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“And how shall they hear without a preacher?”

Romans 10:14c (NKJV)

Mard Gras is over. I'm still recovering. This is without a doubt one of the most intense missions in which I participate. The assault on the senses of righteous people during Mardi Gras is real and comes to a head on Bourbon St., especially at night. Any given day may bring a myriad of temptations and tests. And the spiritual battle of the moment will be lost if one does not rely on the Lord for what is needed. But when we rely on the Lord, we see Him victorious, for it is always the Lord who wins the battle. I think all of our team would agree that it is a mission we would prefer did not occur. Yet most of us are there every year. “Why?”, you may ask. Because the darkness is great and those within it desperately need to hear from a preacher.

Preacher. Don't let the word deceive you. The Greek word does not mean someone who stands in a pulpit on Sundays, although they are included in the scope of this word. A simple definition of the word would be, “Preacher - One who is a herald (proclaimer) of religious truth.” And there is only one truth; Jesus has provided the way for us to be restored to God through His atoning sacrifice on the Cross. For the blood shed by Jesus covers the sin and shame of those who believe and humble themselves to receive the mercy now available from a Holy God by acknowledging the truth of Jesus Lordship over them. This is the message that must be preached for *this is the truth that must be heard!*

Scripture tells us in the verse that follows (Rom. 10:15) that preachers are set apart and sent. So, who has been set apart to be sent? Your Pastor certainly has been. Those who witnessed for Christ at Mardi Gras have been. . .and so have you. Every Believer has been set apart and sent by the Lord Himself for the task (service, privilege) of preaching (heralding, proclaiming, sharing) the truth of mercy and grace made available to us through the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus. You find throughout Scripture His children have been sent. Specifically, you will find this truth in Matt. 28, Mark 16, and Acts 1. It is also intimated within many of the epistles in the New Testament. There can be no doubt all heirs in Christ have been commanded to go. Sometimes to many. At other times to a few or even to one. So let me ask you. . .

To whom is the Lord desiring to send you to preach the Gospel that they might hear?

As it is written:

“How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!”

Romans 10:15 (NKJV)

It is our prayer for you that you will embrace having the beautiful feet of a Preacher.

Although sometimes hard, the Mission to Mardi Gras was a blessing! This year, 30 men from 9 different states were called by the Lord to be a part of this mission. Their ages ranged from early 20s to in their 80s and I praise and thank the Lord for each one of these men! The unity among the men was a sweet anointing from the Lord! We worshipped and prayed together. We also gleaned from the Word together for the Lord gave our two teachers timely, relevant teaching, which He used in us. And after the teaching, we went forth together to proclaim the truth of His Gospel on the streets of the French Quarter.

The Gospel was preached, shared in conversation, and distributed through tracts; over 50,000 Gospel tracts were distributed! And Jesus drew men and women to Himself as the Gospel was proclaimed! 7 people made professions of faith! We have reached out to these as the contact information provided permits, in an effort to help them in their walk with Christ. Please be in prayer for your new Brothers and Sisters. As well be in prayer for those who received any Gospel witness, be it through our efforts or from one of the many other groups who were proclaiming Christ. Many seeds were planted and the field was tended. May the Lord grow the seed to harvest in His time!

I want to thank my friend, Joe Toy (Open Air Ministries, Inc.), for His involvement in the mission. Joe is my partner in coordinating this undertaking for the Lord's glory. I am truly appreciative of his aid and his dedication to our Lord and the Gospel message.

Also, a special thanks to Dr. Preston Nix (New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary) and Pastor Trey Williams (Tammany Baptist Church) for their teaching and to Pastor Troy Bohn (R.A.V.E.N. Ministries) for graciously providing hospitality at The Raven's Nest for all the mission teams while we were on the street.

In each instance above, we are thankful to the Lord for His blessing that came to us through you!

Upcoming/Ongoing Ministry

Mission to Memphis – April 30th – May 3rd

This will be a men's mission to witness in the downtown area on and near Beale Street. The mission takes place during the Riverbeat and Beale Street Music Festivals (Yes, they say there will be two this year). For more information, contact me by phone, text, or email.

Mission to Kenya – June

Please be in prayer for our upcoming mission in Kenya. Cindy and I are excited to be used by the Lord to come alongside our dear friends in the Kisii area of the country.

Associational Service

I ask for your prayers for my service to the Lord as Mission Strategist – Missions Together for the SBC churches in our county.

Other local missions/ministry with which we are regularly involved.

We request your prayers for the following:

- Pray the Lord's people will humble themselves that He would heal our land (2 Chron 7:14).
- Pray for the Lord's protection and blessing upon those in law enforcement and their families
- Pray for our nation's leaders at every level.
 - May those who are lost be drawn to honor the Lord with their lives.
 - May they come to know they are the servants of God to protect and prosper this nation.
 - May they see the unrest in our nation as a call to govern with God's wisdom rather than an opportunity for party agendas.
- Be in prayer for all the saints. (Eph 6:18).
- Pray for the peace of Israel.
- We ask that you pray for the ongoing ministry of Call of Grace

Is there is anything we can pray for you? Please make it known.

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 you or your church believe we could be of service to you, please contact us.

May the Lord bless you for your ministry with us!

Until Jesus comes,

Dennis & Cindy

~Cindy's Bottom Line~

If you have believed and committed your life to Jesus, then He has promised you eternal life with Him. That is the best news anyone can ever hear. And it was never intended to be kept quiet. In fact, we are commanded to share that good news every chance we get. Determine today to be obedient to His command. Share with someone this week!

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The crowd on Bourbon St. at night.



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