

# Call of Grace Ministries

*Come unto Me. . .I will give you rest*

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**“Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!”**

Psalms 105:1 (NKJV)

“What’s this? I don’t get it.” Thus began my conversation with Orlando and Madison.

Our team had just arrived at the boardwalk in Ocean City, MD for another evening of sharing the Gospel. I began to distribute the tract shown to the right. The very first two that I passed out were to a couple walking down the boardwalk: Orlando and Madison, whose names I learned later in our conversation. They looked at the front then Orlando made the comments above. I replied, “Don’t all of us like to think we’re good? The question is, “Are we really good or are we fooling ourselves?” Read the first paragraph inside.” Both of them opened up the tract and began to read.



**All of us like to think we are good. The truth? None of us are.** We have all defied God and broken His Law (sinned). We have lied, stolen, cheated, lusted, and worshipped things besides God. In spite of any good things you may think you have done, by God’s standard, which is the only one that matters, you are guilty because of your sin.

When they looked up again, I said, “We tend to compare ourselves to others when we consider whether or not we are good. However, the only standard for goodness that matters is God’s. And by that measure, none of us are good. All of us have thought, said, or done things that God says we shouldn’t think, say, or do. That’s a simple definition for sin and all of us have done these things.” As we continued to talk, I spoke to them regarding the Lord’s judgment on sin and the penalty for it: an eternity in hell. Then I told them about God’s provision for our sin: Jesus on the cross. Our conversation continued with the contrast of the wage we deserve for our sin v. the gift of mercy and grace known as eternal life that Jesus has made available to those who will receive Him as Lord. Finally, we spoke about repentance and the commitment embodied within it as an individual turns from their sin to the Lord.

We conversed for quite a while. Orlando and Madison had questions, which I did my best to answer then I would turn the conversation back to the Gospel. As we talked, I had watched their countenance change as they were convicted by the Spirit. When I called them to a decision regarding what they had heard, both Orlando and Madison chose to repent and call upon the Lord for salvation!

Eleven men were on the team that shared Christ at Ocean City. The Lord used all of us, for which we are grateful to Him! The Gospel was shared with thousands through Gospel tracts, sketch-boarding, open-air preaching, and one-on-one or small group conversations.

Thank you to Mark Johnson for his work in setting up this mission and for the invitation to serve in it. Also, a big thank you to the couple who graciously provided lodging for the team. They could have easily rented their beach house for the week; instead, they offered it to the Lord’s service! What a blessing to Him and us!

It's been a busy month since our last newsletter. Before I served at Beach Reach (above), I led a team of men (David Cobb, Jeff Fauver, Richard Jones, Richard Palmer, and myself) to Indianapolis to share Jesus with the crowd that came to town for the festivities over Memorial Day weekend. Saturday morning, after our devotional time, we headed for downtown Indy and the Festival 500 parade. The parade is a great place for distributing Gospel tracts. This year the parade crowd was estimated at 300,000 people. Friday and Saturday evening were spent on Georgetown Rd. by the race track. We spent the evenings sharing the Gospel through tracts and conversations. Thousands of tracts were handed out over our two days in Indy and there were many conversations in which the Gospel was shared and explained.

I want to thank Shane, who has provided us with parking down by the track since I have led this mission. Parking is a premium there, yet he gives us a place to park so the Gospel can be shared. As well, I want to thank Tom who provided a mission house for our use while we were in the city. I am grateful to the Lord for both of these men!

Closer to home this month, Cindy and I have served as chaplains at Hillman Ferry (KY) and at multiple local foodbanks. At these, we share the Gospel and minister to other needs as they are revealed, praying with/for people as they express their concerns. Some of the stories are heart-breaking and we are thankful to be used by the Lord to both proclaim His truth and speak His peace into the lives of others as we minister.

Beginning in August, we will have a new facet of ministry. The reversal of Roe v Wade (Praise the Lord!) has caused a Memphis abortion mill to move to Carbondale, IL, which is 20 miles away. They are scheduled to begin this evil in August of this year. We will be spending time there in prayer and presence seeking to reach out to both the "patients" and the workers with the truth of God's word and the compassion of His love through us. We ask for your prayers as we seek direction in this new endeavor.

We are also seeking those who live in the area who feel led to join us in standing for life in His grace.

*Is this you? If so, please call or text (618) 694-8199 (Dennis) or (618) 889-7687 (Cindy).*

### **Ministry to a Ministry**

We are still collecting clothing and other items for Vieux Carre Baptist Church. These items will be used by them in the ministry of sharing the Gospel and meeting the needs of the homeless (and others) in the French Quarter of New Orleans.

Our list of items for them is below. We are asking you, your Sunday School, and your church to prayerfully consider helping us bless this ministry that they might be a blessing to others. If you live in the Southern Illinois area, we will happily pick up the things you choose to donate.

As well, we will be purchasing some cases of backpacks and blankets for their ministry. If you live farther away, we ask that you pray about making a cash donation toward this effort. Just tell us it is to be used for "Vieux Carre" when you send it. All donations designated for Vieux Carre will be used to purchase needed items or given to them as a cash donation.

**Gently used**

- Men's pants waist size 30-40 (No dress pants)
- Men's shorts waist size 30-40
- Men's long sleeve tees and shirts (no dress shirts)
- T-shirts size Medium - XXXL
- Clean used socks (Men's and Women's)
- Belts
- Good, used tennis/walking shoes and work boots
- Used backpacks and duffle bags
- Travel shampoos
- Men's & Women's winter coats size Medium - XXXL
- Men's hoodies size Medium - XXXL (no sweaters)
- Men's winter hats
- Men's winter gloves
- Back packs

**Purchased items**

- Disposable razors
- Small deodorant
- Socks (Men's and Women's)
- Men's underwear size 32-38

Tentatively, we will be delivering these donations to them toward the end of August.  
*We will be accepting items for this trip until August 13<sup>th</sup>.*

**Prayer requests**

- Pray for the Lord's current and future harvest from the missions mentioned above. Ask the Lord to bring workers into His field to continue the work in the lives we touched and grow them to harvest!
- We ask that you pray for the ongoing ministry of Call of Grace
- 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.
- Pray for our nation's leaders at every level.
- Please pray for the enemies of our nation both within and without. Jesus desires to change their hearts also.

***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 truly grateful you are a part of this ministry to the Lord. If He 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 as regards your evangelistic efforts, please contact us.

Until Jesus comes,

*Dennis & Cindy*

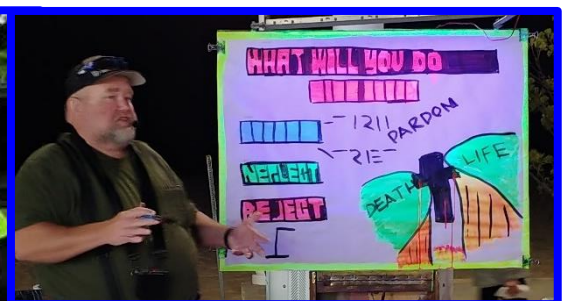
~Cindy's Bottom Line~

What a joy it is to serve the Lord by serving others. And Jesus gave this responsibility to all who follow Him.

***“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”***

1Peter 4:10 (NIV)

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*Beach Reach 2022 – Ocean City, MD*