



Church Service in Elliot Park in Minneapolis, MN

Greetings to our wonderful readers!

What an amazing summer we had! God moved on many souls, the hungry were fed, light shined in darkness, and some can now see the Kingdom of God who were spiritually blind before. Hope you enjoy reading about what God is doing. Glory to God alone!

Keister's Chronicles

In addition to Mission Trip 68 being underway, June was filled with various preparations, administration duties, writing & production of our Spring newsletter, and many personal things. Since 2011 when I went full time with our mission work, I have been on the road for 6-9 months of the year. So getting personal things done while only home for short times can be challenging. Some times I'm home for only a few days, some times a few weeks, but rarely for more than two months at a time. It takes mission office workers and family to help manage my mail and personal things when I am gone. A big Thank You to all my helpers!

Imaging living a life where being home is only a short moment in life. Now realize that this world is not your eternal home! I encourage you to spend your time doing what builds the Kingdom of God, not what builds you temporary existence on Earth.

ONLY WHAT IS DONE FOR CHRIST WILL LAST!

Mission Trip 68

While I planned to go to the ICHA Conference and Camp Meetings in Greenfield, IN, I was unable to make it this years because of all the things that needed to be done before leaving. So my first stop was Faith Church in Urbana, IL for a mission service followed by 2 days travel to Lakewood, CO (a Denver suburb).

In Lakewood, I was parked at the Bible Methodist Church where I held a mission service on Fathers Day. It was a special Fathers Day weekend for me as Gabrielle joined me there. Besides



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taking a few days off with her and for myself, we did a day of street ministry. Bro. Stuart Hallam and Bro. Bryce Hecker from the Bible Missionary Church joined us on the streets and passed out tracts while I preached and Gabi and I sang some. We had many chances to pass out tracts and to pray with people. I estimate that there were around 500 to 1000 who heard the preaching or singing with as many as 50 people in hearing distance at a time.

After Denver, I was off to Salt Lake City, UT (SLC). At first SLC was a bit depressing, because both of our short term mission helpers canceled at the last minute. I sent out a prayer request along with our newsletter by email asking people to pray God would raise up some help.

I had already arrive in SLC when I got the news they were not coming. So I made the best of things by myself and started calling on people I knew over the years and did a street preaching sessions alone. One of the people I called on was Richard (AKA James) who I visited in a rehab facility. Richard got saved on the streets when we ministers in SLC in 2017. I had not seen Richard since the Fall of 2022. After leaving the Rehab center one day, I was on my way across the city when I had a sudden urgent impulse from the Lord to turn down Main St. Wow, God answered prayer in a wonderful way for people to minister with. I believe in direct answer to our email subscribers' prayers, I found a man Sam Wittke preaching on Main St. I was able join with him and his friends for another night of street preaching. Sam has written several deep and powerful books for the dangerously eroding age we live in. They are available on Amazon, just search for Sam Wittke and you will find his books.



Sam

Thru visiting in the rehab center, God opened the door to hold two church service there. The director was shocked as it was the best attended church services by their residents ever! All because

God was speaking to them. A special thank you to Sister Priscilla Sandoval who lives about 40 minutes from SLC who played the piano at the rehab center for our both our church services.

I met with Bro. Paul Johnson who I've wanted to connect with for last few years. Paul has a holiness family background and lives in a suburb of SLC and recently has been exploring a possible call to the ministry. Paul's father was a holiness preachers with the Bible Missionary Church. We met for supper one night and talked about a lot of ministry things.

By the last day I was in SLC, I had enough help to setup for a church in the park service. Richard came out for it from the rehab center and help setup things. Paul helped with the setup and shared his testimony during the service, Sister Sandoval help setup and played the keyboard, and I led singing and preached. We had several sit in the seats we setup, and many could hear the church service in the park from various areas of the park. I would guesstimate there were 30-50 who could hear the service that last day.



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The Lord willing, we plan to relaunch the SLC church in May of 2024 and I plan to be out there from May into July and Bro. Johnson is praying about being part of the church pastoral ministry team.

From SLC I moved on to Rapid City where I held a mission service at the Bible Christian Church. It was an exciting mission service. Watch it here: EvangelismMission.com/videos/2023-bcc. I did ministry twice in Rapid City and once at Mt. Rushmore. On the 4th of July, the best place to find people gathered is at a fire-works event. There I passed out a lot of Gospel tracts and did a little bit of open air preaching before the fire works started. Then passed out tracts while it was going on.

The next day after a time of street preaching in downtown Rapid City, I met a Native American who was homeless. We had prayer together and he sought the Lord for Salvation. Pray for him to get the help he needs and that he would learn to walk with God.



Mt Rushmore was rather busy as you can expect the day after Independence Day. It was nice that they have a free speech zone right on the main passage way to the monument. Of-



ten times when places have a free speech zone they put you somewhere with less people.

Then it was off to our largest outreach of the trip, MN & WI, where I was graced with three precious short-term street missionaries: Thomas Havis & Mark Scharf both from the Detroit area, and John Williams a GBS student. We spent a week between MN and WI. God helped us to do many things. I only have space to mention a few. To see more pictures and read more detail, trying reading our short-term missionary newsletters at:

<http://EvangelismMission.com/newsletters/2023-havis-news> & <http://EvangelismMission.com/newsletters/2023-williams-news>

Minneapolis:

Our first day out, we set up on the Stone Arch Bridge, which crosses the Mississippi River. We held scripture signs, passed out tracts, and preached. Some stopped for a while to hear the preaching. We also did some scouting to find a park suitable for church services. God led us to Elliot Park.



We held Church services in the park on two separate days. Both times, after the service we offered the people a free picnic where we served grilled hotdogs, water and bagged snacks. Our team served 46 people at the first park service and 66 at the second service.



God used each of our skills to be a great team at the park services. Mark and Thomas played music, sang, and gave testimonies. John was instrumental with one-on-one encounters, sounds system tweaking, setup, and grilling the hotdogs.



At Sunday's park service, God was there in a mighty way drawing people to fill the few seats we had, and some to nearby picnic tables. One man even parked his van, came over to our area of the park, and sat down soaking up the preaching. (He is the strong man in red shirt in the banner picture on the front page and below). Many sought the Lord for Salvation at the conclusion of the service, and several people testified that God had met their need with raised hands. When I mentioned

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we would like to start a church in Minneapolis, they were thrilled to hear it. Pray for these newly saved people and that some how our discipleship efforts would blossom. Near the end of August, when Mark spoke with one of the grandmothers who prayed, she asked when we are coming back again. Those precious souls need a church. Will you help pray or even better yet, come to Minneapolis to help start a church?

We also did a downtown street meeting near a metro tram stop with singing, preaching, testifying, prayer stand evangelism, and tracts. Pray for a Jewish man who was very argumentized with me to have a life changing encounter with Christ!

Wisconsin:

We ministered for two days by the State Capitol Building. One of the days we were preaching, playing music, and singing to a group of people who were gathering for an outside summer event. The other day, we were passing out tracts on a street adjacent to the State Capitol. There were also people on the other side of the street who were listening to us as we were ministering.



Our last point of team ministry was at a park in Richland Center, a small town in rural WI. We went there to minister to the remnants of the last Conservative Holiness Church in Wisconsin that stop holding services about a year ago. We had a service in a park near where they live. There were 3 children, their mother, and grandfather as well as others throughout the park who could hear the service that day. In this picture you can see all four of us singing together. I jokingly called us "Rodney and the Three Disciples" (Thomas & John who were 2 of the 12,

and Mark was one of the 70 Disciples). We do not expect to produce any albums and do not know if we will ever get to sing together again.... Maybe we should auction off this once in a life time recording for millions... LOL. Shall we start the bidding? LOL.

Next stop Wesleyan Nazarene Church, Davenport, IA. There I held a mission service, took a day off (1st one in 20 days). Then we did a street meeting with some from their church. While we did not see a great number of people hanging around or walking by in this small city where we preached and sang, God move on hearts. One man came out of his office in one of the large buildings because he could hear the ministry outside. Pastor Josh Davis was able to minister to many passing by the prayer stand near where we were setup to do the street



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meeting. Pray for Davenport as this church tries to do more street meetings in the future.

Mission Trip 68 was mostly for what I call our Holiness Pioneers (HP) initiative of reaching states without Conservative Holiness Churches. We were in Utah, Minnesota, and Wisconsin where the need is great. Will you help us reach these areas. Our HP fund is depleted and drawing from our other areas of capital.



Please prayerfully consider partnering with us to reach these lost states. Request a Holiness Pioneers prayer/support card and we will be happy to mail one out to you. We not only need to raise \$3727 for our HP Fund ASAP, but HP needs more regular supporters besides our current mission supporters for this area of our ministry. We plan to have more details about HP future endeavors in our end of year fund drive mailing. It cost a lot to do what we do and every penny is worth it. We are reaching thousands with the Gospel and in the planning stages to relaunch SLC Church in the Spring 2024 and continue our evangelism effort to other states in great need. In order to accomplish next years Holiness Pioneers vision, it will take tens of thousands of dollars. We had to postpone the Providence RI tent meeting until summer 2024 for multiple reasons, and funding is one of them. There are people in need of a pastor and ministry teams in each one of these states. Please pray for laborers & funds for the Holiness Pioneers Initiative.

Mission Trip 69

Following a few days off, I attended GMC Conference and Penns Creek Camp Meeting. Then I moved on from home to the grounds of Elim Grove Camp Meeting (EGC) in Center Valley, PA. Check out their new website: ElimGroveCamp.com. The camp graciously allows me to park there every year to be able to minister at Musikfest in Bethlehem, PA with often over a million people attending.

I was the only one available this year to evangelize at Musikfest. Once again in answer to prayer, God raised up someone I would meet to help. A man who asked that I not share his picture, helped by passing out tracts while I preached. Pray for this unknown man, who suffers from a severe speech impediment. Makes me think how he is brave enough to go on the street with thousand passing by and he struggles to even hold a conversation. May God help us who can speak to use our mouth for His Glory!



Besides Musikfest, while stationed at the EGC, we did two days of street meetings in Downtown Allentown and also held an evangelism training session for the Saturday afternoon service of EG Camp Meeting. I made a post on a Facebook group about the training and a young sister named Sanita who I've never met came to the training. The next week her pastor, Pastor Wilfred, and her



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joined me for one of our Downtown Allentown Street meetings. God really helped them both to preach. Sanita also sang with great anointing. Pray for them as their church steps out into a new endeavor of street meetings.

I also met another brother via Facebook, Brydon Barker, a young man from central PA with a call to ministry. He wanted someone to go with for his first time street preaching. So, he joined Bro. Russell Snyder and I in Allentown for a Street Meeting. After preaching Brydon prayed with a man for salvation. Pray for this man to walk with the Lord.



Please pray for Mission Trip 70: The Lord Willing::: AL, NC, OH, IN, and TN, including time with (AWC, UBC, and GBS). I will be gone from late Sept. to possibly early Feb. This late Fall and some of winter, I'll be helping to launch a new God's Missionary Church in Halls, TN where I'll park my Motorhome while reaching out areas of the USA I've rarely or never been to before. Also pray for: some writing & training session that are on my heart to do, souls to be saved, travels, and my heart & back health.

Thanks for your Prayers & Support, Rodney Keister, Director

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