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"Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase."

1 Corinthians 3:5-7 (NKJV)

For those who do street evangelism, the above words must resound in our hearts. We go, we proclaim the Gospel to the crowd, we share with the one who stops, we distribute tracts to all who will receive them, then we go home. Sometimes we reap; the majority of the time we sow. Always we must pray. . .and trust, for only the Lord knows the type of soil upon which the seed landed. Most of the time we never know how those who walk by are touched by the Lord. But occasionally we hear of someone like Patrick.

Patrick went to Mardi Gras. Patrick's testimony? He saw everything there was to see on Bourbon St. but, "...was drawn to nothing more than the preachers holding up their crosses...seeing them so confident in their faith in such a place...". Patrick's journey to saving faith took about another two years (based on clues in the video) as our Lord lovingly continued to draw him. The journey began before he went to Mardi Gras. However, Patrick sees the witness he encountered at Mardi Gras as, "...the turning point...", on his road to faith.

Brothers and Sisters, the same concept you hear in Patrick's words is true wherever you share your faith. Whether you are on a street known for its decadence or in Walmart, those to whom you witness see your "confidence in your faith" when you share the Gospel. How will the Lord use your witness? Only He knows. . .but it just may be the "turning point" on the road to faith for the one who hears.

The Link to Patrick's testimony is https://youtu.be/aJFys0V1VYo?si=hmrrgPtzkhFBR4b-

Cindy and I have been busy locally since Mardi Gras. One of the ministries we are involved with is through our church. It is the Good News Club: a ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship. The Good News Club ministers to children in grades K-5 on school grounds after the school day is over. The truths of the Bible are shared through Bible stories. Children hear the Gospel and are given the opportunity to ask questions and/or respond to the Lord and receive Christ. The sessions are once a week and last for six weeks each school semester. Working with the Good News Club has been a blessing for Cindy and I. I encourage you to consider being involved with or starting one in your area. For more information check online at <a href="https://www.cefonline.com/">https://www.cefonline.com/</a> or call (636) 456-4321. If you live in the Southern Illinois area, contact Robin at (618) 303-2335.

Lord willing, in late June we will be taking a load of supplies to Vieux Carre Baptist Church in New Orleans. The supplies are used by the church to minister to the homeless in the French Quarter. They are in need of the items listed below. They can also use women's items of a similar type and size. We will be happy to pick up any donations you may wish to contribute.

### **Donations for Vieux Carre**

## **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 / soaps
- 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

Please consider a donation designated for "Vieux Carre" towards purchasing backpacks, blankets, and hygiene products by the case.

## **Upcoming Missions**

Memphis in May Outreach (BBQ Festival) May 16<sup>th</sup> - 19th Indy 500 Outreach May 24<sup>th</sup> - 26th

# We also request your prayers for the following:

- Be in prayer for all the saints. (Eph 6:18).
- Pray for the peace of Israel.
- Pray for our nation's leaders at every level.
- We ask that you pray for the ongoing ministry of Call of Grace

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

Thank you for your prayers and support. 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. As well, if you or your church believe we could be of service as you reach out to your community, please contact us.

Until Jesus comes,

Dennis & Cindy

~Cindy's Bottom Line~

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your father who is in heaven."

Matthew 5:16 (ESV)

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