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## "And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil."

John 3:19 (NKJV)

It was Friday. Our team moved into place on Bourbon St. for our first night-time witnessing session during Mardi Gras. As the cross was set down, I held out a

"Smiley Bible" tract to a young man as he walked by. He glanced at it as he took it. Then he stopped and said, "Can you tell me what this is about?" "I will be happy to.", I said. "My name is Dennis. What's yours?" He told me his name was Tyrone.



Interjecting Scripture throughout, I began to tell Tyrone of God's love for us and His desire to be in relationship with us then transitioned into our problem of sin. Giving Tyrone a simple definition for the word,

"Sin is the things we think, say, and do that God doesn't want us to think, say, or do.", I then spoke to Him of The Ten Commandments and the "Natural Law" (not calling it that). After this, I spoke to Tyrone of God's judgment on sin and the mercy of God available through Jesus. We discussed the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord and the necessity of faith leading to repentance.

As Tyrone heard the Gospel, I watched the change in his countenance. His expression grew serious as we talked and, later into our discussion of the Gospel, his eyes teared up and occasionally one would run down his cheek. Having asked Tyrone once again regarding his understanding of and belief in what we had talked about, I then said, "Tyrone, God has promised He will either judge you for your sin or save you from judgment if you repent of your sin and commit to Christ being your Lord. Will you turn to God today, seek his forgiveness for the things you have done, and receive Jesus as your Lord: the One in charge of your life?"

Tyrone was silent for a time, the occasional tear that had flowed, turned into a steady stream running down his face as he stood there. He looked at the drink in his hand. He looked upward. He looked at the crowd over my shoulder. Finally, Tyrone looked at me and said with a break in his voice, "I can't do that today". We talked a little more, then Tyrone walked down the street. He had my contact information in his pocket. I had his word that he would contact me when Mardi Gras was over. To date, I have not heard from Tyrone.

There are many like Tyrone at Mardi Gras even as there are many like him in your hometown, your workplace, and maybe even living next door to you. Men and women so "comfortable" in sin that, when hope is placed before them as the Gospel is shared and the Father draws, they remain in their comfort zone and continue to conform to the world.

Brothers and Sisters, continue to pray for them. And since, "Faith comes by hearing and hearing of the word of God" (Romans 3:17), share the Gospel with them again with a prayer that today would be the day of their salvation. Finally, live the life the Lord calls you to live that they might witness the transformative power of God in the life of those who embrace the Gospel!

Twenty-three men were involved in the Mission to Mardi Gras this year. And I praise God that each followed the example of their Lord on the streets of New Orleans. All shared the truths of God without compromise and did so with compassion and a gentleness that speaks well of their Master: the Lord Jesus Christ! As well, all ministered to and encouraged each other in the bond of fellowship under the banner of the Lord. Many of these men I have known for years. Others I just met this year. In either case, I am grateful to the Lord that He has allowed me to fellowship and serve Him with such men as He calls to be His witnesses at Mardi Gras every year. And I look forward to a time when we will serve Him together in the future, whether on this earth or in Heaven!

A few things about the Mission to Mardi Gras 2022

- 23 men from 11 states (IL, GA, NC, MD, KS, TX, OK, TN, AR, NJ, LA) participated in this mission.
- The team consisted of men involved in both ministry callings and secular careers.
- Approximate ages ranged from men in their 40s to age 77.
- Each morning, time was spent in intercession for the crowds and the teams before we ever hit the streets.
- The crowds were evangelized through open-air preaching, Gospel tracts, signs, and one-on-one conversations.
- Conservatively, more than 26,000 tracts were distributed to the crowd.
- 7 people repented and placed their faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior.
- 3 requested Bibles and study aids.
- Follow up and assimilation of those who made decisions/requests is in process based on the information gathered/provided.

A special thanks to Dr. Preston L. Nix, Professor of Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching, for his teaching on prayer. The Lord blessed us through you!

As we prayerfully look forward this year, Lord willing we will be sharing the Gospel at the venues listed below.

- April 28<sup>th</sup> May 1<sup>st</sup>
  Beale Street Music Festival (Memphis)
- May 26<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> Indianapolis 500 (Indianapolis)
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Hillman Ferry Outreach (Kentucky)
- Jun 11<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> Beach Reach (Ocean City, MD)
- August 4<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Sturgis (South Dakota)
- September 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Horseshoe Ministry (Kansas)
- November-December Salvation Army Outreach (Local)

We will also be sharing the Gospel in various local missions, venues, and from the pulpit to His people as the Lord allows.

We ask for your prayers for the ongoing ministry of Call of Grace mentioned above. We also request your prayers for the following:

- Pray for Holy Spirit conviction leading to the salvation of Vladimir Putin.
- Pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia.
- Pray for our leaders to humble themselves before the Lord and seek His wisdom.
- Please stand in the gap for your Brothers and Sisters that we, as His people, would act with faith on the promise in 2 Chron 7:14.

### Is there something we can pray for you? If so, please let us know.

Thank you for your prayers and support. Everything the Lord calls us to do is done with your help and we are thankful to the Lord for your service to Him with us. If He calls you to go on mission with us, 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 as regards your evangelistic efforts, please contact us.

Until Jesus comes,

# Dennis and Cindy Mohr

## ~Cindy's Bottom Line~

Jesus has declared this promise to all who will truly repent and believe:

"*I am* the light of the world. Whoever **follows** me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12 NIV)

## Jesus, the Light, shows us how we may live an abundant life in Him forever!

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