



Summer 2025 Newsletter (Reporting on March—July)

PVBI at Penn State University

Greetings to all our subscribers,

God has been doing wonderful things as always, and I rejoice in sharing the testimonies in this letter.

When I last wrote to you I had to postponed Mission Trip 77 & 78 reports, so I'll start with them. Then share about some times back in PA. Followed by information on my time in Salt Lake City (SLC) and my next Mission Trips # 80 & 81. I never imagined I would take 80+ mission trips in the life of this mission, but To God Be the Glory if He wills it to happen in August & September.

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helped greatly was Bro. Nick Withe. He helped by moving our supplies to the ministry location and with street evangelism. Thank you everyone who helped reach souls!

On the way home from IHC I went to Salisbury, NC where I visited my daughter and son-in-law and planned to do some campus and street ministry. Unfortunately I came down with bronchitis and rested most of the time. Thankfully I was recovered enough that the day before leaving, I was able to speak at the Salisbury Christian Schools for their Church missions dinner event.



Mission Trip 77, end of Feb — mid March

This trip was from SLC to home to PA with ministry stops along the way. Thank you to the following churches for deputation services: Wesleyan Holiness Church Indianapolis, Bible Covenant Church in Clarksburg, IN, and Lost Creen Emmanuel Missionary Church in Hicksville, OH

I attended some sessions and it was a honor to speak at the Outreach and Bus Convention (OBC) in March on the UBC campus in Westfield, IN. I spoke on "Street & Event Outreach that Leads to Evangelism." You may watch it here:

<https://EvangelismMission.com/videos/2025-03-OBC>

Following OBC, we did a street meeting with UBC in downtown Indy. You may watch the Indy video here:



<https://EvangelismMission.com/videos/2025-03-indianapolis>

We also did a Church service in the park in Fort Wayne, IN with the help of the Lost Creek Emmanuel Missionary Church and Faith Family Fellowship in Defiance, OH. Watch here:



<https://EvangelismMission.com/videos/2025-03-ft-wayne>

Home in PA, mid March — early April.

This was a typical time at home, visit with mom (pray for her cancer), office work and motorhome maintenance. Getting home with the motorhome is like bring a ship into port. While in port you take care of maintenance before returning to the wild sea.

While home in PA, it was good to do another training session at PVBI. I spoke in professor Keith Bunch's Personal Evangelism Class again this Spring. Which was followed by street ministry with his students and Charles Black joining us again. The guys on the far left and far right were people we met while ministering who helped us. You may watch the video here:



<https://EvangelismMission.com/videos/2025-03-harrisburg>

PVBI also had me share in one of their chapel services. We also went to Penn State Univ. main campus. The Banner picture at the top of this newsletter is of a new student at PVBI, Seth Regan, who was preaching to the thousands of PSU students.

PVBI Evangelism Team at PSU



Mission Trip 78 Mid April

This trip was to Norwood Bible Covenant Church in Somerset, KY for a deputation service (thank you NBCC) and then onward to the Interchurch Holiness Convention (IHC) in Gatlinburg, TN. Besides attending and representing our mission with our booth at IHC, I did one session of street ministry in Gatlinburg with the help of others. A big thank you to Bro. Marvin Beachel for his help in traveling with me on this trip. Marvin helped load things on the motorhome to leave, helped setup at the Norwood church in the rain, and at IHC. Bro. Marvin also helped with the street evangelism holding a sign and passing out tracts. The Wayne Urie family from VA also helped and some others took Gospel tracts to pass out as they walked around. Another one who



Mission Trip 79 to SLC

I wrote a lot about this in our previous newsletter just after arriving in SLC. If you did not receive the Spring 2025 newsletter you may read it at the link above or contact us to get it by mail.

June-July in Salt Lake City

I worked in Salt Lake City (SLC) for a little over two months before leaving on Trip 80 in early Aug. I spent frequent times on the streets and the usual office work. We held many events in parks doing outdoor church services, amazingly one park event was in conjunction with a conservative Mennonite church from 45 mins. away from downtown SLC. Also Bro. Will Black came out to help as one of our short-term missionaries for nearly two weeks in July. The other short-term missionary scheduled for June, had some situations come up that kept him from coming out and we are hopeful he will try again next year. Seems like the devil is always fights anyone coming to Salt Lake City with circumstances arising.

Why are their always so many hindrances? One of the greatest errors made by Godly people is to think that when things go wrong or finances fall short, that it must not be the will of God. That's often not the case. We know from scripture and experience that the powers of darkness are always on the attack and have fought many across the years. These evil attacks are some times against the minds of the Godly, with nonsense contrary to God. Who then are used of Satan to hurt hard working soldiers of the Cross. Pray the forces of darkness are halted, and the deceived ones have their eyes opened to see God's will!

I don't write much about these things, but there is always demonic oppression when we are coming to SLC and while here. The forces of darkness launch all kinds of arsenals at us, but we just keep following God's leadership, sometimes ducking for cover, or taking the hit and suffer through it. Thank God, for His constant help! ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS!

Sometimes things just go wrong randomly, and other times they are enemy bombs strategically dropped. For example, much time was destroyed by the enemy in June with many hindrances. When the June short-term missionary plan canceled because of circumstances, that bomb of the enemy took out thousands of souls from receiving the Gospel and a mission trip planned to help a small church.

Then another bomb fell when I woke up in the middle of the night to a burning electronic smell and could not find the source. The next day the front AC sounded like it blew up on the motorhome roof while I was in the shower. I heard a terrible rumbling noise and the whole motorhome shook. When I got to the front of the motorhome about 10 minutes later, I found the AC totally quit cooling and it was getting hot inside. It was 104 degree outside. This was a major crisis, because RVs are like green-



houses and immense heat grows fast inside without both ACs running.

OH NO, went loudly through my mind, what am I going to do? RV ACs are expensive and its 104 degrees out. Replacing it was estimated at \$2500 for a new one and the labor to install it. While I'm one of those jack of most trades and master of a few, I don't have the health to do all this myself and I'm not roof-top compatible any more. God came to the rescue again providing wisdom and help.

After putting out an emergency email and Facebook post about the AC situation, God provided! Many supporters gave to raise the funds, and in just a few days all the money was raised and a new AC was installed and we did it for just a little over \$1700. God provided: Paul Johnson to go up on the roof, a local tech who evaluated and advised me on what to get for a lower price than expected, and sent my neighbor Larry over to help us get the old 100+ lbs AC off the roof and the new one up. I did the inside work of removing and connecting the ACs, while Paul did the roof based work. Praise God we did it without paying much labor!

Sadly, around a week after installing the new front AC, the rear AC quit cooling at times, mostly when it gets around 98 degrees or hotter. So back YouTube I went, and troubleshot the problem to the tune of a \$70 Thermal Overload protector. Praise God my neighbor Larry installed it.

Another time robbing bomb is the washing machine, even after I replaced the pump, it still has other issues. These RV washer/dryer combos run over \$1000. Pray I can get it replace soon. For now I have to bang on it when the circuit board is failing and flashing lights, and pray the wobbling drum keeps going.

Please pray we don't have any more breakdowns. Our funds are not up for another "bomb!" God has defused many bombs before they exploded, sometimes He rebuilds things better than they were before exploding, and sometimes we suffer thru. Praise God!

God is always doing something amazing in SLC. In June during one of my street evangelism times, while I was preaching, this man came over and sat right next to me, so close I was concerned what he might be up to. I just moved over a little and kept on preaching. Soon I noticed he was broken up, gripped by the Holy Spirit. He was under great conviction and God was moving. After we talked for a while, he decided he wanted to pray for salvation. While my eyes were closed and we were praying, a woman walked over to us and was observing. When we finished praying she was gripped by God too, but not under conviction. She was rejoicing to see someone pray for salvation. I have not seen him since. Please pray for him and that I can find him again. He seemed so sincere. It was evident God did something for him!



As her and I talked for some time, it was obvious that she loved God and was hungry for truth. She was so excited to see someone preaching on the streets and someone praying for salvation. She mentioned how there were no churches teaching the full truth in the city and she tried so many. She has been in SLC for 4 years now and cannot find a church truly alive in Christ, She was so glad to meet a preacher of righteousness. She has been coming to our Sunday meetings & evangelism events, and helps to pass out tracts and invitations at times.

Praise God we have a temporary place to hold church services again. Thank you for praying, but keep on praying because we need a regular place to meet. We are able to use a conference room in the Salt Lake City ever other Sunday for free. So thankful we can meet there. We meet there every two weeks. The other week we meet in Washington Square Park across from the library.

We have regular consistent people attending and visitors nearly every Sunday. Seems like every Sunday there are new people that come to our service in the park and some return again. We have the library thru the rest of this year, but the park services will cease when it gets cold or when I'm on a mission trips.

On Sundays when I'm away on short trips, we are setting up for Zoom video conferencing at the library. We will try this for the first time on the 2nd Sunday in Aug. Paul Johnson is setting up our projector and computer so I can use Zoom to preach from Arcadia, CA. Pray this works out. This is our plan while I'm on mission trips in Sept and Oct too. Pray we can keep the church services going. We also will need another projector before I leave on Mission Trip 81 to the tune of \$800, please pray.

We really could use a weekly place to meet by late August so we can do weekly services inside preparing for when I'm away for most of Sept and Oct. Pray for funds to pay for this regular place to meet. We don't have enough people yet to raise the funds needed to cover a meeting place.

I wrote about our church in the park services on Facebook and by email before. Visit: [Facebook.com/EvanMission](https://www.facebook.com/EvanMission) to see more pictures.

We did a special combined outreach at Pioneer Park in SLC with the Living Waters Mennonite church from Provo, UT which is about 45min from Downtown SLC. They do a monthly homeless outreach, so we teamed up in June and added our church in the park service to their homeless outreach. They were so helpful doing



ing the singing and serving the homeless, while I did the preaching. They also passed out tracts and invited people to the service throughout the park.



The following week Bro. Will Black arrived and was set loose on SLC. We started with a Downtown SLC street evangelism event where I preached open air



and he passed out tracts and invites for our 3 day revival/seminar meeting. The next day we did an outreach to the fireworks crowd on the 4th of July, there we were met by thousands gathering.

We passed out around 400 tracts and invitations.

We did our first service of many in Washing Square Park (WSP) across from the library. We do this every two weeks now in WSP. Bro. Will Black preached at this first WSP church in the park service. We hope to produce the videos soon.



The meeting went well the following week where we rented the large auditorium at the library for modest fee and held a 3 day event on being an overcomer. Sometimes we preached and other times we used PowerPoint to teach what it means to be an overcomer



At the various services, Bro. Black handled most of the singing. We both spent a

good amount of time preparing our messages for the various events. Pray for those who visited and for the seeds to remain in their souls. Pray for those regularly attending, that they will continue to grow in the faith and for others to come to our services. Do you want to help with the SLC mission plant? If so, please designate donations for [SLC Holiness Pioneers](#).

Upcoming Mission Trips 80 in Aug, and 81 in Sept.

Hard to imagine that I am approaching Mission trip 80. The Lord willing, Trip 80 is to Southern CA Aug. 5-15, to help the Wesleyan Holiness Church and hopefully some other street evangelism events in nearby cities, possibly including riot stricken Las Angeles. Pray God gives us wisdom where to minister, safety, and for the souls we minister(ed) to. In Arcadia, we are planning door to door evangelism and a church service in their park on Saturday evening as well as a special service at the church on Sunday evening.

The Lord willing, Trip 81 is from SLC to Free Trinity Navajo Mission in Gallup, NM. Pray as we do outreach with them and some special services. Next stop is possibly DeRidder, Louisiana or other cities or campuses while traveling East through the South. Last stop before going north is the School of the Prophets / Future Pastor's conference in Pell City, AL, the last week of Sept. There I will represent our mission work looking for recruits. From Pell City, AL, I head north stopping for some hopeful mission services. Please pray some deputation services would open up on Trip 81 and when I get home to PA in Oct.

We are trying to do more Facebook post and emails. Are you subscribed to our email list and follow our mission on Facebook?

There are often many needs. We need several pieces of additional equipment and some replaced. Please pray for travel funds, SLC Funds, Equipment Funds, General Fund, and RK Support.

Thank you.....Rodney Keister

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