

Share your faith every day as a way of life!

How the Lord used us in January, 2013

After the long dry spell between the holidays, we were anxious to get out and start ministering in 2013. During the slow time, God answered prayer and provided for us financially as He has done many times before. I spent a lot of this down time making calls and sending emails trying to fill our schedule. God rewarded the efforts and our schedule is looking good for the next several months. But it is a constant battle to keep the calendar full as the year progresses. We rely on "word of mouth" to open doors for us to minister in new places. Also during this time, I made a number of changes/improvements to the content of the M.A.D. Live Event. I read Mark Cahill's book, "The Watchman", which had a huge impact on me. I quote Mark a number of times in the new material and we now offer his book for sale at the Live Events.

Let me tell you about January. Although our first M.A.D. Live Event didn't happen until January 12th, we were able to complete 5 Live Events during the month, equipping another 642 people to share their faith in Christ as a lifestyle. In addition, 6 more souls were added to the Kingdom! Praise God! Two of the M.A.D. Live Events were sponsored by WMHK radio in Columbia, SC. John Owens (Operations Manager) has booked us four times now and the attendance is always strong. John also got me the opportunity to present the material to the staff at WRCM, their sister station in Charlotte, while we were down south. They are now interested in partnering on an event sometime in the future. I was asked to fill the pulpit one Sunday in Elloree, SC.

Here are a couple of testimonies that I received. I pray that they'll bless your heart and encourage you to press on as well!

"Dear brother Don,

Thank you for coming to Calvary Bible Saturday, I can't tell you enough how blessed I am and excided to share the good news of Jesus. Today is Monday one day after you visit and amazing seminar and I was able to witness to a service tech that came to check the alarm and sprinkler systems in our building. This young man has come many times and I spent time with him talking and getting things ready for him but I never took the time to TELL him. Today was different after his work was finish and Roy was saying his farewells I ask him the question: hay Roy what do you believe? which led to a long discussion about Jesus.

Roy is Catholic and coming from a Catholic background myself we connected. I didn't ask him to say a prayer but I did ask him to read the pocket testament and he said that he would and would call me with any questions. Tomorrow morning I am going to breakfast and bible with a group of men from different churches and we have the same waitress named Pam taking care of us. I have a PT prepared to give her, as I thought about this morning the Spirit gave me Matt 7-7 to write in and asking her to ask seek and knock so she will be able to know Jesus.

Brother you have given me an excitement about sharing Jesus and I thank you for being obedient to the prompting of the Holy Spirit to awaken us up. To be truthful with this is coming from someone who half heartedly came Saturday morning, boy was I wrong. I intend to share your ministry with the brothers at breakfast in the morning asking them to recommend your ministry with their church. Please keep us posted of your seminars because I intend to be in one again. Many Blessings on your ministry."

"Hi Don!

I attended the Make A Difference training at St. Andrews Evangelical Church two weeks ago. This was the second time I had been to your training at that church. I've been really excited to put into practice what I learned, have been praying the 3-open prayer and have been seeing God provide opportunities to share Christ and His word.

Recently I have had the chance to give out pocket Gospels of John and to share Christ with two co-workers who are not yet believers. Today at work I was asking God to help me be available and I was able to give out a "My Heart Christ's Home" booklet to one person and a pocket Gospel of John to another. As it turned out these two people were already believers with clear testimonies of Jesus' work in their lives.

When I got home today, guess what was on my porch? Not a goat, but a "mis-delivered" UPS envelope marked Urgent. Sensing that it was "mis-delivered" to me for a reason, I walked the envelope over to a house down the street, and just as I got there my neighbor drove up with his wife. I had not met them before, but after handing the UPS envelope to them, I told them that I believed I was also supposed to give them this pocket Gospel of John with God's plan of salvation so that they could know how to spend eternity with him. They accepted the booklet and I returned home.

I am grateful to God for your ministry and wanted to share these "good" things with you. The Holy Spirit is stirring my heart to live a rescuer lifestyle, and I'm endeavoring to make myself available to God for this purpose. I pray that God would help me to be Christ's ambassador with greater effectiveness each day."

SUPPORT UPDATE - We are so thankful that many of you pray for us daily and support us financially so we can continue to serve Christ full time. In 2 Corinthians 8 and 9 - Paul provides guidelines for ministry fundraising. We continue to faithfully adhere to these points as we raise our support funds. We are currently at 60% and continue to trust God for the remaining 40%!

- Be dedicated to God (8:5)
- Show definite purpose and goal (8:4)
- Reveal honesty and integrity (8:21)
- Let people give willingly (9:7)
- Be persistent, trusting God to provide (8:2ff)
- Provide information (8:4)
- Be enthusiastic (8:7,8,11)
- Be accountable (9:3)
 - Be generous yourselves (8:7)

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

- Feb 2 MAD Live Event Mt. Enon Baptist Church, South Philadelphia
- Feb 9 MAD Live Event Cape Cod Alliance Church Brewster, MA
- Feb 16 Walk thru the Bible Old Testament Seminar Alden Community Church, Alden, NY
- Feb 17 MAD Live Event Emmanuel Baptist Church, Penn Yan, NY
- Feb 23 MAD Live Event Hammondsport United Methodist Church, Hammondsport, NY
- Feb 24 MAD Live Event Lima Baptist Church, Lima, NY

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For God to continue to fill our schedule and increase our support base
- For good health and safety as we travel, meet and interact with His people
- For the Holy Spirit to continue to touch hearts and lives through our ministry for Christ

Love in Christ,

Don and Cathy

Dear Friend,

I call you "friend" because we connected by our appreciation for Don and Cathy Sunshine and the ministry to which the Lord has called them.

For several years I worked alongside Don at Family Life, and not only enjoyed his friendship, his passion for Christ, and his work ethic; but also I learned much in those early days of his "Rescue" seminars.

I've been in "vocational ministry" for over thirty years, and I seldom meet people with the zeal combined with knowledge and passion evident in Don.

For all those years I've been "on support," just as Don is. Don and Cathy ask the Lord to raise up folks to stand with them as co-laborers in the gospel by investing the powerful combination of finance and prayer.

As you are probably aware, thus far the incoming funds are not matching the needs. I asked Don if I could write you to simply encourage you to prayerfully consider a couple things:

- 1) In this age of "it's all about me" "Christianity," is it valuable...even critical...to have someone like Don training teens and adults in effective, Christ-honoring evangelism?
- 2) In fact, is there any other investment more valued?
- 3) Will you pray and think about standing with the Sunshine's in order to ensure the continuance of their ministry?

If you are already giving, could you increase your giving at least a bit? If you are giving occasionally, could you contemplate giving monthly that the Sunshines might better budget?

And, if you've not given to this point; would you allow for the possibility that the Lord has prompted me to write in order that you might sense His leading to be a vital link in the chain of effectiveness that is Don's ministry?

I encourage you to call Don should you have questions, and if the Lord leads you to action as you pray, let him know of your decision,

Literally thousands have heard Don's training...and those thousands have impacted countless others with the gospel...Let's keep this unique, effective, and on-the-heart-of-God ministry going!

Thank you for your time...

Serving in His grace,

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