

Call of Grace Ministries

Come unto Me. . . I will give you rest

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"For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again. . . Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. "

2 Corinthians 5:14-15, 20 (NKJV)

"The love of Christ compels us. . .". Paul speaks of the very love of God; the attribute of God's nature that was the catalyst which manifested as compassion for our plight. "For God so loved the world, He sent His only begotten Son. . ." (John 3:16). ". . . the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me" (Gal 2:20). This same love now resides in Believers through the Holy Spirit (Rom 5:5). But to what end? What is the purpose of this legacy of love that has been passed down from the Father to His sons and daughters?

The Scriptures above answer this question. We are to exchange the focus of our life; we are to live for Jesus instead of our fleshly goals and desires. Living for Christ requires embracing His concerns and desires as our own then allowing our words and actions to be those that are necessary to achieve the goals of Christ regardless of personal comfort or cost. And of all the subjects we might discuss regarding this idea, there is one that stands out from the rest: the Lost. The Lost are the ones for whom Jesus came (Luke 19:10). The Lost are the ones for whom Jesus died (Romans 5:8). The Lost are the reason the Lord is patiently delaying His return (2 Peter 3:9). The lost are the reason that every Believer has been given the ministry of reconciliation: the task of giving those estranged from God (the Lost) the opportunity to be in right relationship with Him. And it is when we act to bring reconciliation that the true love of God shines the brightest through us. For it is then that we impact the lives of others for the absolute best in their life: a restored relationship with the Most High God!

Who do you know that is lost? We encourage you to take time to share with that person the Good News of the Gospel that someone, at some time, in love, shared with you. Today, may the love of Christ compel you to plead on His behalf, "Be reconciled to God".

The Beardstown outreach we asked you to pray for is over. And we want to thank you for your prayers and let you know that the Lord was faithful to answer them! It is always amazing to see the Lord work and we witnessed Him in action in special ways last week. He broke down every barrier and made every provision to allow the Lost to hear the Gospel in this ethnically diverse community!

The basic agenda for this four-day event was three days of street evangelism beginning on Wednesday and culminating in a block party on Saturday. During these first three days, thirteen people were formed into teams and went throughout the town sharing the Gospel

with the lost, ministering to fellow Believers, and inviting everyone to come to Saturday's event. And the Lord honored our going! Seventeen people received Jesus as Lord!

On Saturday, over twenty churches and Baptist ministries came together, answering the call put out by the Illinois Baptist's State Association (IBSA) to host the block party in Beardstown. This event was labeled as a Back to School Bash. Food, games, music, and back-to-school supplies, and a myriad other items were provided freely to the community. There was even a medical mission providing the required school physicals and provision had been made for required dental screenings as well! In the midst of this there were those who shared the Gospel; telling those from the community about the love and mercy of God available to them through Christ! The "Story Lady" shared with many and twenty-four children responded to the Gospel message. Eight others were convicted by the Holy Spirit, receiving Jesus as the Gospel was shared with them one-on-one. Over the four days, almost fifty people professed Jesus as their Lord! Many others were touched with the love of God through Gospel tracts and prayer. Please be in prayer for a continuing harvest of souls as a result of the Lord using everyone involved for His Glory.

As well, be in prayer for Pastor Daryl Vermillion and the Body of Believers known as First Southern Baptist Church - Beardstown. I certainly want to take a moment to thank them again for their hospitality while we were with them: they were the most gracious of hosts. More importantly, however I would like to thank them for being an example of and to the church. Unified in their desire to see the Lord impact their community, for weeks they prayer-walked their community. While some continued in prayer at the church, they went out to share the Gospel in their town. And the Lord blessed them with the harvest. Now, they are in the process of following up and discipling these new Believers who are the result of the Lord's love being shared with others. The Brothers and sisters of FSBC were the Lord's catalyst for the expression of His love in Beardstown. And they are an example of "what could be" all over our nation if we would truly allow the love of Christ to compel us for His Glory.

Cindy and I ask for prayer for the following:

- Judgement House, mentioned last month, will start tomorrow, Aug. 1st. Even as you have been praying for souls to be saved, please be in prayer for the follow-up that will ensue.
- We will be in Kansas Sept. 6th-14th to help share the Gospel with the Horseshoe Ministry.
- Various local mission/ministry opportunities through August.

We thank you for your prayers and support. If the Lord calls you to go on mission with us, wherever we go, or to help support a mission or any part of our ministry, please let us know. Likewise, if you or your church believe we could be of service to you in any evangelistic effort, please contact us.

Until Jesus comes,

Dennis & Cindy Mohr

~Cindy's Bottom Line~

God is always faithful to His Word and it just doesn't get any better than that!

"If anyone serves me, he must follow me: and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him." (John 12:26 ESV)



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