



**Evangelism Mission
& Holiness Pioneers**
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Adventures in Christ Across the USA

Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana

Spring Greetings to each of you,

It is time for our quarterly newsletter, featuring news from: TN, Trip 71 & 72, Holiness Pioneers Horizons, and the upcoming westward Mission Trip 73.

I finished helping the new God's Missionary Church in Halls, TN the last Sunday of January. It was a pleasure to volunteer and do some fill in preaching. The people from the church and community were so precious. It was like stepping back in time to traditional America from my childhood. Following two months of unexpected maintenance, it was nice to be out knocking on doors, inviting, and meeting the wonderful people of Halls. We were grateful for the visitors who came to the grand opening. God was there in a special way as Bro. and Sister Douglas Cox ministered in music and singing and I preached a testimonial sermon called "God is Beyond Supernatural." Watch: <http://GMCHalls.com/go>

Not many days after the Grand Opening we got hit with a snow storm and a bitter cold spell. While about two weeks of incompatible weather kept me from outside evangelism efforts, I was grateful to have another day trip to Memphis. I drove around downtown Memphis looking for a place to minister, but to my surprise there were so few on the streets. For a major metropolis area, it was very barren.

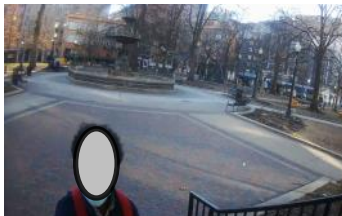
By the leading of the Lord, I was drawn to stop and preach at a downtown park. I have to confess that when the numbers are low, I wrestle with discouragement from the lack of opportunity. Even though there were only about 10-15 on average within hearing distance of the preaching, God moved on hearts.

I am reminded that God is as concerned with one person as He is with a crowd and how we must be as faithful to the one as to the hundreds. Are you in a small church? Remember God is just as concerned with your few as with the multitudes and he can and will do mighty things!

While wrestling with the worthwhile of my being here at the barren park, unbeknownst to me, an amazing encounter was about to take place. A young man walking home from school approached me and as we talked he testified of how he knew he was born again because God speaks to him.

As the Lord led in conversation bringing to the surface the young man's true struggles with various sins, I was able to explain that God speaking to the spiritual hungry is not the evidence of being born again. In actuality, victory over outward sins is the evidence as it says in 1 John 3:9 and John 8:34-36. I did not attack his experiences with God, but rather built upon that God speaks to him and assured him of the victory over sin that is available for his souls. The young man graciously received the knowledge and sought the Lord. Praise God he prayed and now truly knows God has delivered him from his sins. Glory to God!

What if I just left him sit in his false experience? That would have been the easiest thing to do, and would not have risked offending him? So many Christians are afraid to speak the truth for fear of scaring them away, but in reality it is speaking the truth of God's Word that will set them free. Speak boldly the truth in gentle love and watch the Holy Spirit penetrate the heart! God needs you to speak His Word! Watch & listen to the encounter here:



Video at: EvangelismMission.com/videos/2024-01-memphis

Keister's Chronicles: Mission Trip 71 & 72 & PA

Mission Trip 71 was from Halls, TN to Knoxville, TN and Blacksburg, VA on my way home to PA.

It was good be in Knoxville again after a good number of years. I had two outreaches in Knoxville, one in the downtown and one at the University of TN. God was speaking to hearts as I preached and passed out tracts.

Next stop was to Virginia Tech in Blacksburg where the

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Urie family joined me. Perhaps you remember the testimony from last year where little Angel helped her father and I share the Gospel on the campus. This time his wife and their other two daughters joined us. They all passed out tracts and Bro. Wayne Urie preached

and the whole family sang together. Praise God for their boldness and faithfulness to minister not only when joining with me, but they also come to the campus by themselves. God is using them to minister at VT regularly. Pray for them. Watch our VT video here:



<http://EvangelismMission.com/videos/2024-vt>

I made it Back to PA in early February. I was able to attend our God's Missionary Church ministerial. I took the motorhome to Camp Hebron where it was hosted. This was the first time in many years I was able to stay on the grounds. Bro. Rollin Mitchel did a wonderful job as the speaker.

Following Ministerial I moved out of the motorhome into the upstairs apartment in our house so Bro. John Fisher could replace the failing vinyl flooring in the front of the motorhome. We had the bedroom and rear bathroom flooring done the first year while doing the initial remodeling of the motorhome. Fisher's Handyman service did a great job. We also replaced the microwave with one that vents greasy cooking vapors to the outside. It is so nice to not have to clean cooking grease off the ceiling and ceiling vent fan any more, it all goes outside now. I am so grateful!!!!

Sadly Feb. and March were greatly hindered by two waves of sinus infections and bronchitis that knocked me down for a few weeks. Because of sickness causing delays in travel plans, I had to cancel one outreach with Penn View Bible Institute (PVBI) and one with Union Bible College (UBC). I felt terrible to have to cancel, but sickness was out of my control. Pray for my continued recovery. Thankfully before and after sick times, I was able to hold deputation services at three God's Missionary Churches (Penns Valley, Hanover, & Lebanon) Thank you GMCs!

I was also able to teach in the Personal Evangelism III class at PVBI. God helped as I shared training on Prayer Stand evangelism and general street ministry.

Between the two times of sickness I managed to get Mission Trip 72 underway. This trip was for some deputation services, mentoring ministries with UBC, speaking at the Wesleyan Holiness Ministerial, and some campus ministries in Indiana.

I was able to do everything, but the street meeting planned with UBC in Indianapolis which cancelled from the delays caused by the first wave of sickness. I thank the Lord for His wonderful leading and help to speak at the Wesleyan Holiness Church Ministerial. It was one of the most comprehensive series of training sessions to date. The theme was "Creating A Great Commission Local Church." All sessions are available to watch.



Videos at: EvangelismMission.com/videos/whcm

Thankfully, we were able to make it to Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. You can see in the banner picture at the top of his letter how busy the campus was at times. God helped greatly with the two UBC students who joined me during their spring break to pass out tracts while I preached. It was a cold windy day, and this probably had a great effect on my throat causing my sickness to return by the next day. We are working to produce a video around the windy conditions, while a bit noisy there was good content of God's help for students who

backslide soon after attending college.



The Deputation services went well at the three churches in Indiana (Randolph Friends Church; Grace Holiness Church-Anderson, IN; Pilgrim Holiness Church-Indianapolis). Thank you Indiana Churches, your support helped us get thru March.

The second sickness delayed me from leaving for a few days while I tried to recover enough to travel. I am grateful to be doing well at the time of writing this letter the 1st and 2nd of April.

Mission trip 72 wrapped up upon arriving home on March 24th. On March 25th we had a wonderful day with Penn View Bible Institute (PVBI) in downtown Harrisburg. Many students came out and the new Ministerial Director at PVBI, Keith Bunch, helped lead the charge on the streets. We started by doing exclusively Prayer Stand evangelism and then finished with a street meeting with singing, preaching, and testimonies. God moved on many hearts and our students were greatly inspired to



reach the lost. It was also good to have Pastor Hunter Anderson from the God's Missionary Church and a few of his people help us.

The End of March and beginning of April was filled preparing our mission for IHC. We printed different items for the IHC bags and to display at our booth. We also prepared everything to go. To view our IHC items go to our IHC Booth Page: <http://EvangelismMission.com/ihc>

I have decided to stay home from IHC this year because of my mother's cancer. She has chemo the first week of April and then the week after is when she needs 24/7 care and I want to be here for her. Please pray for my mother.

Please pray for our staff too. Amy Hoover, our office manager, will for the first time be managing our IHC booth by herself. Her sister Amanda West and our IT Manager Bryan Witt will be assisting with setup and coverage of our booth at IHC.

Holiness Pioneers Horizons and Mission Trip 73

The Lord willing our next Mission Trip #73 starts on April 16th and will have a predominately Holiness Pioneers focus. We need your prayers and support as we make this long trip to AZ, UT, CO, and MN and possibly a few other places along the way.

For those who are new to our mission work I will give a very concise explanation of our Holiness Pioneers Initiative (HPI). Besides all the normal work of inner city and college campus evangelism, mentoring Bible College Students, and helping churches with evangelism, we also have what we call our Holiness Pioneers Initiative (HPI). Our HPI is our ministry focus of trying to plant churches and mission stations in states and cities where there are no conservative Holiness Churches. This all started after our first trip to Utah back in 2015, coming away from it realizing there are no CHM churches in the entire state. After seeing the need in Utah, God led us to start the HPI. In order to see that all the USA states have holiness churches. We are looking to partner with existing holiness church groups to make it happen. We are not doing this on our own. For a great deal of more info please read the HPI intro letter here: <https://HolinessPioneers.com/newsletters>

The Lord willing, on Mission Trip 73 we plan to help Daniel Anthony from Northern AZ do some outreach and hold some services to try to spark a relaunch of a church in Kingman, AZ and possible the Flagstaff area. If God wants a work there He will raise up people to make it happen. We are testing the waters so to say... Another stop while in AZ is Phoenix

where I will assist the Wesleyan Holiness Church and try to find ways to help rebuild their small works. They have both an English and Hispanic work holding services, but both are very small and they need help. Please pray for AZ endeavors on this trip.

The Lord willing, from AZ, I move on to Colorado to attend the Men Arise event to recharge my own soul. Pray for a deep work of God in my heart. We ministers need times of refreshing and refiring. God knows I need more of HIM!!!!

The Lord willing From CO, its on to Utah. Our intent was to relaunch the church this spring, but the brother who was talking about coming to Utah to help has decided to continue his education more. Please pray for a couple who are considering helping us for a few days in Salt Lake City. We also want to invite others to join us in SLC or any of our other locations.

The Lord willing, a Holiness Church leader will also be meeting us in Utah to learn more about the work there. They are considering partnering with our HPI Utah church relaunch. Please pray for God's leadership as we develop a possible partnership to launch the Utah church again.

While in Utah for a couple weeks we plan to do our normal types of ministries of street evangelism, church services in the park and possibly meetings in a conference room or auditorium somewhere in Salt Lake City. Pray for our various contacts in Utah as well as Paul Johnson from SLC who may be willing to help us some with our various ministries.

We need more short-term mission help. Want to help us in AZ, UT or MN? Please call or text right away: 570-397-0507

Another thing I want to talk about is our great need of a prayer team. We currently have a text list with over 80 on it. We have not used the texting for prayer very often, because my phone locks when I send many text at once. We want to get an actual texting service instead of just using my phone to do it. When I text that many people, I must do it in small batches with time in between or my text abilities get locked out on my phone. So we are needing to take the next step to stay in touch with people who want to pray about current events. So we may be texting a couple times a week soon. If you are interested in being on our Prayer Team by text, please let us know by emailing us your desired phone number to text. Please email text777@EvangelismMission.com your first & last name and phone number we should send the text to.

Please pray as we relaunch our newsletter email system. The last company we used, Mailerlite (best to avoid them), had a free account for mass emailing, and they decided to delete our whole list. So we have been without an email system since January. We hope to have a new email system up soon. Thank the Lord we have a backup. Please pray for our tech needs.

Finally, I would like to invite you to help us reach AZ, UT, MN, and more on our next trip by sending support for our Holiness Pioneers endeavors. As you can see in the maps below, it is



a long trip. We need to raise around \$5,500-\$6,500 for Mission Trip 73. Since most of the expenses fall under our HPI endeavors, please designate any donation to help with this trip for our Holiness Pioneers fund. Just remember we have all of our regular expenses too, so for our regular supporters it is important to maintain your support as normal and not designate it to the HPI trip project.

Thank you for your many prayers and financial support,
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and Director of Evangelism

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