



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

September 2024 - Monthly Report

Hello Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We completed two M.A.D. Live Events in September. One was at our home church, where I broke the material down so it could be shared over six consecutive Wednesday nights. I was very pleased with the number of people who came on Wednesday nights to learn how to share their faith in Christ every day as a lifestyle. I plan on doing some follow up meetings with those who are interested to reinforce what they learned and help them make sharing Christ a lifestyle. The second event that I did was in partnership with the South Mountain Baptist Association. This event was held at the Crossroads Baptist Church in Hickory, NC. We equipped about 100 people in total September, and we are just shy of having equipped over 43,000 people overall. Glory to God!

I was also blessed to have shared the Gospel message and some Gospel literature with 26 people one-on-one. In addition, I had the privilege of meeting with a group of retired police officers who meet monthly at Wheeler’s Bagels in Johnson City. Twenty-one retired officers were present. Most of them had served in either California or Florida, but some were from NY and MA and a few other places. Smart people...they all chose to retire in East TN! I was able to give each officer a “Police Gospel” card with the plan of salvation on the back and a “Pretender” card so they could examine themselves to be sure they were really had the faith. I had a great time sharing with these people and appreciated their service.

*“God wants you to go into all of your world and preach the gospel! Jesus did not say that the whole world should go to church, but He did say that the church should go to the whole world. Did it ever occur to you that you were right where God wants you to be? That irritating neighbor and the disagreeable coworker have been put in your life so you can reach them with the message of the gospel! You were there for a purpose. Why don’t you start by praying for them? It’s hard to continue to think of a person as an enemy when you pray for them. Instead of trying to wiggle out of where you are, why not look for divine appointments. You are where you are for such a time as this.” **Greg Laurie - “Tell Someone”.***

If you remember, that is the first point in my M.A.D. Live Event - “Recognize why you are where you are.” God gives His children Divine appointments every single day. We need to recognize them and be prepared to engage these people and give them some accurate Gospel literature to read when you’re done speaking with them.

At the time of your conversion, the Holy Spirit entered your heart and He was given to you so you would have the power to tell others about Jesus. (Acts 1:8). Daily, as you go out into this lost world, “recognize why you are where you are” and be ready to meet the Divine appointments that God has planned for each and every one of His followers. 24 years ago, as I tried to overcome the same fears that you have, I lost about 80% of my fears by carrying some good, accurate Gospel literature that I could use as a tool and share with my Divine

appointments. This literature must discuss the need to repent. Be sure to have some Gospel literature to share with the people you meet. When someone asks you a question or you have a simple conversation with someone, just ask, "Can I share something with you that changed my life?" I have done this thousands of times and I have never had someone say, "No, you can't." After they agree, hand them a piece of the Gospel literature you have with you and say, "I'd like to give this to you as a gift. If you take it home and read it, it can change your life too." **Is there any reason you can't do this?** As you get comfortable with this, you can have longer conversations. But this is an easy way to start sharing in obedience. As you put this into practice, your life will be transformed into the greatest adventure on planet earth as you share Christ in the normal course of life.

I had plans to use this last weekend in September to do some off-road trail ministry. I cancelled those plans due to the hurricane damage. We are grateful that we had little damage and that we don't live in the lower elevations. The areas around us were truly devastated. It's going to take a long time to recover from all of the damage. Also, the two interstate highways (26 and 40) that connect East TN with western NC are closed indefinitely. Their bridges were destroyed by the flood waters. Asheville, NC is inaccessible right now. We will have to be creative how we get to our bookings in NC in October if they aren't cancelled. We invested some ministry funds to help with the relief efforts through our church.

SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT 3 MONTHS

- Oct 1 - I'll be sharing a Gospel message with the families that come to our church's food pantry
- Oct 12 - M.A.D. Live Event # 787 - Mt. Pocono Bible Fellowship Church, Mt. Pocono, PA
- Oct 13 - M.A.D. Live Event # 788 - Egypt Community Church, Whitehall, PA
- Oct 15 - I'll be sharing a Gospel message with the families that come to our church's food pantry
- Oct 26 - M.A.D. Live Event # 789 - Laurel Hill UM Church, Vale, NC
- Oct 27 - M.A.D. Live Event # 790 - Mt. Moriah Community Church, Casar, NC
- Nov 2 - Walk thru the Bible "OTLive" Event - Crosswalk Church of Daytona Beach, Daytona Beach, FL
- Nov 3 - M.A.D. Live Event # 791- Holiday Mission Church, Leesburg, FL
- Nov 9 - M.A.D. Live Event # 792 - The Church at Life Park, Mt. Pleasant, SC
- Nov 10 - M.A.D. Live Event # 793 - The Church at Life Park, Mt. Pleasant, SC

PLEASE PRAY WITH US

- For the families in the southeast who lost loved ones, homes, and possessions due to the hurricane. Pray for the workers and volunteers who will help clean up and for the Gospel message as it is shared with those who've lost everything. Many were injured and killed. Please pray for all involved!
- Schedule - for God to open new doors of ministry in churches. This is a constant need every month
- For good health so we can continue to travel and equip the body of Christ
- For God's wisdom and guidance as to where and how to use our new videos of our M.A.D. Live Event
- With the slow schedule, please pray that God will continue to supply our financial needs that He normally provides through the love offerings. With no live events....no love offerings. We pray the funds will come in through other means.
- For God to use the many Divine appointments that He provides to save the people that I have shared with

Love in Christ,

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