

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

# **How The Lord Used Us in JULY 2020**

## Greetings!

Let me start off with some very exciting news! The M.A.D Live Event will be taught to pastors in Kenya! Bishop Jeremiah Kibobi comes to the US every year to raise money and meet with supporting churches. My home church is one of the churches that supports his work and does mission trips to Kenya every few years. Brother Jeremiah was supposed to head home in the beginning of May, but is stuck here due to travel restrictions. I took him on an adventure - trail riding in the mountains of SW VA, and he said it was the greatest adventure of his life! He saw me sharing the Gospel and praying with a total of 5 police officers and a waitress the day we went out. We talked about the MAD Training and I gave him a link to watch it. After going through it, he was very excited about it and asked if he could teach it to his pastors in Kenya! Well YES! Lord willing, when he gets to go home, he'll be equipping pastors with the MAD Live Event material!



In July, I completed 2 Virtual MAD Events and did one Live Event in a church. I was at the Neath Congregational Church in Warren Center, PA for an event on Saturday, the 25<sup>th</sup>. It was wonderful to be in front of a live group for the first time since March 8<sup>th</sup>! We had a small group attend, and I stayed and did an evangelism Q&A on Sunday.

Here's a great testimony I received this month:

"Hi Don, This is long overdue. Your last teaching was the third time I attended and it truly made an impact in my life. Your message about divine appointments and "recognizing why you are where you are" connected at a deeper level. I was laid off from work because of the COVID and now find myself asking every day why are the people around me crossing my path. I've been amazed at the divine appointments that show up because I am looking for them.

Tonight, my wife and I were walking on a road next to the beach at dusk when a group of at least 15 young adults showed up on the beach to party. I stopped and watched for a little while then asked myself why am I here? I had a number of Mark Cahill's 'What If" tracts in my pocket so I put my COVID mask on and walked into the middle of the group and passed out the tracts explaining they are about Jesus. Most of them were open, a couple snickered and some asked can you give me one of those because I didn't get one. (Divine Appointment)

That would have never happened before your training. Life is now an exciting adventure! Two nights ago my wife and I were walking when a young man on a bicycle was passing us. I just held out a tract and he grabbed it. Then he stopped his bike and asked what is this? When my wife said it's about Jesus he turned around on his bike and talked with her for 5 minutes. Then he said my father had a conversation with me this morning and said the exact same thing you just told me. (Divine Appointment).

Last week I stopped to help an elderly woman whose walker was getting stuck on a rug. She was waiting for a ride to pick her up from her dialysis appointment. I stayed and talked with her and she began talking about her great grandchildren. I offered to pray for her because of her health and she was very thankful. But

eventually, I thought duh what are you doing. This is a divine appointment right in front of you. I went to my car and got a gospel of John that you recommended and asked her Carmen if you died today are you sure you would go to heaven? She answered I believe so I am a Catholic. But she was concerned that it's been a long time since she was able to go to confession and confess her sins to the priest. Well God is so good because I grew up as a Catholic. We talked about why Jesus died on the cross and I showed her the prayer at the end of the plan of salvation. She didn't have to go to the priest to have her sins forgiven. Then her ride showed up. (Divine Appointment)

I want to thank you because the Holy Spirit anointed your teaching to impact my life. While I've been a Christian for many years, I had lost the urgent concern that the lost around me are headed for an eternity in hell. While I believed it theologically it didn't really impact my day to day life. Thanks for waking me up."

I was honored to be asked to give the commencement speech at Emmanuel Baptist Academy, in Penn Yan, NY on June 14<sup>th</sup>. With the restrictions that are still in place in NY State, I had to record a video of my address and send it to them so they could watch it in "Virtual" mode. I was hoping to meet the graduating seniors, but it may happen if they get to do their senior trip to a mission in Knoxville, TN sometime this summer. That would be great if that trip happens and I can ride down and spend some time with them.

### **UPDATE ON MY BOOK**

The publishing company has completed the editing process, and now the next phase begins. We were blessed to have a M.A.D. Grad from Columbia, SC graciously offer to help design our book cover. He owns an ad agency and we are very excited about what he has come up with thus far.

### **SUPPORT**

We praise God for a couple of generous support checks that came in during July. One was from a couple who attended a virtual event this month, and the other was a nice surprise from a Christian foundation that has supported us in the past.

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Schedule As things begin to return to normal, please pray that all of the cancelled events will be rescheduled, and many new events will be added.
- Finances many of you are experiencing these struggles in your personal life as well. Our prayers are with you as you pray for our needs as well!
- Health please pray we continue to remain healthy.
- For God to provide the \$3,400 that we need to publish our book

#### "TENTATIVE" SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST - OCTOBER

- Aug 12 & 13 MAD "Virtual" Event 8:30 PM 10:00 PM (Eastern) sign up on our ministry In partnership with "Spirit 105.9" - an Austin, TX Christian Radio Station, and "Spirit 105.3" a Seattle, WA Christian Radio Station - All Virtual Events are open to everyone, regardless of where you live. Pass the word!
- Aug 30 MAD Live Event Skyline Heights Baptist Church, Johnson City, TN
- Sept 2 & 3 MAD "Virtual" Event 7:30 PM 9:00 PM (Eastern) sign up on our ministry homepage in partnership with "The Journey FM", Liberty University's Radio Station
- Sept 19 MAD Live Event First Baptist Church, Brevard, NC
- Sept 20 Preach First Baptist Church, Brevard, NC
- Sept 27 MAD Live Event Grassy Branch Baptist Church, Asheville, NC

Love in Christ,

Cathy and Don