

Share your faith every day as a way of life!

## **HOW OUR LORD USED US IN SEPTEMBER OF 2013**

It is not that we think we are qualified to do anything on our own. Our qualification comes from God. He has enabled us to be ministers of his new covenant." 2 Cor 3:5

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior!

September was an awesome start to the busy fall season. We completed 6 MAD Live Events, including one for the Lehigh Christian Academy Middle School Retreat. Having been in youth ministry for 34 years, it was fun to interact with kids again and to be able to counsel them as they deal with life's challenges as teenagers. Our God used the truths of His Word, presented at these MAD Live Events to save another 33 people this past month! PRAISE GOD!!!! One of the churches that I ministered in asked for me for permission to build a 13 week Sunday School lesson based on the MAD Live Event. Are you kidding me? OF COURSE THE ANSWER WAS "YES"! They will be using actual video from the event and include discussion topics, Q&A, and real life experiences to help make what we teach a daily lifestyle. I am anxious to see what they come up with!

There is a corn maze outreach in Pottstown, PA (not far from us), and I was asked to film a Gospel presentation to be used at their outreach. After completing the maze, the people will be seated in an auditorium style setting to view the video and an invitation to trust Christ will be given. Decision cards are completed and shared with either the church that broght the people, or other area churches that preach the Gospel and want to disciple those making decisions. If you're in eastern PA, this would be a great outreach for your youth group. Details can be found at www.cornstalkingusa.net

I was also asked to do a short video endorsing the ministry of Christian Service Brigade and the impact it had on the teens that I worked with for 30 years. Brigade has relocated from their home base for the past 75 years in Wheaton, IL to the Buffalo area. This video will be used at the Iron Sharpens Iron Men Conferences and in church presentations. My thanks go out to Brady at GT Church for recording and editing the videos for the Lord's work.

Here are a few testimonies from MAD Grads to encourage you:

"We are long time members at EBBC and we thoroughly enjoyed and were challenged during your presentation. I wanted to thank you for such an impactful 5 hours (including Sunday School) of presentations. We both feel that it was just about the best presentation and set of life changing lessons that we have ever been through. We are both recommitting to do a better job of really walking the walk when it comes to evangelism, specifically not wasting the opportunities that God places in our paths. There are so many that we let go by..."

"Just several days ago I was returning an item at a local store when the cashier noticed several PTL gospels in my purse's exterior pocket. She asked if they were Christian booklets and whether she could have one! Wow! The Lord knows whose hearts are hungry, and He continues to provide for all who seek Him! I am so grateful that these gospels of John make it so easy to share the love of our Savior."

"Have been handing out the Gospel Johns. Three people have accepted Christ...There is one girl (well she is 40) that couldn't afford some. So I gave her some of mine. I had ordered 50. Hopefully will be ordering more soon. Thank you again for coming out to Dennis, MA and to Tabernacle of Praise in Wareham MA."

## **OCTOBER SCHEDULE**

- Oct 5 Speak at the Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Event in Rochester, NY
- Oct 6 MAD Live Event Crossroads Church of the Nazarene, Arcade, NY

- Oct 8 Speak at Pastors' Appreciation Luncheon Three Springs Ministries, Morris, PA
- Oct 13 Preach Harvest Bible Chapel, Jupiter, FL
- Oct 20, 21 MAD Live Event Covenant Fellowship Church, Stuart, FL
- Oct 23 Speak at Youth Group meeting Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, TN
- Oct 26 MAD Live Event Mount Zion UMC, Swansea, SC

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Thank you for praying. We see God answering our prayers in so many of the areas we have requested prayer for.

- We have lots of driving ahead of us in October. Please pray for good health, safety, and for God's Spirit to move in the hearts of the people we are privileged to minister to.
- That we will be faithful to the call on our lives, and that we will live a life of obedience as we serve Him.
- Our home is up for sale. Please pray with us that it will sell very soon. We have not had one person interested in seeing it so far.
- For God to fill our 2014 schedule to overflowing!

Love in Christ,

## Don and Cathy

Church Members Mistreat Homeless Man in Church Unaware He is Their Pastor in Disquise

Pastor Jeremiah Steepek transformed himself into a homeless person and went to the 10,000 member church that he was to be introduced as the head pastor at that morning. He walked around his soon to be church for 30 minutes while it was filling with people for service, only 3 people out of the 7-10,000 people said hello to him. He asked people for change to buy food – no one in the church gave him change. He went into the sanctuary to sit down in the front of the church and was asked by the ushers if he would please sit in the back. He greeted people to be greeted back with stares and dirty looks, with people looking down on him and judging him. As he sat in the back of the church, he listened to the church announcements and such. When all that was done, the elders went up and were excited to introduce the new pastor of the church to the congregation.

"We would like to introduce to you Pastor Jeremiah Steepek." The congregation looked around clapping with joy and anticipation. The homeless man sitting in the back stood up and started walking down the aisle. The clapping stopped with all eyes on him. He walked up the altar and took the microphone from the elders (who were in on this) and paused for a moment then he recited,

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' 'The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

After he recited this, he looked towards the congregation and told them all what he had experienced that morning. Many began to cry and many heads were bowed in shame. He then said, "Today I see a gathering of people, not a church of Jesus Christ. The world has enough people, but not enough disciples. When will YOU decide to become disciples?"

He then dismissed service until next week.

Following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ should be more than just talk. It ought to be a lifestyle that others around you can love about you and share in.