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"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

John 3:16 (NKJV)

September is our time to serve with the John 3:16 Horseshoe Ministry at the Kansas State Fair. It is a time for us to come alongside old friends, as well as make new acquaintances, as we to work together in fellowship in the Lord's harvest field at the Kansas State Fair. What a blessing to serve with others in proclaiming the Gospel of our Lord!



The John 3:16 Horseshoe Ministry is an outreach of Believers Southern Baptist Church, located in Wichita, KS. The mission

is comprised of long days, which are rewarded by the blessing of seeing the Lord work as His Gospel is shared. A horseshoe with the person's name stamped in it is given to them for the privilege of sharing the Gospel with them. This year over 3,200 horseshoes were given away, which means at least that many people heard the Gospel. And each person was given the opportunity to respond in faith to God's love and mercy made available to us through the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus!

And many did respond in faith! At the end of the mission, 342 people had made decisions for Christ! These people were of all ages, although from what I experienced, most appeared to be between the ages of 14-40. Another thing we have noticed is that many of those who receive the Lord have little to no knowledge of the Bible; some do not even own a Bible. So Cindy and I have begun providing age-appropriate study Bibles to those we talk to who receive Jesus and do not have one. This year, we shipped 21 Bibles to new Believers who did not possess a copy of God's word to us: the Bible.

We also provide two study aids to help those who have a limited understanding of Scripture. The first one helps them understand "Bible-ese". It provides basic information on looking up Scripture references as well as a suggested reading pattern for a new Believer, or anyone who has not spent much time in the word. The other study aid contains simple questions to consider as you read as well as basic guidelines for interpreting/understanding Scripture. 41 sets of these papers were mailed out after we returned home from the mission! We reach out to the ones we shared with in this fashion because we believe it is important for them to know the person who shared Christ with them cares enough to help them move forward. We consider it both a responsibility and a privilege to do this.

Believers SBC will be working to follow up with everyone who made professions. Their desire? That their new Brothers and Sisters be in a church where they can be encouraged, discipled, and grow strong in faith! Please be in prayer for the follow-up as they personally reach out to those that live in their area. And as they seek pastors and churches in the various towns where the others live who will commit to doing the same. Please pray their efforts in follow-up will be fruitful and seen as a blessing by all involved!

We have included the papers mentioned above with our newsletter in the past. If you would like another set, for yourself or someone else, we will be happy to provide it. Just let us know.

Cindy and I returned home in time to lead the Bible study at the Lighthouse Shelter for the last two weeks. Last week a lady joined us who was new to the shelter: Roxanne. Lately, we had been doing in-depth studies on the seven sign miracles in John's Gospel. Since we had a newcomer in the group, we reviewed the purpose for John's Gospel (John 20:30-31) and the purpose of signs with regard to Christ. At the end of our time in God's word, I shared the Gospel with Roxanne. As she heard the truth of God's grace toward us, she turned to the Lord seeking His forgiveness and asking the Lord to take charge of her life! We saw Roxanne again last night as she joined us for another Bible study. She told us she had been reading the Bible we gave her each day this week. Please pray for Roxanne as she moves forward in her new life with the Lord!

We started this part of our ministry over eight years ago, before Call of Grace formally came into existence. Along the way, we have enlisted others to help lead this study. We are thankful to the Lord for all those who have or are serving in this ministry for the Lord!

We were also home in time to help at one of the two local foodbanks. Cindy and I serve there by interacting with the people who are waiting to receive the food being distributed. We spend our time talking with people, praying with them regarding their needs and concerns, and sharing the Gospel. What a blessing it is to minister (lift Jesus before His children) and evangelize (lift Jesus before the lost) as we serve Him with others at the foodbank each month!

Cindy and I are still in preparation for witnessing at the two abortion clinics that will be opening in Carbondale, IL. One is currently scheduled to open in October, having been delayed from opening in August. We pray the Lord will delay them further if He does not choose to shut them down! If you would like to join us for part of the time we are there when they open, please let us know.

We are also preparing our schedule for ringing the bell for the Salvation Army. We will be doing this on various days at various locations during November and December. As we ring, we have opportunities to pass Gospel tracts, pray with people, and share the Gospel. A typical season allows us to distribute five to six thousand tracts, which we provide. As well, the Lord fills the bucket, all of which is used to help people in the area where it is collected.

The Salvation Army is always looking for volunteers and you are the one who sets your schedule. If you might like to do this, wherever you are, we have Thanksgiving and Christmas-themed tracts and would be delighted to send you some for your use. If you need some for this mission or a different one, contact us.

One last thing. We are seeking three people who are extremely fluent in Spanish to translate and/or proof some items for us. If this is you, or if you know someone who might help, please contact us.

## We also request your prayers for the following:

- Pray for the ongoing ministry of Call of Grace
- 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.
- 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 that God's people will cast their vote this November based on what the Lord calls good and identifies as evil.

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

Thank you for your prayers and support. We are grateful to the Lord for you. Everything the Lord calls us to do is done with your help. 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~

In these days, as the world seems to be spiraling further downward, it is critical that we reach out, in love, by sharing the Gospel, teaching that truth can only be found in the Word of God and continuing to pray for one another. This is God's model for service!

"Only fear the LORD and serve him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things he has done for you."

1Samuel 12:24 NKJV

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