

# GOSPEL EXPRESS EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES

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## Ministry of **COMPASSION**

### An Amazing Platform To Share The Gospel

Jesus saw the multitude of people (Matthew 9:36) and was moved with compassion. They needed help, hope and direction. The Good Samaritan saw a need (Luke 10), had compassion, and got personally involved. Compassion serves the needs of others. The Good Samaritan gave financial provision to the Inn Keeper to care for the wounded man. The Inn Keeper then became involved in ministering to the wounded man. **Compassion ministry is not a spectator sport but it gets people involved and plants vision.**

Why in this parable didn't Jesus choose to have the wounded, half-dead man immediately healed? Why didn't He have manna fall from Heaven so that the multitude of 5,000 plus people could feed themselves in Matthew 14? Instead, He miraculously multiplied the loaves

and fishes and asked the disciples to go to the people and feed them. Thousands of hands reached out for food! The blessing of meeting the needs of others developed vision, servant hood, and compassion in the hearts of the disciples. Imagine the rippling effects of hands-on compassion ministry through organizations like Samaritan's Purse, Christian Aid, and World Vision, just to name a few.

Jesus broke the loaves and fishes before He broke the Bread of Life. I have been amazed over the years how compassion ministry has served as a platform to share the Gospel message. We are asked "Why would you assist us for surgeries, give us medicine, clothing, blankets, Bibles...?"

Then we tell them about Jesus Christ, and that compassionate donors from America make it all possible. I John 3:17 says that we are to "open our bowels of compassion and love not only in word but in deed and in truth." **Our heart needs to become soft and broken so that our life can become spiritual nourishment, poured out to meet the heart cry of humanity.** Jesus did not say "I was hungry and you caused manna to come down from Heaven." He said "I was hungry and you gave Me food and drink... you took me in, clothed me, visited me..." (Matthew 25:35-36). Honoring the Golden Rule (Matthew 7:12) in these practical ways means we become the miracle whether we represent the Good Samaritan or the Inn Keeper. **Some give the seed so that others can meet the need...** and all of us have the honor of being workers together with God.

~ Nelson Coblenz



# June 2016 Mission • UGANDA, AFRICA

*Love is the only language that is understood by everyone, everywhere.*



Nelson & I thoroughly enjoyed hosting this energetic, passion filled group of 37 young people from Lancaster, PA. God used them in marvelous ways while doing a deeper work in their personal lives through confessions and rededications. My prayer is that each one will never be the same!

*~Sarah Coblentz*

When we arrived at the refugee camp, I was expecting the children to be energetic like the children at the previous medical clinic. Instead they only wanted to be loved and held; it's amazing how our arms and hands release the love of God.

*~Ryan Stoltzfus*



## Bibles for Africa 2016 Read-A-Thon

We stand amazed at the results of the 2016 Read-A-Thon!

Approximately 100 readers were involved, raising \$28,100. Amanda Miller from Millersburg, OH was the top reader, with \$5,283.83 raised! We will be able to purchase approximately 5,000 Bibles with these funds. We have already purchased and distributed 2,000 Bibles to Ugandans and Nigerians in prisons, villages, schools, and refugee camps.

"Weebale!" Thank you to all of the readers and sponsors!

A family walked up to the doctor at the refugee camp medical clinic, but something was missing: a mother and a father. **A 12 year old girl was taking care of her family - a mentally handicapped 14 year old brother and 3 younger siblings.** The



parents had abandoned them. We were told that they gathered scraps from around the

camp for food. We were able to help with medicine, new clothing and some proceeds for food. Plans are underway to move them to the Compassion House.

*~Bethany Fuhrman*

My job at the refugee camp was to dress little children whose clothes were torn or didn't fit. Little

girls dressed in old, ratty boys' clothing were ecstatic to receive a simple, clean pillowcase dress. Their situations were beyond awful,



but they found so much joy in such a simple gift. It is my prayer that we can learn from these children, to have joy no matter how hard this life can be. *-Mindy Beiler*

Thank you Lord, for leading our group and for allowing us to feel your heart and be your hands and feet as we ministered in prisons, villages, churches, medical clinics and the refugee camp. He ministered to us and then through us.

*~Vern & Jeanna Martin*

I enjoyed laying brick for the Compassion House. Being able to help provide a place of rest and security for special needs children brought joy to my heart.



*~Kate Smoker*

Love is the only language that is understood by everyone, everywhere. Thank you to the Christians in America that would think of other people in need. The youth were so effective and hard working, what a force! As they played soccer and netball (volleyball) with the inmates, the inmates felt so good about themselves knowing that someone loved and cared for them.

The team shared the Gospel and gave baby bundles to 180 expecting mothers during a program at our church. Many gave their lives to Jesus Christ. These women were treated with such respect, something that remains rare in this country. A special incident happened when a highly expecting mother began to have contractions outside the church building. Nelson & Sarah came outside and prayed for her... and then she took off, quickly walking away and out of sight. To our amazement, five hours later this lady came walking back to the church with a new born baby in her arms!



Immediately she accepted Jesus Christ... and the baby was named Sarah!

*~Bishop Dickson  
Remnant Haven Church*

# Miller Family Summer Tour

June 11 - July 5, 2016

This 24 day tour was centered around a week of revival meetings in Canon City, Colorado. Coming to and from Colorado were one night stops in prisons and churches in the states of Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska. We are so grateful to God for all the open doors and opportunities on this journey. *"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us."* 2 Corinthians 4:7  
~Dave Miller



*\*These testimonies are condensed. For more testimonies and photos visit our website.*

I have been blessed to experience restitution and reconciliation this week. It started with a phone call to my father. God also led my roommate and I to clear things up between us so that we could speak life into each other again, and the Holy Spirit came into our living room that night as we ministered to each other and worshipped Jesus!! ~Abner

The night you talked about embracing the Holy Spirit so resonated with me. Not all of our experiences with the Holy Spirit will look the same. We are not seeking an experience; we are seeking the Holy Spirit. I had an experience about 3 years ago where I thought and believed if my experience didn't look a certain way than I must have less of the Holy Spirit than other people around me. I realize now how much of a lie that is. I repented of believing that lie and released the expectation of what it should look like. As I knelt at the altar that night I wept because for the first time I saw how beautiful and how important the Holy Spirit is in the life of a believer. Thank you...  
~Bonita

One of our prayers this week was that revival could be felt in our hearts and also in the lives of our 8 children. We praise God that our prayer was answered. When the Holy Spirit falls it will affect all who are willing to receive it no matter the age. One day our son (age 10) came to my wife crying and told her that Jesus is in his heart now. He said he went to the bedroom and asked Jesus to come into his heart. After she prayed with him and blessed him he went back into the house. About 5 minutes later he came back out with his little brother (age 5) and said that he also asked Jesus into his heart! There was lots of rejoicing in our family. When God's Spirit moves, lives are changed!  
~Bill

We have been deeply challenged through the Spirit-directed messages. Thank you for reminding us that our past does not need to dictate our future and for your exemplifying family leadership, that's a huge encouragement to me.  
~Merle

## PA Auction Report

*"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister."* Hebrews 6:10

### WE GIVE GLORY TO GOD ALMIGHTY!

We thank God for making the 2016 Benefit Auction possible. We want to especially recognize and thank the local committee who



works so hard and brings their creativity to make the event all it can be. A big thank you goes to Mel Hoover and family (grounds), the buyers, donors, food and car wash workers... and all who helped in any way. These weekend proceeds are approxi-

mately 25% of our annual income. We share 20% of the profits from the weekend with our sister/extension ministries: Living Hope International, Door of Hope, and Gospel Express Ministries South.

### PROFIT TOTALS FROM WEEKEND:

Heifer Auction \$74,934 Food, Offerings, & Main Auction \$196,410



*"Wilt thou not revive us again?" - Psalms 85:6a*

## COMMUNITY TENT REVIVAL MEETINGS

August 14-28

215 South Shirk Road • New Holland, PA  
(at the intersection of S. Shirk Road and Nolt Road)  
For more information call: (717) 468-8341

Evangelists Nelson Coblenz & Dave Miller, along with singing/drama by the Miller Family, and additional guest singing groups. Watch for more info in local advertising.

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

Call 828-859-7003 to help!

## NEW BUILDING PROJECT

The new multi-purpose building project is underway. The site has been cleared and the building plans have been approved by the local permit office. Funds, materials and many willing workers are needed.

If you wish to contribute in any way, please call the office and talk to Mervin or Lonnie.



Masonry • Framing • Electrical • Plumbing  
Windows • Siding • Drywall  
Insulation • Cabinetry • Trim Carpentry  
Appliances • Roofing • HVAC • Painting



7TH ANNUAL

## Softball Tournament

Gap Park, Gap, PA - September 16-17

32 Team Tournament  
\$375 Entry Fee (non refundable)  
For more info or to register a team,  
please call Matt Esh (717) 283-8893

## Singspiration

Friday, September 16 at 6 PM

Daniel Glick Trio, Nelson & James,  
& Miller Family

*Join us for delicious food and singing!*

## Team Schedules

### Nelson & Sarah

Aug 4-7..... CMC Conference — Greenwood, DE  
Aug 14-28 ..... Tent Meetings — New Holland, PA  
Sep 16-17 ..... Softball Tournament — Gap, PA

### Miller Family

July 18..... Carolina Chaplaincy Staff Retreat (Dave & Ruth Ann) (PM)  
Aug 14-28 ..... Tent Meetings — New Holland, PA  
Sep 16-17 ..... Softball Tournament — Gap, PA  
Sep 18..... PA Church (PM)  
Sep 21-25 ..... East District Menn. Church — Canton, PA (Revival Mtg's)  
Oct 5-9 ..... Lighthouse Church — Abbeville, SC (Revival Mtg's)

### Mullett Family (Pain to Purpose)

For complete schedule detail visit [www.themullettfamily.com](http://www.themullettfamily.com)

July 19..... Maranatha Village — Springfield, MO  
July 22..... Fulton Christian Fellowship — Fulton, SD  
July 24..... Morden, MB  
July 28..... Fort Pitt, SK  
July 29-31 ..... Family Camp — Willingdon, AB  
Aug 5-7..... Tween Valley Fellowship — Grassy Lake, AB  
Aug 12..... Lake Side Christian Fellowship — Rexford, MT  
Aug 13..... White Pine Menn. Church — Trout Creek, MT  
Aug 14..... Kootenai Valley Menn. Church — Bonners Ferry, ID  
Aug 21..... Fairview Menn. Church — Albany, OR  
Aug 25-28 ..... Brownsville Menn. Church — Brownsville, OR  
Aug 30-Sep 1 ..... North Florida Warden's Meetings (Duane)  
Sep 8 ..... Delta CI — Delta, CO  
Sep 9-11 ..... Living Water Fellowship — Golden, CO  
Sep 15-17 ..... Colorado CF — Canon City, CO  
Sep 18 ..... High Country Menn. Church — West Cliff, CO  
Sep 20 ..... Sommerfeld Church — Seminole, TX  
Sep 29- Oct 2 ..... Texas Prison Crusade — Central TX

### Penner Family - currently on sabbatical

### Mervin Wengert (BTF: Bondage to Freedom, CR: Conflict Resolution)

July 10..... Mt. Zion House of Prayer — Utica, OH (AM)  
July 10..... Emmanuel Menn. Church — Amanda, OH (PM)  
July 11-12..... Belmont CI — St. Clairsville, OH (BTF)  
July 13-14..... Noble CI — Caldwell, OH (BTF)  
July 22-24..... BMA Convention — Elnora, IN  
July 24..... Bethel Menn. Church — Odon, IN (PM)  
Aug 2-3..... Broad River CI — Columbia, SC (CR)  
Aug 9-10 ..... Turbeville CI — Turbeville, SC (CR)  
Aug 30-Sep 1 ..... North Florida Warden's Meetings  
Sep 29- Oct 4 ..... Texas Prison Crusade - Central TX

## Fall Banquets

Oct 18 & 19..... Essenhaus Restaurant - Middlebury, IN (260) 463-1396  
Oct 20..... Arthur Restaurant - Arthur, IL (217) 259-3303  
Oct 31- Nov 4..... (OH)  
Nov 14 - 17 ..... (PA)



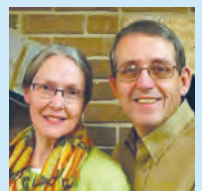
## Personnel News

### BOARD MEMBER TRANSITION

Chet Stoltzfus has served on the Executive Board since 2007, and has been Chairman of the Board since 2009. His dedication and leadership have proven invaluable to Gospel Express... to say the least! Chet -we are confident the deep relationships that have been forged with Lena, yourself, and the family will continue.

Thank you and may God bless you for all you have invested!

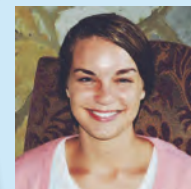
We are excited to welcome Sheldon Graber to a 7-year board term. He has extensive experience in church leadership and missions. Sheldon and his wife Ellen reside in Shipshewana, IN. Sheldon - It is an honor to labor together. May God grant you wisdom as you serve.



Ellen & Sheldon

### VOLUNTEER SECRETARY UPDATE

We thank Katrina Troyer for her year of service as our General Secretary. Katrina has a sincere heart and has served with excellence. Thank you Katrina... you truly did a great job!



Katrina