

Call of Grace Ministries

Come unto Me . . . I will give you rest

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But his wife looked back behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

Genesis 19:26 (NKJV)

"Deon, is today the day you will repent of your sins, seek God's forgiveness, and receive Jesus as the Lord of your life?"

I met Deon on a Thursday night on Exuma Island in the Bahamas. I had come to the Island at the request of Bro. Cedric Smith, a retired pastor who lives there, to serve the Lord Jesus alongside him and others: sharing the Gospel and ministering to the crowds that had gathered for the National Family Regatta that weekend. Deon had flown over from Nassau to partake of the "festivities". He was the first of many who would receive a Gospel tract from me over the course of the weekend.

"What's this?", Deon asked looking at the tract. I told him that it was a booklet that shared the truth of God's love for Him and our need for God. I introduced myself, telling Deon where I was from and getting his name. Then I said, "Deon, do you believe God will let you into heaven when you die"? And our conversation began.

From Scripture, I discussed God's love and how encompassed by His love for the world was a very unique and special love for Deon. We talked of sin, man's defiance of a Holy God through disobedience, and the judgment that awaits. I shared with Him the need to be righteous before God when judgment comes, and why this is impossible through our own efforts. As we spoke, I watched as the Holy Spirit brought conviction to Deon's heart regarding his hopeless position when confronted by God in judgment; it was apparent on his face and in his posture. Then I told Him about Jesus.

I shared the truth of a loving God who didn't write us off because of our sin. A God who, in love, set aside His crown, took our form, and lived a sinless life for one reason: to die for us! We discussed the need of His sacrifice for us and the reality that ". . .without the shedding of blood, there can be no remission (forgiveness)" (Heb 9:22). I told Deon of Jesus' burial and how He had risen 3 days later, validating the offer of forgiveness at the Cross and giving us hope for an eternity with God! I explained to Deon that because of the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus, we could be rescued from the judgment we deserve and receive what we need and truly desire: God's Mercy. A mercy that is now available to us because of what Jesus did for us. Then I asked him, "Deon, is today the day you will repent of your sins, seek God's forgiveness, and receive Jesus as the Lord of your life?"

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Deon looked at me. . .then he looked past me to the revelry that was taking place. With tears in His eyes, Deon said, "You are from the United States. I am from another island. I do not believe it is a coincidence that we met. I believe that God sent you to tell me the truth." Deon paused and looked past me again, "I will call you on Sunday." Deon lowered his eyes and walked down into the crowd.

I never heard from Deon. It saddens me when I see the powerful hold of sin on the life of one Jesus died to set free. Jesus said that we are to remember the example of Lot's wife; we must lose the old life to receive the new one. That Thursday night, Deon couldn't let go. Yet I know that, even now, if He will turn to the Lord in faith, He will be received for "*Whosoever will call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved*" (Rom 10:13). Please be in prayer for Deon: that he would forsake the Siren's call to sin and death and heed the Spirit's call to everlasting life.

The end of April through May was a busy time. Exuma, Memphis, and Indianapolis were the places the Lord sent myself and others to share His Good News of mercy available to all who will receive it because of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. In each place we ministered to the lost and the saved in Jesus' Name: sharing the truth of the Lord and His Word as each encounter required. In addition to the multiple conversations had by all who went, we also distributed thousands of Gospel tracts to the crowds that were present. Even as you pray for Deon (above), please be in prayer for:

- George - believes he can be righteous by his works.
- Gloria - relying on church membership to be her ticket to heaven.
- Dave - a former minister hurt by the church.
- Amy - a homeless Christian on the streets of Indianapolis; battling depression.
- Zachary - a Christian striving to live for the Lord without reading God's Word to know how he should live. (I met a lot of people like this)
- All the others with whom we talked as well as those who received a Gospel tract.
- The evangelists and witnesses who were on the street sharing Jesus.

David Cobb, Cedric Smith, John James Smith, Charmaine Smith, Jason Bond, John Swaim, Wolter Witholt, Mark Martin, Joe Toy, and Frank Robertson

- Those who blessed us with hospitality while we were on mission.

Bro. Cedric Smith and his family on Exuma in the Bahamas

Bro. Darren Andrus and the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home in Memphis, TN

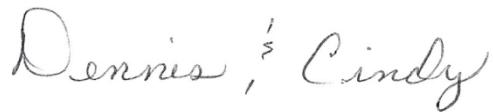
Pastor Rich Fleming and the congregation at Eastside Community Church in Indianapolis, IN

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We thank you for your continued intercession for this ministry. If the Lord calls you to go on mission with us, or you are led to help support a mission or any part of our ministry, please contact us.

Until Jesus comes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis, Cindy". The "D" in "Dennis" is large and stylized, and there is a small heart symbol between "Dennis" and "Cindy".

Dennis & Cindy Mohr

Please be in prayer for the following:

- **Lighthouse Shelter** (Marion, IL) - The Lighthouse had to be closed temporarily due to flooding that occurred from the rain. The residents were displaced to other shelters so that repairs could be made. The work is ongoing.
- **Cairo Outreach** (Cairo, IL) - Lord willing, this will occur the last week in July. Please be in prayer for the people of Cairo, the ongoing planning, and those who are and will be called to go by the Lord. If you are called to be involved, please contact us.
- **Eclipse Outreach** (Southern Illinois area) - The solar eclipse, which will occur on August 21st, is drawing many people to our area to view it. We desire to share Jesus with as many of them as possible. If you are called to be involved, please contact us.

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