

Tent Revival Meetings

A THING OF THE PAST... OR A MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY FOR TODAY?

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. ~ Rom. 1:16

“Dave, 20 years ago, on June 14th, I got saved!”

I heard these words at the June Arthur, Illinois community tent meetings from a young father who shared how God had changed his life. Twenty years ago, during tent meetings in Arthur, he was a single young man who was not walking in right relationship with the Lord. Today, he is a married man with a beautiful family, faithfully following Christ and thriving in his relationship with Him.

I just read a feature testimony in the latest We Care newsletter, written by one of the prison chaplains, that said: **“In 1990, at a Gospel Express tent crusade in Ephrata, Pennsylvania, I gave my life over to the Lord Jesus to follow His will.”**

And now, in 2026, here is part of a testimony from the June tent meetings: **“It was a privilege to have the opportunity to pray with my son at the altar to accept Christ as his personal Lord and Savior.”**

For generations, tent revival meetings were a familiar part of the Christian landscape. Tents were

erected in fields or vacant lots. People gathered night after night to hear the gospel, worship, pray, and respond to the call of Christ. As we travel across the country, we often hear statements along the lines of, **“It was at a tent meeting that my life was changed!”** We know that it is certainly not the tent itself that changes lives, but the work of the Holy Spirit drawing people to Himself. Yet, there is something special about the tent setting. It provides a neutral place where people from various walks of life can come together, hear the gospel, and encounter the presence of Jesus.

We also see something very encouraging in certain communities: *growing excitement among the younger generation for these types of meetings!* **Perhaps tent meetings are not simply a thing of the past, but a ministry tool that God can continue to use today to reach a new generation with the timeless message of the gospel.**

~ Dave Miller (Executive Director)

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. ~ Acts 1:8



Arthur, Illinois Tent Revival Meetings

JUNE 3RD – 18TH, 2026

Due to a storm bringing the tent down on the 9th night, we met in 3 different venues. We thank God for protection... and so many changed lives. All glory to Him!

The revival meetings were an amazing time of coming together as a community and putting our focus on Christ. To be encouraged daily by the worship and message really strengthened my faith. It was a privilege to have the opportunity to pray with my son at the altar to accept Christ as his personal Lord and Savior. I am so thankful for all the work Gospel Express put into the event. Things changed due to the weather, but working together as a team was a real blessing.

~ Larry Yoder

I am 15 years old. I didn't grow up around people who believed in the life of Christ or even knew of our Heavenly Father. I don't remember much of my childhood, but my sisters and I had been abused by our father and neglected by our mother. My mom passed away in 2023 due to an overdose when I was 12. I was praying to God that He wouldn't take her from me. She wasn't the mother a child would dream of, but she was my mother. After that, I doubted God and was angry with Him. I got into stuff a 12-year-old shouldn't even have thought of doing. After several foster homes, me and my little sister moved in with a married couple who made sure we went to church every Sunday and prayed every day. They adopted us in October of 2025. I was so angry with myself for treating this lovely couple the way I did. I wanted to surrender my life to Christ, but something kept telling me that I committed way to many sins.

Our family got an invite to Illinois for tent meetings. I had no choice but to go. I know God was trying to tell me something, and all I had to do was just accept him and surrender. The last night of the meetings, I surrendered. I went up to that altar. I heard his voice. I saw his hand. I met the God I believed in but never gave it up for. I am now a new creation in Christ and have peace with myself and the people around me!

~ Sofia Miller

Each evening, I felt my heart soften like a farmer working the soil. Second to the last night, Nelson was pouring his heart out, and it hit me when he said, "Here am I, use me." I'm excited and can't wait to see God work.

~ Wayne Schrock

My wife, Abigail, signed us up as counselors with my permission. As the meetings started, I felt that I couldn't go through with it. At the first meeting, I told Abigail I wouldn't be joining the group that prayed ahead of the meetings. I sat out in the car. I felt that I was hiding from what God wanted me to do, like Jonah. The 2nd night on the way to the meetings, I heard a small voice; God said to me, it is about ME, not about you! I felt like I could give it a go. I guess it must have been fear. From that night on, I couldn't get enough. If I didn't have someone to pray with, I just went to the altar to pray for myself or my family. I was so blessed by it all. God bless you!

~ Clair Zimmerman

Whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. All who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord makes us more and more like Him as we are changed into His glorious image, PTL! (2 Cor. 3:16 & 18)

International

CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM



Dan Kushaba

This is Dan Kushaba who is currently the longest-waiting child in our sponsorship program. **He has been waiting more than four years** for someone to choose him. There are more children just like Dan, waiting for someone to believe in them, to give them hope. Your sponsorship can be the turning point in a child's life. It can help keep a child in school instead of on the streets. It can help protect a young girl from child marriage. Most importantly, it gives a child the opportunity to hear the gospel and experience the love of Jesus through people who care for them every single day.

There are 303 children being sponsored and 76 on the waiting list. Would you consider becoming the answer to a waiting child's prayer?

Call 828-859-7003 and ask for Lexi Yoder.

One of the girls is called Patience. The parents of that girl had given up on sending her to school, and they had decided to give that young girl of 15 in marriage... BUT she was sponsored and able to complete her education! As I speak, she is now working and supporting her family. We thank God so much!

~ Pastor Ben Mugisha, (Kabwasa Area Coordinator)

Tearful Decision Led to God's Provision

Eighteen people (including mothers, grandmothers, teens, and children) were just days from a two-week June mission to Uganda that was to include family conferences, women's conferences, prison ministry, and ministry to physically challenged and malnourished children. The heartbreaking discussion and decision to postpone the trip due to an Ebola outbreak was made with the group via a zoom call. There were tears and moments of silence. Why now!? **Our vision became clouded with sadness, but the Son was about to break through!**

God reminded me of an urgent plea from Pastor Ben for food parcels in a drought-stricken part of Uganda. His email was asking for proceeds for food parcels to feed 630 families. It was \$14,490 we did not have available. What happened next brings tears to my eyes even now, as it did weeks ago to many on the zoom call. After sharing this need with the mission team, the decision was made to utilize the proceeds from the June trip that had been set aside for blankets, mosquito nets, tarps, soap, etc. to now provide food for these 630 suffering families... Awesome!



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UGANDA WATER PROJECTS

So far this year, **11 projects** have been completed, enabling clean water for over 4,000 people for years to come! More projects are in the pipeline thanks to your generosity and compassion for those on the other side of the world. One recent donor said, ***"God has been so good to me and I don't want anyone to have to drink dirty water."***



Each well provides clean, life-changing water to communities that have prayed for this opportunity. What was once a daily struggle becomes a lasting source of health, hope, and dignity. We are incredibly thankful for the dedicated team of local men who faithfully carry out this work full time. I've gotten to know them and their families, and they have become brothers and dear friends.

~ Derek Miller

Team leader, Lester Zimmerman, from PA, sensed the call to go to Uganda and oversee this distribution, as well as preach. God was glorified not only through the food distribution but the saving of souls through the proclamation of the Gospel.

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."
(Rom 8:28). ~ Nelson Coblentz



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THE DISTRIBUTION,
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Food Distribution Testimonials

Nwoya District — "It broke my heart to watch my children cry from hunger. The flour, beans, cooking oil, sugar, and salt gave us hope and bought us some time."

~Jennifer Adong

Pader District — "The drought destroyed our crops, and we had nothing left to harvest. We survived by eating one meal a day and sometimes none. This food relief reminded us that we are not forgotten."

~Samuel Maurencio



Legacy Giving

"Plan your giving while you're living - so you're knowing where it's going."

Approximately 10 years ago, this ministry became one of the financial beneficiaries of a living will from a couple who spent their lives farming, while supporting missions and ministries. The extraordinary estate gift given was designated for International Compassion Ministry. The timing was amazing since we had just received an appeal from the commissioner of prisons in Uganda (Mr. Byabashaija), regarding the need for a child-care center next to the women's prison in Jinja, Uganda. The center is now under roof and will hopefully be ready this year to have stateside and international caregivers for these precious jewels (children) that are now with the mothers 24/7 in prison.

This Legacy Fund has also provided many life-giving heart surgeries for children, house shelters for poor families, food parcels, wheelchairs, and even boreholes until the well fund was established several years ago. It's not only about meeting physical needs but also about providing countless opportunities to present the gospel to people while hearts are tender.

This fund is nearly depleted and our prayer is that God would raise up more donors who would consider "legacy giving" through estate planning: wills, living trusts, retirement accounts, life insurance policies, and donor-advised funds. Please know that we sincerely honor every designated donation and prayerfully steward all gifts entrusted to this ministry.

Bible Course Report



On average, we receive tests from 100-200 inmates each week who are starting a new life and learning about who Jesus is.

We are so grateful for our graders who volunteer their time to make this program possible and to minister in a very personal and real way to the men and women. One of our long-time graders sent in this testimony of what serving as a grader has meant to her:

It brings me such joy to grade these Bible studies from these men and women who have lost their way and need encouragement to find that narrow road and to grow in the Lord. So thankful to be a part of their lives, even if only to plant seeds for them to grow and forever follow Jesus. I'm blessed because of it.

~ *Helen Licharowicz* (grader)

Praise God for the work He is doing! If you are interested in learning more or participating in this program, please feel free to reach out to us.

~ *Aila Birk* (Discipleship Materials Coordinator)

Thank you for teaching me the things I did not know and for helping me find God and change my life
(Arkansas Inmate)

Thank you for the Bible study series! I am beginning a new journey of sobriety. I'm drug and alcohol free! I have never experienced anything like what God has done for me in such a short time!
(Indiana Inmate)

BIBLE STUDIES AVAILABLE:

1. *Romans
2. Ephesians
3. *Touch of God's Hand

**also available in Spanish*



Volunteers Needed!
Men and Women

Crusade

**MARIANNA, FLORIDA
DECEMBER 2-6**



Orientation
& Worship



Evangelistic
Services



Dorm
Visitation



Lockup
Visitation



Rec
Yard



To Register: Scan the code or visit www.gospelexpress.com
Early-bird registration deadline: September 4.
Final deadline: September 28

2026 Fall Banquet Schedule

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

Please visit our website or call 828-859-7003 to make a reservation.

TUESDAY, OCT. 20

Penn Station, Arthur, IL

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, OCT. 21 & 22

Fairhaven Fellowship Hall, Goshen, IN

MONDAY, NOV. 9

Hartville Kitchen, Hartville, OH

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, NOV. 10 & 11

Carlisle Inn, Walnut Creek, OH

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, NOV. 17 & 18

Shady Maple Banquet Center, East Earl, PA



Sarasota Florida Events

DEC 28TH: GOLF TOURNAMENT

DEC 30TH: PINECRAFT VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

FEBRUARY 22-27: PINECRAFT PARK

SINGINGS – BANQUET – AUCTION

Team Schedules

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



Miller Family

Aug 23-25 Gospel Haven Church Revivals, Benton, OH
(Dave & Ruth Ann)
Aug 30 - AM Roselawn Church, Middlebury, IN
(Dave & Ruth Ann)
Sept 16-20 Prison Crusade – Huntsville, TX
(Dave)
Oct 11-14 Spirit, Soul & Spa Ladies Event, Simpsonville, SC
(Ruth Ann)
Oct 20 Banquet – Penn Station – Arthur, IL
Oct 21 & 22 Banquets – Fairhaven Fellowship – Goshen, IN
Nov 9 Banquet – Hartville Kitchen – Hartville, OH
Nov 10 & 11 Banquets – Carlisle Inn – Walnut Creek, OH
Nov 17 & 18 Banquets – Shady Maple – East Earl, PA
Dec 2-6 Prison Crusade – Marianna, FL
Dec 28 Golf Tournament – North Port, FL
Dec 30 Volleyball Tournament – Sarasota, FL



Nelson & Sarah Coblentz

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Fisher Family

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