

# Share your faith every day as a way of life!

## How The Lord Used Us in April of 2017

#### Hello Brothers and Sisters!

We completed 7 MAD Live Events in April. 376 more followers of Jesus were equipped to begin sharing their faith in obedience to Christ. Also, we were blessed by the Lord to see another 10 people surrender their lives to Christ in repentance and faith at these events! Praise God!

We began our "off-road" ministry in April with a "break-in" ride. I went to Windrock Park just south of us to ride and share the Gospel with people God connected me with. I went to the general store to register and get my permit. As I pulled into the parking lot there was only one vehicle there. It was a nice Ford F-250 with PA tags and a trailer attached. After coming back out to unload my machine, the man and his son were doing the same. I asked where they were from in PA and he said, "Pittsburgh". We talked for a while and found out that Gary and his 16 year old son Gavin were there for a day of riding. He mentioned it was his first time at Windrock and I said the same. He told me that the lady behind the counter gave him a one-page sheet with a suggested 3-hour loop ride that was easy to do. I didn't get one of them, so I asked if I could follow them on the loop. They agreed. We stopped several times and returned to the parking area for lunch.

We talked further over lunch and agreed on doing another short loop after lunch. As they had Gary to navigate and Gavin to drive, they mapped out another route which included a fun, moderate rated trail. We did that loop, had a nice ride, and returned to the parking area. I asked if Gary had a business card with him and he regrettably said, "No, they're in the hotel". I gave him my card and asked if he went to church. He said he was raised Catholic but had issues with some of the church teachings. I shared my story with him and then told him that he could be assured of going to Heaven when he died. I shared the Gospel message with him using the "Way of the Master" and gave both of them a Gospel of John with the plan of salvation outlined in the front of the booklet. I also gave him a "One Second After You Die..." booklet and asked if I could pray for both of them. Gary excitedly said, "YES"! I called Gavin over and asked if anyone had ever prayed for him and he said he knew his Mom did. I told him that I wanted to pray for him and his Dad so I placed one hand on each of their shoulders and prayed for their salvation, safe riding tomorrow and a safe ride home. He thanked me again and again and I invited them to come to the MAD Live Event that I'll be doing in Beaver Falls, PA in a few weeks. Gary said their weekends were pretty busy with part time business that they have. I suggested that God might open the day up so they could attend. We'll see what the Lord has in mind. What a great way to start this new phase of ministry the Lord has opened up!

Some testimonies that I received this month:

"Hey Don, it was a pleasure to sit with you briefly while we answered the phones at the radio station today (106.9 The Light). Late today I had a call from one listener who wanted to make a monthly pledge, and it came out during our phone call that he is a Charlotte Metro Police Officer, works third shift, and he has been to two of your events! He is bold with his faith, looking for opportunities and he gets them, with fellow officers, at restaurants, and even on calls. I enjoyed praying with him at the end of our call. I

just wanted to pass this along as a word of encouragement that your training makes a difference, and makes a difference with people in some interesting environments."

"When an invitation was given on Sat. night, one man (Dan) raised his hand that he had questions, so he and I retreated to a conference room where we talked for an hour. He has had a rough life and thought himself a Christian, but when I asked him how he will respond when God asks him "Why should I let you into my heaven?", he responded that he wasn't worthy and therefore didn't feel like he would enter heaven. What a perfect starting point for our conversation! An hour later he understood that his entrance into heaven wasn't based on works, but it was a question of in WHOSE works he was going to place his trust - his, or the perfect completed work of Jesus on his behalf. He now understands and gladly, and with tears in his eyes, prayed to place his faith and trust in Jesus' shed blood on his behalf. Praise the Lord!"

### **MAY - JULY SCHEDULE**

- May 2 MAD Live Event New Life East, Spartanburg, SC
- May 6 MAD Live Event Woodland Hills Community Church, Columbia, SC
- May 7 MAD Live Event Forest Hill Baptist Church, Maryville, TN
- May 20 MAD Live Event Freedom Biker Church, Monroe, NC
- May 21 MAD Live Event Central Baptist Church, Alcoa, TN
- June 4 Preach at both Sunday morning and evening services Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Jonesborough, TN
- June 11 MAD Live Event Calvary Baptist Church, Altoona, PA
- June 28 July 7 Ultimate Adventure Trip to Utah
- July 16 MAD Live Event Valley Forge Baptist Temple, Valley Forge, PA (parts 1,2,3)
- July 19 MAD Live Event Valley Forge Baptist Temple, Valley Forge, PA (part 4)
- July 28-29 MAD Live Event Warrior Weekend Men's Retreat, Long View Ranch, Mosheim, TN
- July 30 MAD Live Event First Baptist of Friendsville, Friendsville, TN

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Thank you for your continued prayers regarding our schedule. As you can see, God is at work answering them! There are some incredible doors being opened. Please pray for the requests below:

- For God's Spirit to move powerfully each time we share
- For God to complete healing for Cathy and me.
- For Jaime ("Jimmy") Gonzalez as he and his wife Annabelle complete the translation of our MAD Live Event presentation to Spanish
- We are embarking on a new "off-road" ministry as we have a number of large outdoor riding parks in our area. Please pray that God will use this powerfully to change lives and eternities. We have designed a custom cover for the Pocket Testament League Gospels of John we will use in this ministry. Can't wait to get them in a few weeks! We'll post photos for you to see.
- Pray for our schedule. We continue to work to fill the fall of 2017 and beyond!

Love in Christ,

Cathy and Don