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Moved at HIS Presence

Community Tent Revivals, New Holland PA



“...Behold, the Lord rideth upon a swift cloud, and shall come into Egypt: and the idols of Egypt shall be ***moved at his presence*** and the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it.” – *Isaiah 19:1*

The verse above became the theme for the meetings. What a great joy to see the hunger for the things of God. John 7:37-38 says in part, “*Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me... out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.*” Those who were thirsty and those who believed found a refreshing drink (Jesus), and rivers of life-giving water were flowing. This created an atmosphere where the **presence of the Lord** was released. Night after night we became broken as we saw the Holy Spirit minister according to the need of the hearts who were crying out to Him. We also heard powerful testimonies from some who were tuning in via live stream. ***Praise Jesus!*** ~*Dave Miller*

The tent meetings have been a tremendous blessing in so many ways for God to transform and renew so many lives for His glory. I praise God for the work that He is doing and will continue to do.
~*Dale Smucker* (Pastor)

My wife and I experienced God working in our hearts. The Holy Spirit showed my wife things that were not right, and when she confessed, peace and freedom followed. What really made an impact on my heart was how important it is to have a pure heart and clean hands. ***Praise the Lord!*** ~*Chris Stoltzfus*

God is good! Even our little children enjoyed (the meetings), and they really treasure the New Testaments Gospel Express gave to the them! The song, “Since I Have Been Forgiven” by *Garment of*

Praise, really touched me. It was really good for a community to come together and listen to messages, praying, fellowship, and singing. Thank you Gospel Express Team. ~*Daniel Leid*

Dave, we weren’t able to attend the meetings, as our 18-month-old triplets keep us on a tight schedule, but we were able to tune in almost every evening on the live stream. Thank you for making yourself available to God’s call, (and) your entire family. The Holy Spirit has no physical barriers because he moved in our hearts and changed us! I know you give all the glory to God and we want to do the same. We were challenged and changed by the messages! We want to wish you and your family the very best, as well as the entire Gospel Express Team.
~*Matthew Smucker*



NIGERIA

INTERNATIONAL

Surgical Experiences - Spiritual & Physical

Prison Offices Become Operating Rooms

The prison authority approved us to bring in a medical team and arranged some prison offices for 13 surgical operations. This was the first time for such a mission!

Inmate Udo David says, "I am grateful to God and to this ministry for the free and successful operation of the hernia, I have suffered for years. All I can say is, Thank you JESUS!"



First Ever Children's Rally

457 children, parents and officers attended this rally on the grounds of Ikot Abasi Prison. Reverend Effiong Michael preached and approximately 136 people accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. You also enabled us to distribute 350 Bibles along with school materials and food to all the school age children of prisoners.

Fumigation Operation

There is a serious outbreak of bedbugs and lice in Nigerian prisons. The little critters can be found everywhere in mattresses, sheets, blankets and inmate clothing. After the fumigation the prisoners are so happy... they can enjoy sleeping and the yard is also calm again. One inmate said, "May God bless you for remembering us in jails and prisons." Another said, "I came to this prison in 2005 and this is my first time to witness our cells being fumigated. Insects of many kinds have been disturbing us with skin and body infections."



May God reward your supporters who made possible all these blessings "unto the least of these."

~Chaplain Nsibiet Nelson

On behalf of all the staff and inmates, I am sending this letter of appreciation for the selfless service to the inmates and their families here at Ikot Abasi Prison. Your organization sponsored much needed surgeries for 13 inmates. Thank you also for sponsoring the Prisoner's Children Rally where over 300 prisoner's children were given books, pens, pencils, erasers, crayons... also food parcels of rice, beans and tomatoes. May the Lord Almighty continue to bless and reward you. ~J.I. Ogbeifun, Deputy Commissioner of Prison's

This seminar was a complete surgical experience. Things of the past were cut out, so now new life can grow.

~Bishop Dickson

We rejoiced with heaven when over half of the 170 seminar attendees stood and prayed to receive Jesus Christ during the first session of the Bondage to Freedom seminar. We also witnessed an absolutely dramatic ending to the seminar as 80 Ugandan villagers cheered and danced as they waited in line to receive their very own Lugandan Bible. Pastors from the seminar continue to email us their heart-felt appreciation.



Pastor Ben writes, "The preaching and teaching stirs up the fire in our hearts and we begin to think bigger. When we think of where you come from,



the distance, the costs, and the challenges, especially when we know you receive no material gain from us, it reminds us of the selflessness of our Lord Jesus Christ in giving up all the comfort of heaven and coming to save hopeless people. My prayer is that God may enlarge your territories."

Another pastor expressed much appreciation that every seminar attendee's name was read as they were given their own certificate with their name on it. For many of them, it was the first time they accomplished something like this and received recognition for it.



UGANDA

Ferman Miller (IN), and Kenneth Dueck (Belize), spent countless hours playing games, telling Bible stories, and singing with the hundreds of children. They gave them balloons, suckers, jump ropes, and soccer balls. We also handed out little dolls and match box cars to village children and to the children at CORSU Children's Reconstructive Surgery Hospital. It broke our hearts to pray with mothers who were apprehensive and fearful as they tried to prepare their children for surgery the next day. Giving each child a toy brought smiles to their faces and a glimmer of hope to the mothers.



Consider the fact that partnership in ministry enables us to accomplish something together that neither of us could have accomplished alone, and all because of Jesus. ~Nelson Coblenz

PRISON MINISTRY

Texas Prison Crusade September 27-30

Bondage to Freedom Seminar October 1-2

We are excited to witness many changed lives through prison ministry in Texas...not only through the fourth annual crusade but through the ongoing ministry of Marriage Seminars, A Day With Dad, as well as volunteer chaplains ministering on a regular weekly schedule. God has blessed the vision of Gospel Express Texas, an extension ministry of Gospel Express.

VOLUNTEER TESTIMONY

On Saturday, we were asked to (share) devotions (with) the “trouble makers” who weren’t allowed to go to church. As the call to surrender went out, a young man came up. He would not pray in the open area because of all the other inmates, yet he had a heart of repentance and brokenness, and seemed ready to start anew with Jesus Christ. I gave him the gospel best as I could in the short amount of time we had. He said he would go back to his cell and call out to God for saving and healing! I saw he was afraid but determined to do it. I have prayed a lot for this young man! His eyes have burned into my mind and seem to be calling me to (keep) praying. I hope that as you read this you may also be inspired to pray for this young man. Let’s remember that we are so blessed we can pray and represent God openly; no need to fear those around us. ~Peter Harms



BONDAGE TO FREEDOM TESTIMONY

Thirty-one men came out to the seminar. We learned to let go of the past through the power of forgiveness, which was displayed by Jesus on the cross at Calvary. Because He lives we can forgive! Through faith we know our new name is REDEEMED! We are children of God and that is FREEDOM! What a blessing it was to spend time with these gentlemen at the Wallace Pack unit and to see their response to God’s call to forgive those who have wronged them! They can now know and believe who God says they are, not who the system says they are! ~Myron Martin, Instructor

Mel Stoltzfus Family

Our family really enjoys traveling and ministering through song. We traveled through 14 states since April and held services in PA, VA, IN, IL, and TX. We especially enjoy going back to a community after having been there before & meeting familiar faces who have by now



become good friends with deepening relationships.

Some highlights along the way:

- Spending time camping with the Gospel Express families, realizing they are just normal people and we can be ourselves 😊
- A few divine gas station appointments.
- All the quality family time (and some tough conversations) that is attributed to the experience of tight motor home living.
- Passing out lollipops at the banquets... and of course, all the wonderful food.

Working with Gospel Express has broadened our vision for ministry. Please keep our family in your prayers. We look forward to meeting more of you along the way! ~Katie Ann

for all the Stoltzfus Family

MINISTRY PARTNERS NEEDED: Men & Women



SOUTH CAROLINA PRISON CRUSADE

February 3-7, 2019

Based in Abbeville, Columbia, Sumter & Walterboro, SC



Orientation & training is provided. Scheduled activities include: yard and dorm visitation, one-on-one discipleship, basketball/volleyball/softball, dining with inmates, evangelistic services, and lockup visitation. You can register online at www.gospelexpressonline.org.

The application deadline is December 14, 2018.



Personnel News

WELCOME!

We are excited to welcome **JERRY SLABAUGH** to the ministry!

Jerry is doing the Bible Course Secretarial work, along with serving as our Discipleship Materials Coordinator. Jerry has been living in the local Columbus, NC area the past 8 years and has a real heart to serve and utilize his gifts for God’s glory. He is gifted in many different areas and it will be interesting to see what all God has in store for him in the coming years.



1 Kings 8:22
 “Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands toward heaven.”



Building Dedication

We felt Solomon’s prayer of blessing, gratitude, provision, and responsibility in dedicating the newly built temple to God was a good example to follow. In this case, it was our new multi-purpose building, not a temple, and yet a very important building that facilitates growth as we extend our reach in kingdom building ministry opportunities.

Greater opportunity brings greater responsibility as stewards of God’s provision. Like Solomon, we recognized God’s amazing hand of blessing; all the labors and contributors who made it possible; and we prayed for guidance in the future... and then we enjoyed a bountiful meal and fellowship together. It was a treat to have some local contractors and donors with us, along with our Executive Board. *Glory to God!*



ANNUAL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Behind Sarasota Fairgrounds
 (Haiti Auction Location)
 600 South Pompano Avenue

Friday, December 28, 2018
 A and B Divisions

For more information or to register your team, go to www.pinecraftvolleyball.org
 You can also download the Pinecraft VB App

Tournament proceeds will benefit Palm Grove School and Gospel Express evangelistic, humanitarian, and medical missions in third world countries.

Team Schedules

*The North Florida prison crusade scheduled for Nov 28 - Dec 2 has been cancelled due to tremendous hurricane damage in the greater Marianna/Blountstown area. Please join us in praying for the many families, churches, towns, and prisons that have been affected/displaced.

*Visit our website www.gospelexpressonline.org or call the office (828) 859-7003 to confirm dates before traveling long distances.

Nelson & Sarah Coblentz

Nov 13-14 Shady Maple Banquets – East Earl, PA
 Nov 15 Franconia Heritage Banquet – Franconia, PA
 Nov 28-Dec 7 Nigeria, Africa Mission (Tentative)
 Dec 28 Volleyball Tournament – Sarasota, FL

Miller Family

Nov 4-8 Ekklesia Church – Harlan, IN (Revivals)
 Nov 13-14 Shady Maple Banquets – East Earl, PA
 Nov 15 Franconia Heritage Banquet – Franconia, PA
 Dec 28 Volleyball Tournament – Sarasota, FL
 Dec 30 Hope Fellowship – Sarasota, FL

Mullett Family (From Pain to Purpose)

Nov 13-14 Shady Maple Banquets – East Earl, PA
 Nov 15 Franconia Heritage Banquet – Franconia, PA
 Nov 18 Dayspring Mennonite Church – Midland, VA
 Nov 19 P2P Oversight Committee Meeting – Harrisonburg, VA
 Jan 10 Enon Baptist Church – Pisgah Forest, NC
 (with Marlin Bontrager Family)

Harbour Lights (Penner Family)

Nov 2 Kent Institution – Agassiz, BC
 Nov 2 Pacific Institution – Abbotsford, BC
 Nov 3 Sunwood Retirement Community – Maple Ridge, BC
 Nov 4 Fraser Regional Correctional Centre – Maple Ridge, BC
 Nov 7 Rosewood Manor – Richmond, BC
 Nov 10 Widows Banquet – Three Hills, AB
 Nov 15 Lethbridge Correctional Centre – Lethbridge, AB
 Nov 16 Widows Banquet – Taber, AB
 Nov 18 Prairie Christian Fellowship – Magrath, AB
 Nov 18 Picture Butte Mennonite Church – Picture Butte, AB
 Nov 20 Taber Community Centre Auditorium – Taber, AB
 Nov 22 Brandon Correctional Centre – Brandon, MB
 Nov 24 Riverton Community Centre – Riverton, MB
 Jan 27-31 ReNew Hope Crusade – Prattville, AL

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