

EVANGELISM / DISCIPLESHIP / COMPASSION

# GOSPEL EXPRESS

MINISTRIES

## YOUNG HEARTS OF COMPASSION

*Seeing the next generation raised to be a blessing to others.*



The Lantz daughters have compassion for people who have been drawing water from a mud hole. They are contributing toward a new water well that will provide clean water!



The Leid children are earning money around the house to help sponsor children in Africa! Benardet, Oliver, Ruth, and Tracy are now able to attend school, have food each day, receive medical checkups/care, textbooks, and resources to help them grow in Christ.



With quivering lips, 7-year-old Ezra said to Karen, "I want to help some of those poor people you talked about. I have so much money and I don't need it. Ever since you told us about your trip to Africa and all those people who don't have nice houses and enough food, and Sunday and Lydia that can't walk; well... take this money and use it for someone who needs it more than I do!"

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We are blessed to see parents instill these values in their children. The incredible ripple effect of these acts is something that will only be fully seen in eternity. These are only a few examples of the many generous hearts (children and adults) that give so willingly as unto the Lord, and we say

### "THANK YOU!!"

# Thank You... for giving to the Lord

## WATER WELL DEDICATION

In April, our team prayed a blessing over a new well in Uganda that gives access to clean water for over 1,000 people. Thank you for your generosity that completely changes a way of life for many people! There have been 11 new wells completed this year and 3 are waiting to begin. We say a huge Thank you!



*Praying blessings over the new water well*

*Clean water!*

*The previous mud-hole water source that was shared with cattle.*



## LYDIA UPDATE

*Before*



*After*



We shared about Lydia and her pitiful condition in the last newsletter. Lydia earlier said, "Let me go home and die." Rosa now says, "This girl is gorgeous, her eyes sparkle, and she has hope!" Lydia needs more physical, spiritual, and emotional healing but we are hoping with intense therapy and proper nutrition she will be able to walk again. Please pray with us concerning the need for an aftercare facility for people like Lydia and numerous other patients that need months of special care.

## NEW SCHOOLHOUSE IN KENYA

This area suffers from severe hunger. Traditionally, when the students get to grades 5 and 6, the girls are given for marriage and the boys are taken to go care for the family animals. In addition to the new schoolhouse, we are feeding them porridge for lunch. Your financial support is bringing hope to these impoverished children and a greater opportunity for the most vulnerable to stay in school.

*Before:  
Learning under a tree in the sun*



*After:  
Now under a roof with benches to sit*





# FLORIDA *Multi-Prison* CRUSADE

*Based in Marianna, FL*

## Activities include:

- ◆ yard & dorm visitation
- ◆ one-on-one discipleship
- ◆ dining with inmates
- ◆ evangelistic services
- ◆ lockup visitation

## NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 4, 2022

**Ministry Partners Needed—Both men and women!**

*Application deadline is September 12, 2022.*

*You can register online by visiting our website*

*www.gospelexpress.com or calling our office at (828) 859-7003.*

**WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO MINISTER IN THE NORTH FLORIDA PRISONS**

## COME JOIN US!

## PLEASE PRAY

**Texas Prison Crusade:**  
*September 22-25, 2022*  
*in Huntsville, TX*

**South Carolina Prison Crusade:**  
*February 5-9, 2023 \*Tentative*  
*(stay tuned for more info)*



## BIBLE COURSE REPORT

We've now finished and released the Spanish translation of the Touch of God's Hand series. We've also combined the three books into one, and plan to switch the English version to this format. We are in the process of transitioning away from stapled binding to glued binding. As our materials reach more prisons, the number that don't allow staples is rapidly increasing. By transitioning, we'll be able to serve those prisons without having to manually remove the staples and the inmates will have study books that don't fall apart. **Already this year we've had inmates doing our studies at eighty new prisons, including Alaska and Puerto Rico! Praise the Lord!**

~ Lori Wengerd

Jerry Slabaugh served

as our Discipleship Materials Coordinator for about 4 years. The big sky country of Montana came calling and Jerry moved west in June. We are very grateful for the vision and passion Jerry brought to the Bible course ministry and say a heartfelt

### THANK YOU JERRY!

*Lori Wengerd, already serving on staff, stepped into his role. Here is a fresh update from her.*



## TESTIMONIES

*I would like to tell you all at Gospel Express thank you. Not only for the Touch Bible Study but also for sharing the light with a guy like me behind bars. I have only been locked up 28 months but most of that has been in Covid lock-down. I haven't been to a church service yet, haven't been to any classes, and barely get to see a Chaplain. Thank you for your time and materials! Your organization, employees, volunteers, and all of your families are in my prayers. God bless. ~Joshua H. (AR inmate)*

*I recently was having a rough time and happened to come across one of your Bible studies and it really helped to get me through. I had quit praying and reading my Bible. Your study helped strengthen my faith and got me praying and reading my Bible again. ~Derrick N. (IN inmate)*

*I really enjoyed the requirement to read so many verses in the Bible. It keeps me in the Word a lot more than I would on my own. The award sheet at the end of book 3 made me so excited and motivated me to want to continue through. ~Gina M. (TX inmate)*

# FALL BANQUET SCHEDULE

Fairhaven Fellowship Hall – Goshen, IN  
Monday & Tuesday, Oct. 10 & 11, 6:00PM

Yoder's Kitchen – Arthur, IL  
Wednesday, Oct. 12, 6:00PM

Brookside Farm – Louisville, OH  
Monday, Oct. 31, 6:00PM

Carlisle Village Inn – Walnut Creek, OH  
Tuesday & Wednesday, Nov. 1 & 2, 6:00PM

Der Dutchman Restaurant - Plain City, OH  
Thursday, Nov. 3, 6:00PM

Shady Maple Banquet Center – East Earl, PA  
Tuesday & Wednesday, Nov. 15 & 16, 6:00PM  
Wed. Lunch Banquet is at 11:00 AM

Franconia Heritage Restaurant – Telford, PA  
Thursday, Nov. 17, 6:00PM

*\*Complimentary ticket information will be available on our website in September.*



# THANK YOU!

## 2022 PA Benefit Auction Weekend Report

*We thank God for doing exceedingly abundantly above what we asked!*

Net Proceeds from the weekend were \$455,486.85... the most generous in the history of the ministry! The brand new tent, bought with proceeds from last year's auction, was used for the first time. How amazing it is to see the Lancaster County community (and regions beyond) come together to support this event. We greatly appreciate the local auction committees and all those who contributed in any way!



## COMMUNITY TENT MEETINGS / 7PM NIGHTLY

Maple Ridge Center / 7421 East Road, Lowville, NY 13367

**AUGUST 10-24 / PRAY—PRAY—PRAY**

**FOR MORE INFO: 315-486-9058**



# TEAM SCHEDULES

*Please visit our website or call to confirm dates before traveling long distances.*

**All services with an \* are TENTATIVE.**



### MILLER FAMILY

Aug 10-24 Community Tent Meetings – Lowville, NY  
Sep 22-25 Multi-Prison Crusade – Huntsville, TX  
Sep 25-29 Sail & Sing Getaway – Blue Ridge Mountains, NC  
Oct 10-12 Indiana, Illinois Banquets  
Oct 16 Dayspring Mennonite Church – Berlin, OH (PM)  
Oct 18-19 Freedom Hills Banquets (Heritage Center) – Berlin, OH  
Oct 31-Nov 3 Ohio Banquets  
Nov 15-17 PA Banquets



### Nelson & Sarah Coblentz

Aug 10-24 Community Tent Crusade – Lowville, NY  
Sep 6-18 Uganda Mission – Africa (Nelson)  
Sep 25-29 Sail & Sing Getaway – Blue Ridge Mountains, NC  
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Oct 31-Nov 3 Ohio Banquets  
Nov 15-17 PA Banquets



### Mel Stoltzfus Family

Aug 10-12 & 22-24 Community Tent Crusade – Lowville, NY  
Aug 13 Walnut Cheese Nook Fundraiser – Port Royal, PA  
Oct 7-8 Youth Weekend – Davis Co., IN  
Oct 9 Bethany Fellowship School (PM) – Kokomo, IN  
Oct 10-12 Indiana, Illinois Banquets  
Oct 13 New Haven Mennonite Community Center – Osage, IA\*  
Oct 14 Elmendorf Christian Community – Mountain Lake, MN  
Oct 15 Altona Christian Community – Henderson, MN  
Oct 16 Leon Mennonite Christian Fellowship – Leon, IA  
Oct 18 Mint Hill Mennonite Fellowship – Linn, MO  
Oct 19 Willow Creek Menn. Church – Russellville, KY  
Oct 20 Horse Creek Church of God – Chuckey, TN  
Oct 25 Restoration Church – Woodleaf, NC\*  
Oct 26 Rural Retreat Community Center – Wytheville, VA  
Oct 27 Service – Oakland, MD\*  
Oct 28 Christian Light Fellowship – Bedford, PA  
Oct 30 River of Life Church (AM) – Shreve, OH  
Oct 30 Gospel Haven Mennonite (PM) – Millersburg, OH  
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### Mullett Family

Join us for a "Once in a lifetime Israel tour"

Feb 25 -Mar 6, 2023.

[www.FromP2P.com/journey-to-the-promise-land/](http://www.FromP2P.com/journey-to-the-promise-land/)  
or call Duane (828) 243-5658



### Mervin & Freida Wengerd

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