

# GOSPEL EXPRESS

## MINISTRIES



Vivian; 4 years old

2023 sponsored heart surgeries done in India



Ruth; 2 years old

# Love Feast

*"... When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors... But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you..." Luke 14:12-14*

Through the years, ministry donors have sponsored hundreds of medical cases in Uganda, Kenya, and Ghana, Africa. Having staff on the ground in Uganda has established a vital link between Gospel Express and doctors and medical facilities. Through this link and generous donors, we are now able to process more medical cases than ever before. On September 14, some of these sponsored patients and family members were invited to Haven Retreat Center for a celebration of life... and to enjoy a LOVE FEAST based on the principle Jesus shared in Luke 14.

A 9-course meal was served to 42 adults and 8 children and included a rare treat of cake and ice cream.

Each patient also received a blanket, mosquito net, and a food parcel. I had the opportunity to meet and interact with patients and families whom I'd not met before.

Our team from America listened with tear-filled eyes as they took turns to share their stories. For many of them, hope had been lost due to the high cost of surgery. Some had to be done in India. Simon Peter, father of 1-year-old Samson, tearfully said, **"The Indian doctors said our baby cannot live through the surgery unless we pray to our God for help. So now you see, I am holding him here today."** God had so arranged that several of Samson's sponsors were part of our American mission team. Imagine hearing the words, **"You saved the life of our son!"**

~Nelson Coblentz



# Mission Reflections

**"In a society of brokenness, abuse, and despair, Jesus sees potential worth dying for"**

*I was touched by the Holy Spirit and could feel the presence of Jesus as we worshipped God together with the prisoners. The way the prisoners were touched by the Word of God that you (Nelson) preached and seeing many of them give their lives to Christ was amazing. The football match helped us associate with them. I realized how much that meant to them to know that people care, and most importantly, to know that God loves them. ~Timothy Gahamya, native volunteer*



*After 15+ years, a dream was realized for me – I've always wanted to experience Africa with Nelson and see first-hand what keeps him coming back year after year. Because of Jesus, his "compassion with passion" was an honor to witness and I came home asking for more of that in my life. It was an honor to experience their culture and to experience the joys of giving and serving in ways that stretched and caused my dependence to be on Jesus every single day. To be able to host the love feast was also a highlight! I'll never forget the pure delight on their faces as they were served a beautiful meal and then how they stayed long after the meal was over to bask in the aroma of the honor that they were given. **A person might forget what you said to them, but they'll never forget how you made them feel...** I believe this event was something that they will never forget!*

**~Merle Stoltzfus, Columbus, NC**



*"It was a great opportunity to the American team testifying and spreading the love of Jesus, and and Merle singing, 'I Speak Jesus' and 'Goodness of God.' Yes, the football game was more than game... and my relationship with Christ was strengthened.*

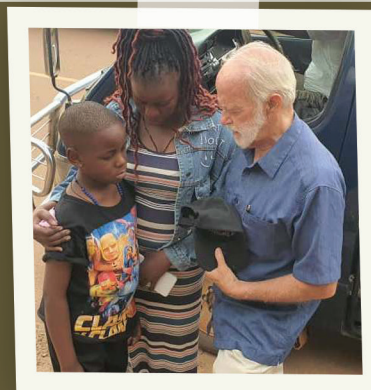
**~John Gahamya, native volunteer**

*In a society of brokenness, abuse, and despair, Jesus sees potential worth dying for. It's like peeking into heaven to watch darkness coming to light, a sinner to a saint, and hopelessness to purpose, through Jesus Christ.*

**~Lester Zimmerman, Orrstown, PA**

## Storm Version of a glory story

We rented seven tents for the slum area clinic from a lady named Rita. Last minute, we added a big tent for children's ministry Sunday afternoon. After ministering to 600 children, we stopped on a side street to pay Rita. Minutes later, Pastor Frank came back to our van with Rita and her 10-year-old son. "Brother Nelson, Rita overheard the gospel at the clinic yesterday...she and her son now want to become born-again!" I stepped out of the van onto "holy ground" and moments later, joy broke out on the sidewalk, in the van, and in heaven! She had no Bible, but my friend Lewi gave her his personal Bible on the spot... Glory Hallelujah!



# Medical Clinic Converts *Form Church Plant*



Pastor Daniel praying  
with witch doctor



We thank God for the "soul-saving" platform that God has given through the medical clinics. The medical team was able to see over 1100 men, women, and children at the 2 medical clinics. Only heaven has recorded the number of souls that came to Christ during the preaching as the clinic was in progress. However, we as pastors have record of 86 people coming to Christ at the clinic prayer tent in the slum area plus 84 becoming born-again at the Amazing Grace School clinic prayer room, *including 2 witch doctors!* These 2 doctors have been terrorizing the village for a long time, but not anymore! We also saw some strong Muslims come to Jesus,

We had a gallant team of pastors who gave their all in the prayer room.

The gospel ministered on that day birthed a new church called, "Amazing Grace Prayer Center Church." Forty people came to church on the first Sunday and thirty of those people were 'born-again' from the medical clinic on Tuesday. We thank God for this overwhelming visitation that has lit up the village through the gospel of Jesus Christ. We want to thank the American team and all those who partner with this ministry.

~Bishop Dickson Lubinga, Remnant Haven Church, Kampala, Uganda

## Bible Course *Report*

The men and women below have all been personally impacted by the Bible studies. We have been so blessed to see God's favor as the number of requests for Bible studies has increased from year to year! We can only provide these materials through the volunteers who grade the lessons and your generous support. If you would like to be involved in this ministry, we have opportunities for English and Spanish graders. Find out more by contacting our office! ~Lori Wengerd

*I thoroughly enjoyed these studies! I am definitely studying to show myself approved, a workman who needs not to be ashamed! To think this journey has just begun... God has been so good to me!* ~Octavius (FL)

*Fantastic course! I very much enjoyed myself and learned a great deal. Glory be to God for using you all in a mighty way. I will pray for the continuation of your ministry and that it will expand.* ~Marcus (VA)

*Just a few lines to say thank you for blessing me. I totally enjoyed the Touch series. The more I study the more inspired I am. There is so much negativity here (but) the Lord's presence is stronger. He fills me with His love and peace every day.* ~Diane (AL)

*I have learned so much about Jesus and all the glorious things He has done for us. I feel worthy of God's love thanks to this course!* ~Jennifer (PA)

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Beauty will rise  
from the dust

# Spring Tent Meetings

Let your revival



As I reflect on the tent meetings, I am reminded of the lyrics from one of our newly recorded songs, ***Freedom is here with us, burdens will fall like chains, beauty will rise from the dust, all that's lost will be regained. You redeem, You redeem... let your revival awaken me!*** These lyrics remind me of the definition of the word revival: "To make fresh and strong again." Praise the Lord for His presence, and the working of the Holy Spirit night after night! "Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." (2 Corinthians 3:17)

Some of you are aware that Ruth Ann's mother passed away during these meetings. We are very grateful to all those who stepped in and helped out for several nights during our absence, and for all those who prayed for us. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." (Psalm 116:15) ~Evangelist Dave Miller



# Garden

## ings in PA

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## Testimonies

All that's lost will be regained



*My goal was to change, not just be challenged. The singing was inspiring and the messages were solid spiritual food for anyone hungry for more of Jesus. I always enjoy tent revival meetings, mainly because I gave my heart to the Lord at a tent meeting back in the summer of '94.*

~Amos Fisher

*My family and I were greatly blessed and impacted by the revival meetings with Brother Dave and his family. I was personally blessed to make every meeting and most of the noon-time prayer meetings. It was a week of God revealing some roots of bitterness that I had unknowingly been watering. When the people of God gather to pray and worship together, the Holy Spirit has a way of calling you to a higher standard; refining, and pruning you. **Our 8-year-old son experienced the prompting of the Holy Spirit and responded to the altar call the evening that Dave shared the message, "My Secret Place."** That evening after we came home, he requested some alone time so he could spend time in the "secret place." The next morning he called mom into his room and repented of some things that had recently been a challenge for us. Thank you Jesus!*

~Leon Lapp

*It was a reviving and inspiring week, gathering together with people from many different backgrounds. I sensed a hunger for a deeper relationship with the Most High. Thanks to Gospel Express for choosing to share your time with us.*

~John Fisher

Full Services available to watch/listen on our "Gospel Express Evangelistic Team Ministry" YouTube Channel.



## Welcome Fisher Family

We are very excited to welcome our newest singing team, the Fisher Family, to the ministry. Mike and Verna moved their family from Crockett, Virginia to the office area in June. Their 5 children range in age from 8 to 24.

The family's roots were entrenched in the Wytheville area but they became a real answer to prayer as they yielded to God's call to join Gospel Express! This included selling their bulk food store, The Dutch Pantry. God stirred Mike & Verna's hearts with several timely and powerful confirmations that brought clarity to develop their long-held joy of singing into public ministry. The family has been sharing in song and testimony at various events, churches, and prisons and will embark on a 5-week tour in mid-October. They can be scheduled by calling the office at 828-859-7003.



L-R: Kimberly, Eric, Mike, Verna, Caleb, Harmony, Austin

# New Resources

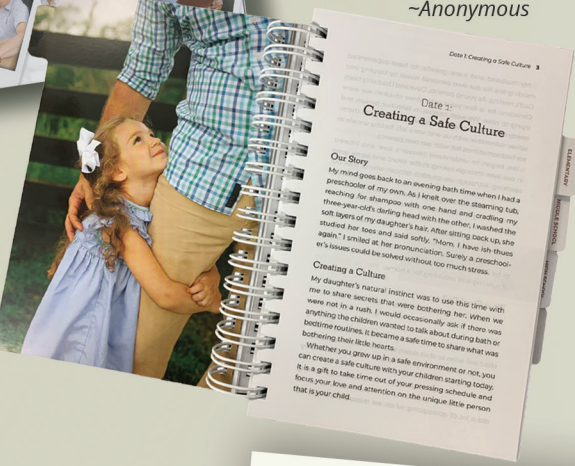
*From the Miller Family*



A tool for one-on-one conversations on specific subjects for children of all ages, including links to exhaustive video teaching on the facts of life.

Recently while on a trip to PA, I saw this new book, written by my cousin, Ruth Ann. Of course, I had to get it. I read most of it on our way home. After returning home, I took my daughter on a date and asked her the age-appropriate questions. I hope some of you get this book and make better connections with your children through your conversations with them.

—Anonymous



### 3 WAYS TO PURCHASE:

- Visit our online store [www.gospelexpress.store](http://www.gospelexpress.store)
- Fill out the enclosed response card.
- Come see us at an event/fall banquet and buy in person.



Book Trailer

## Farewell

*Stoltzfus Family*

Webster's describes farewell as "an expression of good wishes at parting." Certainly, that is the heartbeat of everyone at Gospel Express, as we have become dear friends with Mel, Katie Ann, and all of the Stoltzfus Family.

The Stoltzfus Family joined the ministry in 2017 and certainly left a heavenly footprint as they used their giftings in music, singing, and recordings for the glory of God. Mel's call to leadership, along with a desire for deeper involvement for their family at their home church, was instrumental in their decision to pull off the road. We certainly bless them as they continue to walk where God leads them. Thank you so much, Stoltzfus Family, for the encouragement you are to all of us here at Gospel Express!



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# Banquet *Schedule*

Food • Ministry • Presentation  
Singing – Miller Family, Nelson & Sarah, Fisher Family

## MID-WEST

Monday, Oct. 16  
Penn Station, Arthur, IL

Tuesday, Oct. 17  
Fairview Mennonite Church, Kalona, IA  
Wednesday & Thursday, Oct 18 & 19  
Fairhaven Fellowship Hall, Goshen, IN

## OHIO

Monday, Oct. 30  
Der Dutchman, Plain City, OH

Tuesday, Oct. 31  
Brookside Farm, Louisville, OH

Wednesday & Thursday, Nov. 1 & 2  
Carlisle Village Inn, Walnut Creek, OH

## PENNSYLVANIA

Tuesday & Wednesday, Nov. 14 & 15  
Shady Maple Banquet Center, East Earl, PA  
(Additional 11:00 AM Banquet on the 15th)

Thursday, Nov 16  
Franconia Heritage Restaurant, Franconia, PA

Visit our website to reserve a seat at any of these events [www.gospelexpress.com](http://www.gospelexpress.com)

There is no cost to attend. However, a free-will offering will be received.



# Marriage & Family Conference

We are very grateful and humbled by how God has given us opportunities to encourage couples in their marriages. During our 31 years of marriage, we have attempted to be intentional at investing in our own marriage. In fact, the curriculum we are using in these sessions was birthed during a time of intentional investment! We believe healthy marriages result in healthy families and healthy families result in healthy churches and this will ultimately impact our communities and the world!

Thank you so much, River of Life Fellowship Church for hosting us and this conference so well! Ruth Ann & I were very inspired by your hospitality and encouragement. We appreciate your vision to put on events like this in your community. ~Dave & Ruth Ann



# Sarasota, FL Events

MEETINGS - BANQUET - AUCTION - GOLF - VOLLEYBALL

## PINECRAFT PARK

Evangelistic Meetings/Singing  
Sunday - Wednesday Feb 18-21

## PALM GROVE CHURCH GYMNASIUM

Banquet: Friday Evening Feb 23  
Auction: Saturday Feb 24



## 3rd Annual GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sarasota, Florida - Dec. 27

New Course: Serenoa Golf Club | \$500 per team of 4  
A & B Division | Sponsorship Opportunities



Scan the code to register your team and learn more. Or visit our website: [gospelxpress.com/golf-tournament](http://gospelxpress.com/golf-tournament)



## PINECRAFT VOLLEYBALL SUPERBOWL

Sarasota, Florida - Dec. 29

Grass Co-ed 6's \$300 per team



Scan the code to register your team. You can also follow "Pinecraft Volleyball" on FB for highlights and Updates



# Team Schedules

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



## MILLER FAMILY

\*For banquet dates, see schedule on the previous page

- Nov 5 Cross Connections Church - Strasburg, OH (AM)
- Nov 17-19 Bethel Church Revivals - Narvon, PA
- Nov 29-Dec 3 North FL Prison Crusade - Marianna, FL
- Dec 5-8 Jamaica Relief Ministries Staff Retreat - Jamaica
- Dec 15-16 Board Meeting & Staff Christmas Banquet - NC
- Dec 27 Golf Tournament - Sarasota, FL
- Dec 29 Volleyball Tournament - Sarasota, FL
- Dec 31 Hope Church - Sarasota, FL



## NELSON & SARAH COBLENTZ

\*For banquet dates, see schedule on the previous page

- Nov 29-Dec 3 North FL Prison Crusade - Marianna, FL
- Dec 15-16 Board Meeting & Staff Christmas Banquet - NC
- Dec 27 Golf Tournament - Sarasota, FL
- Dec 29 Volleyball Tournament - Sarasota, FL



## FISHER FAMILY

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- Oct 15 Bethany Fellowship School - Kokomo, IN
- Oct 20 Altona Christian Community - Henderson, MN
- Oct 21 Elmendorf Christian Community - Mountain Lake, MN
- Oct 22 Stables Event Center - Lamoni, IA
- Oct 24 Cedar Springs Camp - Floyd, IA
- Oct 25 Mint Hill Fellowship - Chamois, MO
- Oct 26 Elkton, KY
- Oct 29 Haven Fellowship (AM) - Plain City, OH
- Nov 29-Dec 3 North FL Prison Crusade - Marianna, FL
- Dec 15-16 Board Meeting & Staff Christmas Banquet - NC
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## MULLETT FAMILY

- Oct 16-19 Freedom Hills Banquets - Berlin, OH
- Nov 5-10 FP2P Intensive NWFRC - Chipley, FL



## MERVIN & FREIDA WENGERD

- Oct 16-19 IL, IA, IN Banquets
- Oct 30-Nov 2 OH Banquets
- Nov 14-16 PA Banquets
- Nov 29-Dec 3 North FL Prison Crusade - Marianna, FL
- Dec 4-7 FBTF Seminars in Prisons - Marianna, FL
- Dec 15-16 Board Meeting & Staff Christmas Banquet - NC