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Greetings dear followers of Christ,

We last sent a newsletter in Dec. and a supporter only letter in January along with their end of year statements. Hard to believe 6 months have past since writing. Thank you to all who support even when you don't hear from us.

News methods have changed in recent years, are you getting all our news? I'm hoping to do more by email, Facebook, and short text messages. Do you want more frequent news and prayer requests? If so, sign up for emails on our newsletter web page: EvangelismMission.com/newsletters.php, follow us on Facebook (Facebook.com/EvanMission) and/or drop us a text at 570-397-0507 to request to be added to our text list.

Keister's Chronicles Late Nov. 2025 — May 2026

Mission Trip 82 PA to NC, to IN, to UT

Late November: Unfortunately, I was too late to do the planned outreaches in NC because of delays out of my hands, but I was so grateful to still make Thanksgiving in NC with my daughter and son-in-law.

December 1st and 2nd we ministered in Indianapolis. There I met up with Daniel Delong and Union Bible College (UBC) students for two separate outreaches. The first outreach was to the University of Indiana Indianapolis (UII).



On the campus we did prayer stand ministry with Daniel and Patrick Servance. It was a good opportunity to pray with UII students.

God is moving on Daniel Delong. He feels called to street ministry and starts Penn View Bible Institute



(PVBI) this fall. Pray for him!

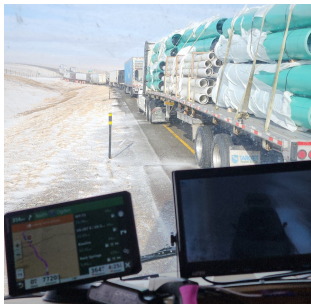
It was great to see UBC Students join Daniel Delong and I to do a street meeting in Downtown Indianapolis. Daniel even recruited his mom and brother to help. Sister Delong played the keyboard for us in the cold and did an amazing job. God helped everyone to do a wonderful job singing and preaching. Daniel street preached for the first time too. Praise God for young people being brave for Christ, being Full Followers of Jesus! You may watch the video of our street meeting here:

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By the way, do you want to see more videos? Visit our YouTube channel at Channel.EvangelismMission.com. Also, please pray for our video production. It cost us to produce the videos. So if you enjoy watching our videos, please consider helping with the expenses to make them. We have cut back the number of videos we are able to release to conserve our funds and because of insufficient help. What we do is not to easily live stream or we would just do that. We do not have someone to do our street videoing, so we start the two or three cameras that are attached to our signs and our chest cam rolling when we leave the car until we return. So there is much to edit with multiple video angels, and our street evangelism and street meetings can go for many hours, hence it takes a lot to produce each video. We only produce a small portion of the many events we video.

A shout out to Doug Gardei for stepping up in absence of a media manager and doing nearly all our videos around his busy PVBI full-time computer service work. He is also our faithful treasurer, and helps with our office work in absence of an office manager.

From Indianapolis, I started to make my way to Utah. I had a sudden unplanned prolong stop on the way at a barren exit in the highlands of Wyoming! If you are on our text list, you were in the loop on this scary situation. On Monday Dec. 8th, I was nearly blown off I-80 and barely got off an exit, trucks gridlocked the exit ramp. Winds were gusting at 60-90 mph and they closed the highway to high-profile vehicles under 40,000 lbs. My Motorhome is only 22,000 lbs. Praise God, I found a place to



- "How Can somebody throw Jesus Christ away?" rang out to a Christmas shopping crowd.....
- What did children do on a university campus that will impact them and others forever?
- She was planning to????? But GOD used the Prayer Stand & freckles to.....

park at a state ice-melt supply barn right off the exit. There I parked the motorhome facing the direction of the wind, figuring the motorhome was made to take on high winds straight at the windshield. When I woke in the morning a tractor-trailer

was blown off the interstate like 500 yards straight in front of the motorhome. Praise God, I was kept safe there for a day and 1/2, until God opened a small 3-5 hours time gap from the high winds that I was able to pass through the bad area of WY. Then as soon as I was through it, the road was closed for the next 3 days. Had I not drove thru the night in this short span of time, I would have been there for nearly a week with no businesses anywhere for supplies.



Praise God I made it to Salt Lake City (SLC) in time to pick up Johnathan John from Papua New Guinea at the airport. He is a student at UBC. He stayed with me in SLC for his Christmas break from college and helped me in various ways.

In SLC, it was back to the normal routine. Preach at the rescue mission one to two times a month, at the Library conference room every other Sunday, in the park or streets on alternating Sundays as well as street ministry during the week. Johnathan helped with some of the preaching in these locations. He did a good job. Please pray for his continued college training and for his growth spirit-



Johnathan at the Library



Johnathan in conversation after street preaching

ually. Also see the banner picture above. Watch to

hear and see this preached: "How Can somebody throw Jesus Christ away?" This message rang out to a Christmas shopping crowd... Watch it here:

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January was remarkable warm just like Dec. We were able to hold a service in Pioneer park where Johnathan, Paul and I all preached. Around Library and outdoor ministries, the rest of the month was spent doing lots of end of year office work and prepping for Trip 83. Johnathan had a lot more free time in January for a break before flying back to Indianapolis. I also took Johnathan to see the Great Salt Lake and for some other recreational things. My back also went into severe disfunction and I struggled a lot to get some things done in preparation for Trip 83 to Phoenix. I was over a week behind schedule to get to the Wesleyan Holiness Camp Meeting and I was to do their livestream videoing.



Mission Trip 83 to Phoenix, AZ was filled with severe back pain that had me laid up quite often. I was able to make some services at the WH Camp meeting and did some of their live stream videoing. I did less than half of the street and campus outreaches that I planned since I was a over a week late. I'm grateful for the two events Dennis Claw and I were able to do. We did one afternoon of street ministry downtown and one afternoon at AZ Univ. in downtown Pheonix and Dennis open air preached for the first time.



I returned to Salt Lake City in early **February** and resumed the normal of street evangelism, preaching at the rescue mission, in parks, and at the library conference room. We also started doing street meetings near a homeless dining hall and yard where



Courtyard Near Homeless Dining Hall

We preach across the street - Gospel reaches them

they hang out and also in what we call the island between a split street with a little park in between. Paul is the best consistent helper I've ever had in the Salt Lake City area. He is so faithful to

help Sunday after Sunday. He also helps some Fridays and Saturdays when he can. He preached a few times at various events this winter and spring.

We could not find David for months.



Turns out he is homeless again. Pray for David to get a place to live again and that we can stay in touch.



While I'm away on mission trips and deputation back east, Paul drives by the homeless areas looking for David on the way to host our Zoom video church service at the library every other Sunday in my absence. Even though I'm not there, we still hold regular services by Zoom from home or at the library.

We did the same pattern of ministry from mid February through **March**. Late March was spent prepping for Trip 84. I also underwent aggressive chiropractic treatments including shockwave, laser, electro stimulus, and physical adjustments for around 6 weeks. I was doing much better, nearly back to normal before I left on Mission Trip 84.

April, Mission Trip 84 was from Utah to MO, TN, NC and ending in PA. I was able to stop for one session of campus ministry at the Univ. of Missouri in Kansas City, MO. There I just did tract ministry and offered prayer to students. I was able to meet and pray with a young man called to be a youth pastor. We had a good discussion and prayer. Our campus ministry is not always preaching, it is a lot of one on one. Have you been to our secret webpage for campus ministries? It has some unlisted videos you can't find on public access on YouTube. It has a broad representation of the types of things we do on campuses. I use these for training examples. You can only watch these by knowing the link. Contact us to get the link for this secret website.

Next stop was Gatlinburg for our annual mission representation at IHC and we did some street preaching as we usually do. Bro. Erik Samborski was a big help this year. He preached both days. We had some others hand out tract for us to. We even had a friendly encounter with a police officer who told us he was responding to a complaint by a shop worker nearby. He clearly let us know we had a right to do what we do, but the sound was an issue. We explained judges already ruled that we have the right



to be "loud enough to be heard," and my voice medical condition that doctors require me to use an amplified sound to protect me from damaging my voice. I further explained that this voice disability is protected under the America's Disability Act, and he would violate the Act if he stopped me from using my speaker. He let us know that he was not going to stop us. Praise God for a good police officer who respected our rights.

Unfortunately some Christians think it wrong to lift your voice on the streets and think it is too forceful. I even had one church board deny me the ability to hold a mission service at their church because they thought my ways were too forceful. Wow, how good is bad and bad is good in the minds of some. I asked their pastor if they ever read about John the Baptist, or the Apostles' preaching, or even Jesus Christ's preaching outdoors. They did it in the market places, on the streets, in front of false god's temples, and were very forceful at times. Then, I let him know that I don't think I'm as forceful as they were. In fact if you watch my videos you will find I am very soft most of the time and full of brokenness and love.

I've been think a lot about Jesus telling us to deny ourselves and follow him and I have preached some messages about that. What does following Christ mean to you? For many years, in fact most of my Christian life, I thought of it as living a moral life like he did, that after getting saved we need to abstain from sin both that of commission and omission. But is that it? What about following Jesus and doing the very things he did. Adam Clarke wrote in his commentary on Matt. 16:24 "To imitate Jesus, and do and suffer all in his spirit-Let him FOLLOW ME." Wait a minute, Bro. Clarke, do you mean to imitate Jesus, we must do what he did also? Christ told us to preach the Gospel to every creature, but so few do this. Why? We can knock on doors, invite people to a church services or special events, and that is great and needful, but to not share the Gospel with them unless they come to an event is insufficient. What about truly following Christ and crying aloud to dying souls in the outdoors? Many will face judgement day disgraced for criticizing those who are simply doing what Jesus and the original disciples did.

We are coming up on our 20th anniversary this Fall. I did not know all that God was calling us to do as a mission work in the early years. Now that I look back across these nearly 20 years, I can see that we have been inspired, one moment at a time without realizing it fully, to be doing many of the things that Christ and the Apostles did to reach souls. Pray for us to continue to grow in the work of the Lord, and to bring grievous conviction on those who oppose Christ-like ministry of preaching in the great outdoors!

I want to freshly invite you to be a FULL FOLLOWER of Christ. Go "Preach" the Gospel to every creature. This is more than just lifting you voice, it can be done one on one by the well so to say. While one on one is perhaps the most common way people witness, to fully imitate Christ also includes lifting our voices in the streets and market places, feeding & clothing the needy, being involved in healing. This was not just the call to those original disciples, but Christ is still calling us to deny ourselves and FOLLOW HIM. Remember what He said in Matt. 25:45b "...Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me."

Mission Trip 84 ended with a visit to my Daughter and son-in-law in North Carolina on the way home to PA.

End of April & May, back in PA: There was much office work and maintenance to do on the motorhome, like a ship coming in to dock before going out into the storm seas again. I was able to preach in another PVBI Chapel service and take Professor Keith Bunch's PVBI Evangelism class out for Prayer Stand Ministry. One encounter was with a woman for prayer. After praying with her, she told us how she was contemplating suicide but because of us being here for prayer it helped her. Then when leaving she commented how she was comfortable coming to us, it was bro. Josiah's freckles. Wow, who ever would have thought that God could use a Prayer Stand and Freckles to help person in need. Praise God!



It was also great to be with my new friend David from Bloomsburg. We did ministry at Commonwealth Univ. in Bloomsburg (CUB), Street ministry by movie theater in Lewisburg, and we did drive by evangelism on bikes in Williamsport. God use all these ways to reach souls with the Gospel. One of the most memorable experience while home in PA, was with David at CUB when three children on a scooter and bikes came near. The oldest girl was the only one able to read. They caught my attention when I heard the little boy say what does it say, referring to the sign I was holding. The oldest girl read it loudly. Just a few moments later their adult who was watching them shows up and by the look on his face he was not happy they read the verse. Later I was thinking about this, how this could impact their lives forever and those who were passing by to hear a young child reading God's Word aloud. Pray for these children to come to Christ and for the students that heard them and showed interest in the Gospel on the CUB campus.



Praise God!



Jesus said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6
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Prayer Requests:

- Healing for my back or if its God's will a surgeon willing to fix it.
- Mission Trip 85: Detroit; ICHA Camp Greenfield, IN; Chicago
- Trip 86 North Carolina & Western PA
- Workers: Utah Pastor and Musicians, Office & PR Rep, Street Evangelist, and many volunteers.
- Daughter Gabrielle with the Birth of my first grandchild between July 27-early August.
- 20th Anniversary Deputation Services: June thru Oct or Nov.

After nearly 20 years doing the mission work across the USA, spending most of the past two years working the western states, especially Utah, I have come to realize that I must spend more time doing deputation for the remainder of this year. We need to raise more monthly support because of inflation, replacing donors who have gone on to heaven or have had difficult times that diminished their ability to support monthly. More monthly support is needed before I can return West or even continue in the East or we are looking at more downsizing. We are trying to schedule many services and raise around \$3000 additional monthly support and \$2000+ monthly for the Utah Mission Outreach.

Pray for churches with new pastors who do not know me well yet. It can be difficult to return to a regularly visited church for mission services, when the new pastor doesn't know me or know that his congregation likes to hear about our mission work. If I have not been to your church in a while and/or you have a new pastor, please ask them to reach out to me to schedule. Since the Covid crisis, many church have dwindled and scheduling mission services has thinned out.

Thank you for all your prayers and support across these nearly 20 years. God has been so good and has done mighty things!

A servant of the Lord Jesus Christ— Rodney Keister

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