - M.A.D. Live Event # 709 - Oak Avenue Baptist Church, Johnson City, TN
- **Lots of open dates in November that we would like to fill. Please contact me if interested.**

### **PLEASE PRAY WITH US**

- Cathy continues to struggle with a change in her ability to taste and smell. She can't stand to cook as the smell of her delicious meals turns her stomach. Most of the foods she has always enjoyed taste bad to her. She is very unhappy not being able to enjoy eating. Thanks!
- Please continue to pray for an interview with Focus on the Family!
- For continued good health and travel mercies.
- For the schedule to fill going forward

Love in Christ,

*Cathy and Don*