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GOSPEL EXPRESS

MINISTRIES

NEW YORK TENT MEETINGS

SINGING ■ PRAYING ■ PREACHING ■ WORSHIP



"These girls responded to the altar, just wanting more of the things of God. May that be all our hearts desire."



Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.
Heb. 10:24-25 NLT

It was a joy to have Gospel Express partner with approximately 15 local churches here in Lewis County, NY. These community tent meetings were a tremendous blessing to individuals, families, churches, and our local community. Each evening it was evident to all in attendance that we were hosting the very presence of God. God did amazing things in us, and among us, that continue to make a difference for His Kingdom. All praise and glory to God! ~Anonymous



NEW YORK TENT MEETINGS CONTINUED...

THANK YOU LOWVILLE, NEW YORK

From our Gospel Express crusade team, THANK YOU to the people of Lewis and surrounding counties in how you demonstrated cheerful and generous giving (2 Cor. 9:7). In addition to the crusade budget being met, we were so blessed with restaurant and grocery store gift cards, cash donations, vehicles to drive, campers for studying and lodging, laundry service, and lots of pure NY maple syrup! The encouragement and words of life spoken to us continue to leave an impact! It was such an honor to be co-laborers with God and each of you! ~Dave Miller



TESTIMONIES

A pastor and a family's prayers were answered, as a son/brother surrendered to Jesus!

As a father of 6, and a pastor for the last 9 years, my life was forever impacted by these meetings. I've always heard about how special the tent meetings used to be back in the day. Well, we got to experience it firsthand... we stood and worshipped with people from many different area churches, all under the umbrella of Jesus Christ. To hear the word preached in such a powerful way that it brought goosebumps is something that you can't explain unless you're there to experience it. On the opening night, I noticed my 20-year-old son sitting a few rows behind me. I had prayed many times for God to bring him to his knees and was thrilled to see he had come. When the altar call was given, I did what any good Father would do, and prayed that God would bring my son to Him. That's when I legitimately heard an audible voice say, "Paul, you open your heart and mind to what I have for you, then pray for the scales to fall off the eyes of others." It was so real I believe I looked around to see if anyone else had heard it too. That started my journey of opening my heart every single night to what the Spirit had to say, and my life will never be the same. Oh, and my son, he was baptized the following Sunday! When the Holy Spirit shows up, lives change. God is Good! ~Paul Mast

My brother had been struggling for a long time. We didn't want to push anything on him, we just wanted him to know that we loved him and were praying for him. My dad was trusting that God was going to turn his eyes and change him from the inside out. He came to the tent meetings every night. Then the night you guys (Miller's) came over for ice cream I was in the kitchen getting stuff ready, and my brother was like, "Hey I've got to tell you something... God's been moving in my life and I'm just really excited. I'm gonna tell dad I want to get baptized." He also told us that he's not going back to college, but that he thinks God is calling him to be a camp counselor and help young boys find Jesus! We've been praying for him for a really long time! Thank you! ~Emily Mast

The evening "after" our 15 nights of revival meetings, it was our 12-year-old's turn to pray at the dinner table, and part of her prayer was, "... I pray for the tent revivals and the Gospel Express team that were asked to come back in 3 years." To God be the Glory! ~Mrs. Kristin Lapp

Your presence here in Lowville brought my husband, myself, and my family closer to the Lord. We continue to walk towards the cross and are keeping the world and worldly thinking behind us. Blessings to all of you at Gospel Express. ~Andy & Gale Grunert



International

The Fruition of a Vision... Three-generation family-style ministry

JULY MISSION

For years, Sarah and I have envisioned our married children and grandchildren ministering with us internationally. In July, that vision became reality. I watched and listened with tear-filled eyes as our daughter Carolyn, her husband Chad, Blake (20), Ava (17), and Grey (14), ministered to villagers, prisoners, and children, in a setting where family relationships are frail, broken, or non-existent. Carolyn said, *"I had to unlearn some things so that I can learn from Jesus and feel the heartbeat of the culture."* Chad said, *"God's heart is grieved with the lack of justice here and so is mine - I now carry that burden for these people."*

Mission Highlights:

- > Seeing men, women, and children walking forward putting papers into the nails of the cross during the forgiveness session of a family seminar in a remote village. Many couldn't even write, but they knew in their hearts what their papers represented.
- > Giving the Gospel, a bar of soap, and a sucker to 1100 prisoners. Approximately one-third of the prisoners prayed to receive Jesus Christ; PTL!
- > A very touching moment came as we dedicated a new shelter for a family that was living in pathetic conditions. Their children gave us toys made from mud clay and the mother presented us with a chicken in appreciation for the new shelter.
- > An unforgettable day when Sarah, Carolyn, and Ava helped minister "Jesus" in a one-day women's seminar with 150 in attendance.

The Desperation for Food

"Our people can still survive without a new shelter or borehole, but without food, they will starve. Can you please help us, Papa?" ~Pastor Ben, Rakai, Uganda

"It's not that food here is scarce, it's just become unaffordable for these people."
~Gary & Rosa, Uganda

"The joy that you left on the faces of the villagers in providing food parcels for 150 families was so visible! Thank you for remembering the widows, poor people, and orphans of Ikot Ekperikpe village." ~Chief Raymond Clement, Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria



Gifts of appreciation



Chad, Carolyn, and Family



Leaky old hut



Food parcel distribution in Nigeria



July mission team



Dry new shelter!

nal MINISTRY



Doctors tending to patients

SEPTEMBER MISSION

This trip was filled with divine appointments... at Ebenezer House, where single ladies, mothers, and orphans, are finding life purpose, training, and redemption... two medical clinics where about 1,300 people received treatment and well over 200 prayed to receive Jesus Christ, the greatest blessing of all!... village church services... a new borehole dedication... and ministering to prisoners and prison officials.

We were in tears when Lydia, who was rescued from death's door, was able to meet Lewi Stoll, who traveled with the team and has been sponsoring her medical needs.



Lewi meets Lydia

Child Sponsorship... rescuing **vulnerable** children

Heaven came down and glory filled our souls during a special service at Ben's church. After some sponsored school children sang for us, Pastor Ben said, ***"We need to understand that a number of these young teenage girls would now be mothers with a hopeless future had they not been sponsored to go to school."*** We also visited sponsored school children at Christian Faith Academy. It was encouraging to see the newly improved classrooms with windows, doors, and new desks. The children expressed appreciation through song and dance.



Appreciation song and dance

I was grateful to have office secretary, Cassie Santiago, and her father Jaime, on the ministry team. Here are a few thoughts from her: *"It was a blessing to see many young women at Ebenezer House give their lives to Christ and receive Bibles in their own language. They were touched to witness my dad and I ministering together. One young woman came up to me and asked, 'Could you please pray for me that my father would love me like your dad loves you?' I was so moved and prayed with her there."*



The gift of a Bible

We give glory to God for the highest honor and privilege of laboring together with Him in kingdom-building ministry. I'm continually amazed at the generosity of compassion-minded people whom God has touched to give, that in turn gives help, hope, and healing to so many that are sick, hungry, abused, and forgotten. Pastor Ben said, *"Most of the people in these villages have potential in them to build transforming ministries, change their families and communities, but they need someone to trust them and to love them. You and your teams have done this."*

~Nelson Coblenz



September mission team with Ugandan pastors

Wanting to Help?

If you would like to help with humanitarian needs, fill out the enclosed response card, call our office at 828-859-7003, or visit www.gospelexpress.com. We are currently giving food parcel requests priority, along with the most serious life-threatening medical cases. There are also seven families on the waiting list for a shelter. These new shelters cost approximately \$3,000.00 each.

PRISON REPORT

TEXAS PRISON CRUSADE

We truly witnessed the hand of God touching hearts throughout the Texas Prison Crusade. There were many tears of repentance as well as tears of joy. It had been three years since the last crusade so there were many questions; How will it be? How will it go? We received a very warm welcome from the officials and inmates at all three prisons. We are grateful for each one of our ministry partners that participated, which included three singing teams and evangelists, as well as a few men for daytime activities. It was a great blessing to have the Dave Miller family participate for the first time in this crusade. The impact of a family ministering together in prison is tremendous. Inmates long for close family connections but many times those relationships are broken.

At one of the prisons, we served cookies at the worship services. The attendance at these services was more than double from previous years. 😊 The good news is, they heard the Word of God proclaimed through singing and preaching! Scripture assures us that God's Word will not return void, but it will accomplish God's purpose; that of transforming hearts and lives. Only eternity will reveal the far-reaching effects of the cookies.



Inmate Testimonies



I was deeply touched by the Miller family's singing. I sat in my wheelchair with tears running down my cheeks as I quietly sang along. ~Johnny, Pack Unit

I was blessed with tears of joy as I attended your (Miller Family) service. I have been incarcerated for twenty-two years. I have three children that have stopped coming or writing, but your service brought hope back to me that one day soon they will be back. I wanted to thank you and your beautiful wife, and those four beautiful children, and your daughter who was not there and your new grandbaby... please accept these thanks from a seventy-year-old man. Your family was sent from heaven. I will never forget. I do not expect anyone to write back but wanted you all to know that you are loved. ~Michael, Pack Unit



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EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS

Sunday-Wednesday February 19-22

BANQUET

February 24

BENEFIT AUCTION

February 25



Meetings @ Pinecraft Park



Banquet at Carlisle Inn

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SARASOTA, FLORIDA, December 29

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TEAM SCHEDULES

Please visit our website or call to confirm dates before traveling long distances. See the full banquet schedule in our previous newsletter or on the website.



MILLER FAMILY

Oct 31-Nov 3 Ohio Banquets
Nov 15-17 PA Banquets
Nov 30-Dec 4 Prison Crusade – Marianna, FL
Dec 4 Meigs Mennonite Church Gym – Meigs, GA
Dec 27 Golf Tournament – Sarasota, FL
Dec 29 Volleyball Tournament – Sarasota, FL
Jan 9-23 Uganda/Kenya Mission – Africa



MEL STOLTZFUS FAMILY

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Dec 4 Meigs Mennonite Church Gym – Meigs, GA



MERVIN & FREIDA WENGERD

Oct 31-Nov 3 Ohio Banquets
Nov 30-Dec 4 Prison Crusade – Marianna, FL
Dec 5-8 FBTF Seminars – Marianna, FL



NELSON & SARAH COBLENTZ

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