



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

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

Greetings In the Name of our Lord!

March was another great month of ministry for Christ. We completed 5 MAD Live Events, 1 Walk thru the Bible Old Testament seminar, and I preached in one church. My dear friend Ron, a pastor and Chairman of the Board of our ministry, accompanied me to GA and FL to do some Live Events and to minister to the bikers at Daytona Bike Week. This was our first time ministering in Georgia, and that makes 19 states that the Lord has opened doors for us to share the MAD Live Event in. As well as equipping the church to begin living an evangelistic lifestyle, we were blessed to see another 18 people come to repentance and faith in Christ this month. All glory to God!

Here's a testimony to bless your heart!

*"Hi Don! I want to thank you again for your discipleship ministry of Make A Difference training. God is using your labors to add rescuers/ambassadors for Christ to the kingdom. This spiritual multiplication is having a widespread impact of getting the gospel out to lost and confused people. Here are a couple more stories of how God has been at work. To God be the glory!*

*Last week at work I had the opportunity to speak again with a co-worker with whom I had shared the gospel about two months ago. I followed up with him to see where he is in his spiritual journey and was able to give him a pocket Gospel of John and remind him of God's plan of salvation through Christ. He reminded me that I had shared a similar bridge illustration with him about 10 years ago. This reminded me that prayer is needed for him to have a sense of urgency in regard to his need for salvation. Later that day I had the opportunity to also give a pocket Gospel of John and a My Heart Christ's home booklet to another co-worker in that same operating area of the paper mill and to review with him the plan of salvation in the front of the pocket testament.*

*Today I was driving to church for our 8:00am rehearsal of the worship team in preparation for the 8:30am service. I left the house early, aiming to arrive at the church around 7:30am in order to have plenty of time to spare. Since we had just set the clocks forward for daylight savings time it was feeling quite early! I stopped by Dunkin Donuts to get some coffee and as I was headed back to my car a man came up and asked if I could spare some money to help him and his brother out. They were having car trouble and were stuck in Columbia, trying to get home about 150 miles away. He explained about the nature of the car trouble, the cost for the repairs, the recent loss of his mother, and other difficulties he and his brother had been going through.*

*I gave Kenny \$10 of the \$13 I had in my wallet and also gave him a pocket Gospel of John and started to point out the plan of salvation in the front. Kenny spoke about how he would not have been able to get through the difficult points in his life if it had not been for the Lord. So I asked him what he would say to God if he stood before Him and God asked, "Why should I let you be in heaven with me?" Kenny did not know what he would say to God. At this point, his brother Glenn walked up, and I explained to him that Kenny and I were talking about Jesus and God's plan of salvation. Glenn began to tell me about the loss of their mother recently as he showed me a picture of her on his cell phone. I asked them if I could pray for them and they said yes, so we formed a huddle and I placed my hands on their shoulders and prayed for them just outside the Dunkin Donuts front door. They were very appreciative of the prayer.*

*When Kenny saw some other people coming, he went over to ask them for help, so I asked Glenn what he would say to God if he stood before Him and God asked, "Why should I let you be in heaven with me?" Glenn admitted that he had no idea what he would say, so I gave him his own pocket testament and was able to show him the bridge illustration in the front and explain it to him in more detail. He mentioned how the preacher at their mother's funeral had told them that they needed to get their lives right with God. So I explained to him the gospel using the bridge diagram and told him that we cross over to a relationship with God by*

*repenting of sin, turning from self and trusting in self, and putting our trust in Jesus and his death on the cross. At this point Kenny came back and I encouraged them to each to read the booklet and to decide what they would do about Jesus Christ. They indicated they would do this.*

*At this time, a young woman who was crying came out of the Dunkin Donuts. Kenny, a person accustomed to difficulty and sensitive to other hurting people, asked her what was the matter. She poured out a tearful story of how she had made a bad choice to go out with her sister to a "party center" of Columbia located near the university. Somehow she had gotten left there, had lost her cell phone, and had just walked about 7 miles from there in her effort to get home. She needed a ride down the road, but in the opposite direction I needed to go. Two thoughts crossed my mind. One, is this a set-up, a three person con team? And two, if I drive her closer to her home will I be able to make it in time for the worship team practice? I determined I had close to enough time, and I felt the right thing to do was to drive her. She got in the back seat of my car, and as we were driving I learned her name was Misty. She had seen me talking and praying with Kenny and Glenn, so when I offered to give her the pocket testament she said she already knew about Jesus and I didn't need to talk to her about him. I asked her what she believed and she demonstrated at least a head knowledge of the plan of salvation, and told me she had once been a missionary. I tried again to give her a booklet, this time My Heart Christ's Home, and told her how it had been an encouragement and challenge to me about not only inviting Christ into my life, but giving him the title deed to my life. This time she accepted the booklet and I soon dropped her off at a spot near nearer to her home. As she got out of the car she thanked me and asked me to pray for her. As I turned around and headed back in the direction of church I prayed for Misty and that God would let me get to the rehearsal on time. I actually made it with 2 minutes to spare.*

*There have been many things from the MAD training that have helped me get back into a more active rescuer/ambassador for Christ lifestyle. One significant help has been to write down my fear buttons. Just the act of acknowledging them took away a lot of their power, and now when they come up I recognize them immediately for what they are. Another help has been to pray for my heart to be broken for lost people and to pray the 3 Open prayer. This has helped me to be more available to God. Finally, being prepared by always (well, almost always) carrying a couple pocket Gospel of John and My Heart Christ's Home booklets in my cargo pants pocket. I know that I have something to share with a person even if time is very limited. I want to further prepare by brushing up on the John 3:16 One Verse Illustration (another bridge illustration based on that verse) that I have used in the past. I also want to be able to learn how to use the 10 commandments as a witnessing tool.*

*I want you to know that your ministry is having an impact for the glory of God and the advancement of his kingdom."*

#### **APRIL SCHEDULE - AN INCREDIBLE MONTH IS COMING! THANKS FOR PRAYING! PLEASE KEEP IT UP!**

- April 6 - MAD Live Event - Cape Cod Alliance Church, South Dennis, MA
- April 12 - Speak at Mens' Conference – Town and Country Baptist Church, Mechanicsburg, PA
- April 13 - MAD Live Event - Philadelphia Bible Church International, Phila, PA
- April 14 - MAD Live Event - Richfield Mennonite Church, Richfield, PA
- April 20 - MAD Live Event - Faith United Methodist Church, Woodbury, PA
- April 21 - MAD Live Event - Winfield Baptist Church, Winfield, PA
- April 27 - MAD Live Event - Hunt Baptist Church, Hunt, NY
- April 28 - MAD Live Event - Forestville Wesleyan Church, Forestville, NY
- April 29 - MAD Live Event - Camp Sankanac, Spring City, PA

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

- For more people to participate in our two upcoming Adventure trips
- 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*