



## M.A.D Testimonies

Hi, I am Ariel, and I was at the training you did at the Oswego Community Christian School. I have two friends named Ben and Nat that were also there. Me, my sister, and the boys all ride the same bus. Today we led two bays named Cory and Jeff to the Lord. The M.A.D. Training was tremendously helpful in every way. If you could pray for the two new Christians that would be great. Thank you soooooo much!!!!

Trying to make a difference,

Ariel B. :-)

Don,

This is so exciting to hear that these four students went M.A.D. on the school bus!! P.T.L.!!

Since I participated in the training in New Haven, I have been wrestling with fear. When you were at the school last week, I determined to eat my lunch in 10 min. and spend the rest of my 1/2 hour lunch in the training. When I came in and sat down, you were just beginning the section of the training on fear. Bulls-eye! That was the part of the training I needed to hear the re-run of.

Today I was the glove and the Lord & I gave two testaments away in 1/2 an hour. On my way to work, on the icy roads, I saw a woman walking up the hill near school towards the race track. The Holy Spirit gave me the thought that I should offer this woman a ride. I tried arguing with the H.S. and lost. I ended up giving this woman a ride. When I dropped her off, I told her that I loved Jesus so much that I love sharing Him and asked her if she'd like the pocket testament I had for her. She said, "Yes!"

When I got back to the school, after dropping her off, a young man was salting the steps at school. He was slip sliding around. The H.S. said, "Go and ask him if he'd like prayer that he wouldn't fall and get hurt while he was de-icing all over town?" I did ask him. He did want to be prayed for and.... I happened to have the testament I picked up at the training in New Haven that I was planning on sending to my son-in-law in Iraq. I told Chris, the de-iceman, that his life might be in more danger on this ice than my son-in-law's. I offered him the testament. He took it and said, "Thank you!".

Praise God I got to hear the re-run on fear. "My" plan was to give away one testament a week. Today I learned I'd better have two testaments in my purse for when God has another plan.

Thanks!

One unworthy servant to another almost fearless one,  
Ruth  
OCCS Kindergarten Teacher

Hi! My name is Rachel, I'm 14 years old, and I went to the MAD training at Wellsboro Baptist Church (it was a while ago but I just now got your email lol)!! I have used it SO many times and had SO many amazing experiences!! I have used it in the mall quite a few times; for example, this one time around Christmas I went to the mall and I sat down on a bench and started talking to this lady. I said "excuse me, May I ask you a question?", and she said "yes" so I ask her if she ever thought about spiritual things and she said that she was a follower of Jesus Christ and she attended church. So I asked her if I could pray for her and she said her

husband had just died and so I pray with her and when I was done she was really happy and looked like she might cry but she said that it was really nice, and she gave me a hug!! IT WAS SO COOL!! I don't think I could have ever have done that before I had done the MAD training!! I have had so many cool things happen and I have handed out tons and tons of tracks!! Thank you for putting on the MAD training!! It was really worth going to and it was really fun! Thanks again! Rachel

You're the first person in a long time who's been able to get through to me spiritually, and tonight I found my way back, and asked Jesus to open all possible doors. Thank you.

Don-

I just wanted to tell you that I attended your MAD seminar on 2/9/08 at New Hope Community Church in Walton, New York with three of my children. (You might remember Elijah.) I just wanted to thank you for your powerful words. Everything you said is what my husband does, so it was really great to have the kids hear it from someone else. I myself had several opportunities right after that seminar. I was given an opportunity to talk to my sons cub scout den about God. What a perfect opportunity!!!! I was able to tell them that God was real and that I spoke to Him all the time. I gave out the army covered pocket testaments. One of the families came to my church this Sunday. Then a real opportunity at my workplace. I have always been very open about my faith at work. I work at a long term care home with 160 residents. I work in the Activities department. We have several spiritual services each week. On Wednesday the Pastor who was to come to do the service called to cancel. I seized the opportunity and shared my faith, testimony and how wonderful God's love truly is with about 75 of our residents, family members and staff. What a blessing!!!!

I just wanted you to know that God is moving in His church. I truly believe that these are the last days and the final call is NOW. Thank you for your MAD seminar it is a great tool.

Yours in Christ,  
Sheila

Hi Don,

I can't thank you enough for the presentation last week at Bethel Assembly of God in Olean. It was just the "boot" in the pants I needed to start speaking to people about Jesus.

Not sure if you remember, but I was the one that told you God spoke to me about why my house was not selling....I needed to witness to the neighbors. Well I went over there the very next day, but they were not home. So I prayed all week that God would open doors, hearts and my mouth the following weekend. So I went back over there Saturday and everything went great. I spoke to her for awhile about Jesus and she told me she was a Catholic, so I told her I used to be one too. Then I told her about how "they" really don't tell the truth. I left her with a tract and she actually smiled and said thank you.

Well later that afternoon, a family stopped by my house and wanted to look at it for possible purchase. Now, you have to understand....NO ONE has looked at the house for several months and now someone stops out of the clear blue to look at the house (it's not even listed with a realtor anymore). WOW!!! Is God great or what. They didn't make an offer, but I know God is faithful and He will sell it when it's the right timing.

Thank you again and keep spreading the Word. You are doing an awesome job. I loved all the stories you told about your experiences.

- Bethel Assembly of God, Olean, NY

I have gladly shared the gospel with two kids on my bus after Don Sunshine came to my school and gave us the mad training. It was really cool and the ten commandments quiz was really fun to do. Near the end of the bus ride the kids became followers. I was really excited. One of the kids is mentally challenged so my friend gave him her children's beginner bible he was really excited about it and the next day on the bus we read to him the whole time. Thank God keep praying.

- Oswego Community Christian School

Don,

I have been praying (battling with God) for a long time about a situation where I know he wants me to talk to a person that I work with, but I have been VERY AFRAID!!! You see, this woman came to work here about a year ago and she is a lesbian. She has lived that lifestyle her whole life apparently and until she came here, I had never met her. I haven't said anything to anyone about how I have felt God tugging at my heart to talk to her, I've just been battling it out with myself and God, not believing that I could even begin to do what he was asking of me! I could hear him speaking to me about it even as I sat in on the training. I knew this was not going to go away! This past Sunday during our praying & sharing time at church, I felt led to finally share this with my congregation and ask for prayers for the situation. I knew right then and there that God was leading me to do this, because I had been trying to fight it all along and He knew that with others praying, hearts would be moved. I had a Brother come up to me after church and share a verse and tell me "I'll be praying for you tomorrow morning." On Monday morning, I said "OK God, this is in your hands now and whatever you do, I'll be obedient." On the way to work, I prayed the 3 open prayer(almost reluctantly - still battling). As I was pulling in the parking lot, the song "Saving Grace" was playing on the radio and the lyrics grabbed at me.....she's never darkened the door of a church doesn't know who Jesus is, etc..... I just had to giggle at God's timing!! I knew he was going to do something to reassure me! Later that day, we were having a discussion about a comedian I had recently seen and how his humor had gone in a direction I was not pleased with and she made the comment that "all comedians eventually "go there"". I said "No, not all of them. There are Christian comedians who are so funny you're rolling on the floor laughing and they don't have to swear or talk about sex or make fun of marriages to be funny!" I told her about Ken Davis, Mark Lowry and others I have heard and she said she had never heard of them. I said "Oh, I could bring you a video of Ken Davis and I guarantee you'll be rolling with laughter - he's hysterical!!!" Then it hit me - GOD DID IT!! He just "opened the door" and "opened my mouth" all at the same time!!! HOW AMAZING IS THAT!!! I just know that this is of God and he will use this to plant a seed! PRAISE THE LORD!!!! Please keep me in your prayers that GOD will continue to use me in this woman's life specifically. Thanks again so much for your heart for the lost, Don and for using the program M.A.D. to be obedient to Christ in using it.

- West Union Mennonite Church, Rexville, NY

Hi Don,

I am Lindsey Dillenbeck from Pastor Alan Young's church in Smethport PA. I want to thank you for opening my eyes through the Go M.A.D seminar I attended with my husband a few months ago. It has changed my life and the way I view non-believers. Thank you for equipping me with the knowledge I needed to speak to people, that was the thing that always held me back (not knowing what to say). Directly after the seminar I began to pray the 3 open prayer...WOW!!! I have had so many divine appointments! I pray the 3 open prayer very often. I am also now a member of the Pocket Testament League..thank you so much for introducing me to these resources. I feel and see such a change in me since this seminar. I have visited the Way of the Master website, and have purchased the book "The School of Biblical Evangelism" by Ray Comfort and Kirk Cameron and am working on studying it and memorizing all I can. All because you allowed the Holy Spirit to work through you!! I could never thank you enough.

- United Christian Church, East Smethport, PA

Dear Don,

My friend and I attended the MAD seminar in Elmira on April 29, 2006. We prayed the three open prayer in the ladies room before we left the church. Afterwards my friend said she didn't want to leave the ladies room! Well, we did leave and had plans to stop along route 36 for dinner. As we were traveling, I received a phone call from home that caused intense turmoil for me and I flooded with fear so we decided to go straight home. As we approached Batavia, a second call brought a measure of peace. I felt so "beat up" that I said to her that I had no desire to talk to anyone. Well, as we sat there, I began to get angry that the enemy of our soul (for we wrestle not with flesh and blood but with principalities and powers) was distorting truth and seeking to block our witness that I made the decision that nothing would keep me from doing His will. When the waitress came to our table I asked her if we could pray for her as we prayed for our meal. She was so shocked that she asked if something was wrong with my soup since I hadn't touched it. I said, "no, we are waiting to pray for you as we pray for our meal." She poured out her heart and I shared some scripture and the good news that He had died to restore our relationship with His Father. I asked if we could pray for her right then and she said yes. She was so caught off guard after the prayer that she brought me a souvlaki salad instead of dinner saying "oh, no, you prayed for me and I brought the wrong thing!" I assured her that what she brought was fine and in fact it fit better into my diet. She returned to our table three or four times just to say thank you. I am committed to praying daily the three open prayer and to NOT let the enemy hold me back from fulfilling God's purpose! God bless you as you continue to minister in His Name.

*- Southside Alliance Church, Elmira, NY*

Don,

I just wanted to drop you a line with a praise report following the Go Mad Training seminar held at United with Christ Church in Johnson City. While going through the training I quickly realized part of my lack of having led people to the Lord had been that I had been making my "success" as it were, about my 'church' rather than about my Savior. I immediately began praying the 3-open prayer "Lord open a door (clearly), open their heart (and ears) and open my mouth (with boldness). In less than one weeks time I had TWO individuals that I work with approach me with questions, and I felt more confident and prepared to answer them. The first person I was able to say " He knows you by name and He is calling you to Him" and followed that up with using part of John 3:16 and inserting her name... she was overwhelmed. The very next day another coworker did a very similar thing in that she approached me and said I need to talk to you. Again I felt so much more confidence - having learned through the seminar how simple it is. I was able to say - you were created for a relationship you don't yet have and she clearly acknowledged that she recognized and understood that. The conversation continued just a bit longer with her asking me some direct questions regarding being a Christian single mother as well as some other personal questions pertinent to her current lifestyle. Unfortunately with both of these women we were at work and therefore limited to the amount of time/privacy to continue. But I know God is at work on these women and through me!! And I am excitedly looking forward to 'closing the deal' and being confident that these 2 women are not going to hell. I want to thank you, Don for coming and presenting this material in such a fun, enthusiastic and understandable way that took some of the fear out of evangelizing for me. Thanks Again!!!

*- United With Christ Church, Johnson City, NY*

This is awesome! I look forward to sharing this testimony!!

Serving Him and You,  
Pastor Arlie  
"Sharing the Light of Jesus Christ  
With Our World"

My friend and I attended the M.A.D. seminar Sunday Night, and although we have both been given different tools over the years for witnessing, and have put them into practice, this was an excellent and challenging presentation. I have my story to tell of the events the following day. If you choose to share it, please do so without mentioning our names. This is a God thing as you will see.

The day after The M.A.D. seminar I had a doctor's appointment in Pittsburgh. My friend was driving me because I am recovering from surgery and had not been given permission to drive yet. We ended up leaving much later than we originally planned but finally got going around 6:30 am. We were both tired, but the ride went smoothly. On the way we were talking about the M.A.D. seminar and we had decided the night before that we would pray the 3-open prayer, so about ten miles into our journey I prayed. As we were getting off of the Forbes avenue exit ramp about 5 blocks from our destination, we were waiting at the bottom of the ramp for traffic when we were rear ended with a terrible jolt! We pulled into a nearby parking lot and was followed by the car that hit us. I was sort of dazed for a few seconds and began assessing myself, especially my surgery site. We both had slight headaches. My friend got out of the car and met the young college student that was driving. He was very apologetic saying over and over again how sorry he was and came to me to make sure I was OK. My friend went ahead and checked the damage (bumper damage but drivable) and asked for his license and insurance information. His girl friend also got out of the car and joined him. At this point he began pleading that there could be some way he could pay for the damage and not go through his insurance. He kept hanging his head and stalling and my friend asked him if he had insurance. He said yes, but it would be a really bad time to use it. He was upset obviously and finally admitted that his license was suspended. He had no other way to get to classes so he was continuing to drive to school. My heart sank...I got my digital camera out of the car and started taking photos of the damage, his license number, etc...all the things you are supposed to do. He begged for MERCY...saying he had little money but he would make payments and he would get a second job if he had to. And then it hit me!! I turned to him and said: Let me ask you a question. He looked at me half scared and said, "yes, Maam." I said, "What do you believe?" He just stared at me, so I repeated the question and added, "Spiritually, I mean". He said "well, I am trying to be a better Christian." I asked him how he was going to go about doing that, and he replied "well, I am trying to change my life, in fact last night we went to Borders and I bought the book THE PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE. I wish I had the receipt to prove it. "

From there I shared the fact that this morning I had prayed that the Lord would put someone in my path that I could share my faith with and "You are the one" I told him that he could not change his life on his own but that Jesus would and that he was on the right path. I continued to share for a bit and challenged him. My only regret was that I did not pray for him then and there. He did provide his name, address, and cell phone number and told me to get an estimate and contact him as soon as possible. He said I am a man of my word.

I am not at all concerned about my bumper...I will get it fixed as cheaply as possible for his sake. I look forward to future contact with him and see where the Holy Spirit takes us!!

– *Christ Wesleyan Church, Milton, PA*

I would like to say that Don Sunshine did a fantastic job here. People are not only talking about his teaching but are applying it! We have begun to see some new growth in our church both numerically and spiritually. We would love to have him come again.

– *Ridgeway Community Church, Ridgeway, Ontario, Canada*

Don,

Thank you for your challenge to Take a Risk! I hoped that more of our CMA chapter would have attended tonight's seminar. As chapter Chaplain God has laid on my heart a need to equip our chapter members with the tools to share their faith. I've been working for three months pulling together tools (different ways) to share the Gospel so I can share them with the chapter. You inspired me tonight!

I have been praying for ministry opportunities and God has opened so many doors - some I've missed and some I've followed through on. My prayer now is that God gives me boldness and opens my mouth so I don't miss any more opportunities. I'm learning to listen to that still small voice in my heart that says "pay attention and open your mouth".

I leave for Texas tomorrow on business and am amazed as God has opened a door there. Pray for me and my opportunity. I'm praying for you and your ministry.

- *Dewittville United Methodist Church, Dewittville, NY*

Don,

I attended the MAD training Saturday night in Dewittville with my pastor. We were at bible study Sunday night and someone brought up evangelism and how to approach people. We got out your hand outs and we were able to share with more people last night. Don, you are truly a man of God and I haven't seen a lot of that in my life but your faithfulness to come on a Saturday night (even though I know its your job) gives me hope. Thank you.

- *Dewittville United Methodist Church, Dewittville, NY*

Brother Don,

Thanks for the prayer logs; we're using 'em!

I cannot express what an honor it was to have you and the MAD training here in LeRoy. God has not only equipped you to evangelize, but is using you to equip others, a true gifting to the Body of Christ. A number of folks from our church have told me "I'm going MAD" and using it.

The first day I used the Prayer Log and prayed for the 1<sup>st</sup> person on it, I got results. The woman is an elderly lady in town who Sandy and I have known for a number of years, but we just very occasionally see her, maybe 3 times a year, usually just in passing, maybe with some small talk. I told Sandy that morning, "For some reason, I really have an urgent desire to pray for Mrs. B \_\_\_\_\_." We prayed together, and that afternoon, I came home from the office to find her car (it's the only one like it in this town of 5000) parked across the street from my house. When she came out of the neighbors' house, I spoke to her and said "I'm so glad to see you. Believe it or not, I was just praying for you this morning." Her face melted and she was so glad, and we talked. I began to weave the gospel in and it didn't go to the point of a conversion, but it was good seed planting time."

The next week, I was leading a Bible Study I do in Leroy for an adult, senior citizen daycare center. Most of the attendees have early stages of mild Alzheimers, but God has allowed me to lead a number of them to Christ over the last year. One man has been religious, but resistant to a conversion to Christianity. This day, I was going through a passage of Scripture when all of a sudden, the Lord reminded me of the video clip you showed, where the guy witnessing uses the 10 Commandments to plow the ground of the heart with God's law. It fit what I was doing, so I said "So, do most of you feel like you've been pretty good people in your lives?" and they all nodded. So, I said, "Well if God was going to use the 10 Commandments as the basis for judging us when we die, let's see how'd we do." I asked how many have told a lie, and they all raised their hands, and I said, "what does that make us?" and they boldly answered "Liars" and laughed. Then I took them to Obedience to parents, stealing, adultery of heart, and using the Lord's name in vain. They admitted and offered up that they were disobedient, thieves, adulterers at heart, and even "blasphemers" (they came up with that after hearing the commandment, not me). Their countenances were changing and getting more sober as we went through them, and then one of them even offered another commandment about coveting. So, I said, "IF God would judge us based on the 10 commandments, are you innocent or guilty" and they responded honestly "Guilty." Then I shared God's rescue plan of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ, and when I asked if anyone wanted to put their faith in Christ for their eternal salvation, the man who had been resistant this whole

year, was the first one to quickly shoot his hand up in the air, and we then had a great time of praying together.

Thanks for sharing with us, and I hope we can have you again.      - *Living Waters Church, LeRoy, NY*

Don,

I am grateful for the good turnout for the MAD training at First Baptist last Sunday evening. You had me hanging on every word. Your message has transformed my thinking, that I am who God says I am, Christ's Ambassador, and I can do all things through Christ, like show and tell. Deep inside I hold fears which I admit have held me back from sharing Christ with certain acquaintances. I will be reviewing the material covered in the seminar and praying for occasions to put it to the test.

Last night during the Navigators meeting at Mansfield University, one of the students, Kristen, that attended the MAD training shared with me that God would open a door of opportunity for her to share Christ with her roommate, and to open her mind and heart. The door was opened and Kristen jumped at the chance to tell her roommate about having a relationship with Christ. Kristen admitted that she didn't get the response that she was hoping for. But she tried, her roommate listened, so the seed was definitely sown. I gave Kristen a hug and told her how proud I was of her. God is using this training to impact people to share the message of hope, and I praise Him for servants like you, who have the gift of evangelism to instruct and encourage other believers to tell their story and show others the way to eternal salvation. So thank you for all you are doing for God. You are a blessing and I look forward to seeing you again."

- *First Baptist Church, Wellsboro, PA*

Hi,

My name is Paige and I am 12 years old. I attended your M.A.D. training in First Baptist Church of Wellsboro.

After hearing a lot about you getting people to become Christians my friend, Rachel (14, also attended M.A.D. Training) and I decided we should go somewhere one day and try. We kind of didn't do much more for a few weeks. Then we got to go to the mall together. We planned before hand to hand out tracts. Since we still hadn't received our books of John we decided that we would use the tracts which were placed in our church. We picked up about 30, but we're like, "what's the chance we'll hand out all of these," so we put a few back. Once we got to the mall we both got really nervous. We both kind of tried to avoid doing it, but I knew we had to start somewhere. All of a sudden I got an impulse. I just grabbed my book of John (I had the one you gave me) and said, "Do you ever think about spiritual things?, I mean If you were to die today would you go to heaven or hell?" The person responded, "I'm not interested in anything Christian, leave me alone." I was a little discouraged, but the main feeling was amazing. Afterwards both my friend and I both opened right up, it felt so good. I was amazed. After 2 hours of shopping, and handing out tracts all 25 of the tracts were gone. We even had a chance to pray with like 4 people, although most got to nervous and left. It was so shocking, we both wished we had taken more tracts. Although none of them immediately said, "I want to become a Christian." We hoped that they would go home and open up that little tract and look back through it. I was so glad I attended your M.A.D. Training. It was one of the best things ever.

Also, I learned quite a bit there which included a 3 open prayer. I must say that my Dad isn't a Christian, but the rest of my family is. My mom was raised a Christian and she did the same for us. I know that I had been praying very much for my dad previously. When I heard about the 3 opener prayer I decided I would try it. The result was amazing, I was able to convince my Dad to reread the bible again and he is just starting. My mom has asked some people in our church if they knew of any book that might help him understand Creation vs. Evolution. My Dad has now said to my mom that he is now leaning toward Creation more than evolution. He still isn't a Christian and still won't go to church with us, but it is a start.

Don - I recently attended a seminar of yours in Akron NY. I immediately began looking for opportunities to share the Gospel. The other day I had a repair man at my house and he noticed the camera I had on my computer and asked if I liked it. I told him I was happy with the camera and used it to communicate with my daughter in China. Of course he asked why she was in China. I told him she was there serving as a missionary to Chinese college students. He commented that he thought it was illegal to talk about God there. I said it was but if the Chinese students asked questions about God, they could respond. I went on to give him a for instance. And that is when it seemed God took over and another person was speaking through me. "For instance," I said, "if a student asked about heaven or life after death, my daughter could tell the student that the way to eternal life was through Jesus Christ. And if the student asked how to get to heaven my daughter could say that the way was to repent of their sins, confess that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead and confess Him as Lord." I went on to say a couple more things about salvation and the gospel in a conversational way that didn't come across preachy but still left him with the word he needed to become a believer. I am so glad for the chance to attend your seminar. Since then several other opportunities have presented themselves and I have been aware of the chance to speak or pray for someone. God bless you in your work.