



35 years and still going because of you!

August/September Update

GPS HELPED ME GET SOMEONE SAVED.

While in Rochester, Minnesota I was eating at someone's house one evening, so relying on my GPS I was driving there. When the GPS said you have arrived, I got out and asked the man who was outside if this was the right address. He said that for some reason the GPS always brings people going to that address to his house, but it wasn't correct. Then his wife joined us outside so I took the opportunity to invite them to the Big Day at the church. As I was talking to them, I decided to give them life's most important question, "If you died today, do you know 100% for sure that you will go to Heaven?" The couple said no and allowed me to share the gospel with them. They were sweetly saved, I was thirty minutes late for the meal, but I think the hosts understood. I love it when the Holy Spirit makes a way to give the gospel.

VBS IS OVER.

We ended the VBS season with two good meetings in Michigan. Metro Baptist in Belleville Lakecrest Baptist in Waterford had record attendances with the busses full and running over. So many good stories about children receiving Christ. One sweet story is about a couple of the children who rode the bus from Pontiac and made a profession of faith. A month later they were killed in a tragic accident. The bus director and workers contacted us to rejoice that those children woke up in Heaven. Thank the Lord for churches that are on the go with the gospel.

Prayer Request

We will do the same program next year which will include going to four reservation churches in New Mexico and Arizona. We are already praying about the money needed for the trip and getting the prizes. This year we are setting up a general store at each one so we will literally need hundreds of prizes. We cover the cost of this. If you have anything that you would like to donate for prizes, please contact Loretta.

TENT MEETING IN AUGUST

We went to this tent meeting two years ago and saw great results, we were not disappointed this year. Amazing Grace Baptist Church of Oriskany Falls, NY has a Sunday through Friday meeting under the tent. Each night the preacher features a different special group to ask to come. Saturday before it started, we held a teen activity with twelve saved. Wednesday was farmer night, and folks actually drove their tractors to church for everyone to look at before and after the services. Friday night was youth night where we put out our inflatables. It was a very productive meeting with 60 saved. You would have enjoyed seeing the number of adults and children who also got baptized in the horse trough full of water. This was a blast from the past with 200 in attendance in a very small community that obviously wanted to support this unusual event.

After the tent meeting, we drove four hours to another area in New York for a Saturday big day. Bro. Travis Lewis had an event at a park. It was exciting to see so many folks show up for the carnival activities and most did stay for the two shows he had planned with Champ and Dixie. People came forward to get saved. One adult lady told a worker, I know it might seem odd for me to come forward, but I saw all the kids and thought I want to get saved too. She doesn't know how glad we were that she felt welcome to come too!

SOUL WINNING REPORT

Salvations for August and September total **388!** Thank you for keeping us on the road for souls.

Remember when...

I thought I would share with our supporters the details of the animals we now use in the program.

Many years ago, as a child I saw a cowboy named Ken Bowen come to our church with a horse and there started my dream of being a cowboy preacher with animals to present the gospel. Later as an Assistant Pastor I ran into Evangelist Bill Lystlund who at one point in his ministry had a little mini named Bullet that traveled with him. When I saw Bro. Bill the next time, I expressed my dream of having a horse.

Back in 2008 or so Bill Lystlund called me to ask me if I was still interested in having a miniature horse to train and use in the program. Of course, I answered with a hardy, "YES". He ended up buying one that a friend of his was selling. I got a friend of mine in Tennessee to pick up Champ and keep him for a few years in his pastures. Eventually, I changed my trailer to accommodate a horse and picked him up in 2011 to take him to a trainer I found in Florida. We left him in the capable hands of this trainer for six months. In June, I drove back to pick him up where the trainer trained me and the rest is history. I'll never forget the first time I used him in a church in Bonita Springs, Florida. I have done his routine thousands of times in the last 14 years. I never tire of it. I love using this horse.

He brings in the crowds. When I am out visiting with him, he draws folks out of their homes to see him. A memory comes back from visiting in Louisiana where we were in a trailer park. A lady literally ran out the door putting on her robe to see the horse. When we left the house with a promise of her coming the next day with her two daughters, the preacher informed me that she had ran him off her porch the week before. But a horse comes and she is all smiles. He has a way of breaking down barriers. The lady actually came and sat on the front row with her daughters and when the invitation was given they all walked the aisle for salvation.

Next in 2015 we were in California when Pastor Matt Gibbs teased me about getting a dog to have a real "Dog and Pony Show". Little did he know that I had thought of doing just that. I just didn't know when and how. The next year in January when we were traveling to Florida for our winter tour of meetings, Bro. Tom Young asked me if I wanted a dog. I don't remember having told Tom that I wanted one, but I told him right then about Bro. Gibbs saying that months ago and thinking about adding a dog to the performance. He assured me that a stray had shown up to his horse who he thought would be an ideal one for me. (Tom is somewhat of a dog expert to me so I knew this had to be a match made in Heaven).

I got to Tom's home church yard, he brought a small white fluff ball who sat on Champ's saddle and rode around like she had done for years. She didn't jump off but was willing to ride forever. I knew this was the dog that had brought to me. For another month every morning I worked with Dixie on about fifteen tricks. I was doing a chapel service for First Baptist Church of South Brevard in Melbourne, Florida. My family was in the service and was so shocked when I had them let go of Dixie where she ran to me in front of the audience. I proceeded to see their amazement as she did her tricks that taught the children to want to please their parents.

Are you amazed as I am as I see the hand of God in our ministry for all of these years. Thank you for being a part of that ministry. We are up in years but still full of desire to get the gospel out to the United States. Your part in prayers and financial support enable us to continue.