



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

## **HOW THE LORD USED US IN JUNE OF 2013**

Hello Brothers and Sisters in the Lord:

Thanks for your prayers and financial support. Normally, June bookings are rare, and they even get more rare in July and August. However, God has blessed us with a good month of ministry in June. We completed five MAD Live events in June, including one at Camp Sankanac in Spring City, PA for the boys' camp week. Prior to us starting this ministry in October of 2008, I had worked with teens for 30 years as a lay person, then an additional 4 years vocationally. The past 5 years have been the only time in my adult life when I wasn't working with teens. So it was a huge blessing to be able to speak to them seven times during the week.

In June, we equipped another 321 people to begin sharing their faith, and we were extremely blessed to have been present when our Lord saved another 51 souls for eternity! Thank you Jesus!!!! I also was contacted by the Pastor of a large Baptist Church in TN who is also the Founder and President of The Crown College of the Bible in Knoxville. We met for three hours in his office and he has booked me to come back to the College to present the MAD Live Event to his faculty and staff! What an opportunity! Please be in prayer about this Aug 9<sup>th</sup> presentation as it could open MANY doors of ministry for us!

Here's a Great testimony from a brother, friend and MAD Grad in Port St. Lucie, FL: *"I work in a quick serve restaurant setting and see many people in the course of each day. Sonny and Sherman are two men (80 and 82 years old) that I've seen several times a week over the past several years. They are the stereotypical Jewish men that many a joke has been made about. On the surface they are somewhat pleasant, but the longer they speak, the more you realize that they are not happy men. Almost always, their conversation turns to sarcasm and cynicism.*

*We have had casual conversations in the past in which I've reminded them that the main difference between their faith and mine is the identity of the Messiah. They are always cordial enough to greet me with the appropriate seasonal greetings and I always try to beat them to it by wishing them a "Happy Hanukkah" or "Blessed Passover". There has never been a question that they are followers of Judaism and I am a follower of Christ. In fact, it's very apparent that we each respect the other's viewpoint in spite of the fact that we don't agree in all matters.*

*This past Friday, as I sat in the dining room catching up on some correspondence, they approached me and, following their typical greetings, Sonny said there was something he'd been meaning to ask me about for several months. What follows is a nearly word for word account of that conversation.*

*Sonny: "You are the happiest guy I know. Every time I see you, you are smiling. Isn't there something that upsets you? Because I've never seen you in a bad mood."*

**Me: "Well, actually no, there isn't."**

*Sonny: "You've got to tell me! What is the source of your happiness?"*

**Me: "Sonny, I really don't think you want to hear my answer."**

Sonny: "Oh no, really I do!"

**Me: "I hear you, but I'm telling you, it will be hard for you to hear the truth."**

Sonny: "Please, I must know!"

**Me: "I'm happy because of the relationship I have with Jesus Christ."**

Sherman: "Oh yeah, the Messiah who died on the cross to take away your sins..."

Sonny: "You know what makes me happy? A big bank account with lots of money!"

**Me: "It takes more than money to be happy."**

Sonny: "I wish I could be happy like you."

**Me: "You can, but let me explain why you're unhappy." As a Jew, you follow The Law. In the Torah are listed the Ten Commandments. You hope that by keeping them, you'll make it to Heaven."**

Sonny: "That's right!"

**Me: "It'll never happen because you can't keep them."**

Sonny: "Oh no, I keep the Ten Commandments!"

**Me: "Sonny, I'm sure you've never murdered anyone and you don't chase around with women, but are you really telling me you've never told a lie?"**

Sonny: "Well sure, everyone lies now and then..."

**Me: "Then you're guilty of breaking the Law and you'll never make it to heaven. If I were trusting in The Law I'd be unhappy too! You see, The Law was never meant to get us to Heaven. It was given to show us how we can never measure up to God's standard of righteousness. God knew that and loved us so much He sent the Messiah to pay a price that we could never pay. Since I've trusted Jesus' sacrifice, I don't have to worry about not being able to keep all of The Law."**

Sonny: "I can see why you're so happy! I wish it were really that easy..."

**Me: "It really is just that simple! You don't have to be unhappy. All you have to do is trust what Jesus Christ has already done for you and you can be happy too!"**

Sonny: "You certainly have given me something to think about!"

*I really wanted to tell him I'd be praying for him, but was afraid that may be a little much after everything I'd already said to him. Please pray for Sonny and Sherman that God's Spirit will continue to draw them to Him for salvation. The amazing thing about this conversation is not what I told them. Quite frankly, I simply told the truth. What's significant is that three months ago, my response would have been, "Oh I'm just a happy guy!"*

*Having attended your "Making A Difference" session in March, I discovered that I've had a number of opportunities to share my faith that I just never recognized. I began praying that God would give me opportunities, then changed my prayer, asking Him to help me see the opportunities I knew He'd already been giving me and to give me the boldness to speak up when they came.*

*When I realized a couple of Jew's were literally asking me to give them The Gospel I thought, "You're kidding, right?!?" My response to them was not something I would have **EVER** anticipated. It wasn't some kind of weird rant either, rather, it was a very natural, smooth and frank conversation. I would have **NEVER** chosen those words on my own, it was as if my mouth couldn't say anything else!"*

Wow! Thank you Lord for how you are using the MAD Live Event to change lives and impact the Kingdom!

#### **JULY SCHEDULE**

- July 4 – Share the Gospel at the Freedom Fest event in East Greenville, PA
- July 20 – MAD Live Event - Community Independent Bible Church - Little Meadows, PA
- July 24 – Speak at Romans 12 Camp in Auburn, PA

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Thank you for praying. We see God answering our prayers in so many of the areas we have requested prayer for.  
Thank you for your faithful prayer support!**

- For the Lord to prepare hearts for the MAD Live Event and speaking opportunities next month
- For God to fill our fall schedule and beyond
- For God to increase our support base to 100% (we are at 65%)
- For good health and safety as we travel, meet and interact with people

Love in Christ,

*Don and Cathy*