

Missionaries - Rodney Keister & Daughter Gabrielle

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“And he went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem.” Luke 13:22

Where did Christ do the majority of His ministry? In the church or outside the church? While He did minister inside the synagogues, He spent most of His ministry outside the four walls of the worship center. So let us follow His example and seek those who are lost where they are at. Christ knew where the lost were, and that is why He spent most of His ministry outside the synagogues...

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Christ knew the place to reach people. And everywhere Jesus Christ went He ministered to the Lost. When He had a destination like Jerusalem, He went through the cities and villages while traveling towards His destination teaching & preaching the Kingdom of God.

Christ also knew that many of those who profess some kind of religion are often far from the reality of being His child. While on the streets of Williamsport this past Fall, I encountered a young man named Steve. He was raised in a formal church and still attended their services. I encouraged him that it's not the church we go to that makes us a Christian, but rather if we know Christ as our true personal Savior. I felt led of the Lord to ask him if he knew the scriptures in the Bible that tell us how we can know we are truly God's Child. He was not sure, so I had him read 1 John 3:9 out loud - "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for His seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." I went on to explain that there are evidences to know if we are truly God's child. I expanded on the verse to bring enlightenment, that we leave the ways of sin if we are truly born into God's family. He was interested and accepted a tract from me. Later before leaving I found him around the street corner reading the tract. It looked like he finished that tract, so I walked over and gave him another. He grew hungry for the Gospel.

That day I had a planned focus to do evangelism in Williamsport, PA. So often I hand out some tracts, CDs, or talk with people on the way to my destinations and while traveling back from my destination during normal everyday life. This is one of the ways Jesus ministered everywhere He went. Some times it is those contacts on the way to a place or the way back that are the divine appointment for each of us. You can witness everywhere you go if you are prepared to. Are you prepared to witness? Do you carry tracts with you? What about CDs, or your pastor's card? Take some time out of your schedule to meet those Divine appointments God has planned for you. Do not be afraid, be prepared, and God will use you.

New Title for Mission Work

Over the last few years it has become apparent that God has been leading in many different types of evangelism. The mission work has become much broader than Street evangelism and prayer stands alone. Therefore it would be most fitting to call the mission work by a shorter and more precise name hence: Evangelism Mission is our new title of our mission work. Our new website is EvangelismMission.com. We still operate as missionaries with God's Missionary Church and have no plans at this time to change that. Just as missionaries may belong to EFM, HIM, or any other group, my group is GMC. I also felt that a website name that is not bearing the name of any one church is important since I minister outside GMC as much if not more than inside the conference. Here is a list of conferences of churches where we have ministered over the years in at least one of their churches:

God's Missionary Church	Wesleyan Bible Holiness Church	Church of God (Holiness)
Wesleyan Holiness Church	Bible Holiness Church (old Fire Baptized)	Allegheny Wesleyan Church
Pilgrim Holiness Church (NY)	Bible Methodist Church (Alabama)	Bible Methodist Church (TN)
Bible Methodist Church (Heartland)	International Conservative Holiness Association -churches	

And many independent holiness churches too.

We have ministered in the following states since the inception of the mission work:

PA, NY, MD, OH, WV, VA, IN, MO, AR, KS, OK, AZ, CA

Newsletter changes....

With the increasing work load in the ministry and the cost of newsletter production there is a need to reduce the actual printed text and pictures in our newsletters. Our typical cost has been somewhere near a dollar a piece for our newsletters when you count postage and all supplies to complete the project. So by condensing my newsletters to the activities and letting you listen to the testimonies online this will save printing cost and Lord willing will help me to get newsletters out more frequently. So I am encouraging people to listen to the mission services and conventions I've posted in our online sermons database on our websites. If you do not have access to the internet or cannot listen online for some reason, please contact me and request these services on CD. You will find many encouraging testimonies within these services. To God be the Glory!

I have been reluctant to switch people over to emailed newsletters because of the SPAM filtering that goes on which stops a lot of newsletters from reaching their intended recipients. There are some missionary newsletter services that alleviate the SPAM problems. Lord Willing, in the near future I will be using their email system to send newsletters.

Conclusion of our MO, AR, OK mission trip report....

When I last wrote I ran out of time and space to finish telling you about the remainder of our mission trip to MO, AR, & OK. I'll try to briefly summarize the remainder of the trip.

After leaving Joplin, MO, we traveled to Gravette AR and stayed with Pastor Dan Merkley from the Gentry AR, Church Of God (Holiness.) We were there to hold an evangelism convention, do outreach, a testimony service, and a dog sermon. Things went well and people were encouraged to be soul winners. We had some great times on the streets with some from the church, including many youth and children, as we walked and knocked on doors praying with people, passing out tracts and flyers for the



dog sermon and testimony service. We praise God for the adult and many children that sought the Lord in this series of meetings, and it was a special joy to get to know the Merkley family.



During our stay with the Merkleys we got to take a break and visit a local cave and go to a safari. Yes we did monkey around a little and one little guy seemed to be very friendly as he examined my head for a little while. Guess all was well because he soon got down. I was not so concerned about the monkey on my back as I was about these vicious animals in the cage with the warning sign. So please use caution and don't feed them or they may stay around for a while, ha... ha... ha....



While staying in Gravette we held an evening service at the Church of God in Colcord, OK. Pastor Weeks had a wonderful group of young people out for this special service. This was an exciting service as many children and youth sought the Lord that night at the conclusion of the "Too Many Masters" dog sermon. Praise to God for what He has done in their hearts!



- Praise God for...**
- ◇ Souls saved over the last 6 months and hearts encouraged to be soul winners!
 - ◇ Safety while traveling from PA to CA
 - ◇ A time share motorhome. What an answer to prayer.
 - ◇ God's hand upon our dog as God used her another 6 times in sermons across the country. She shared her message in PA, NY, MO, AR, OK, AZ, & CA in less than one year.
 - ◇ Our high mileage minivan is still going. Some times behind the motorhome too...
 - ◇ Continued and new supporters

A House from God... (continued from last newsletter)

I praise God over and over again for the home He has led us to. I also want to thank each of you who have prayed for us to have a home when you knew we were stepping out on faith into full time evangelism mission work. Thank you also for praying about how God wants us to use the house. We are still praying about the usage of the many rooms. One possible thing we are looking into is working with Mission Helps to provide rooms for short-term and/or an apartment for long-term visits from missionaries who are on furlough. And we are still praying about doing formal Biblical Counseling within our home.

Please continue to pray that God will lead us how to best use the space we have and to finalize the owning process. At this time we are very close to laying out our plans and are just waiting for the providence of the Lord in finalizing everything. We hope over the next few months to formalize the rent-to-own or mortgage process too. Please keep in mind that while this is a big house, I truly believe God has many ministry plans for it to be used for His Glory and that God has worked out a very nice price. Please be praying God works out all the details.

A Home on the Move>>>> Answer to Prayer

Praise God for answering prayer!!!!!! We are now half owners of a motor-home. For around a year we have been praying for a camper trailer & truck or a motor-home. After doing much research it was decided that a motor-home was the best approach because of the following factors. While a truck pulling a camper trailer would be less expensive on fuel while on the road with both, it would be more expensive and cumbersome than a motor-home pulling my van or a future vehicle behind. Because of needing to get around in cities of various sizes, a smaller vehicle than a truck would be needed once we setup camp at the various locations God would lead us to do street ministry. So we can setup the motor-home to pull my van behind and leave the motor home at churches or parks while I travel around in the cities in my van.

It was amazing that my mother and I were able to work out a kind of timeshare motor-home arrangement, with each of us paying 50% of the payment. She desires to go camping and I need a home on the road for when I travel for ministry. So mom and I agreed to buy one together. Praise God for the motor-home He sent our way in late January. It's a 1998 Pace Arrow in excellent shape with only 48K miles on it when we purchased it. Although it is 14 years old, it runs great and has been well taken care of by the elderly couple who owned it. So God has preserved this motorhome for His traveling minister. Another answer to prayer, thanks to people like you who have prayed.

Now please keep praying for me to get another vehicle that I fit in and can tow behind the motorhome on our tow dolly. It must be front wheel drive only and have enough room to store the 4 ft. x 4 ft. mobile stages I travel with. (My minivan has 218K miles on it and is developing signs of transmission problems, please pray it last long enough.)

September 2011 to mid February 2012

Because of the length of my newsletters, I'll only summarize my activities and locations at this time. I hope to start a place on my website soon that you will be able to hear and see some testimonies from the field. For now, if you listen to the mission services and evangelism convention services in Mesa AZ online you'll hear many testimonies from our experiences ministering abroad.

We have progressively worked on getting settled in our home around our ministry schedule and sickness that afflicted me in the late fall and early winter. I took a Biblical Counseling night class at Penn View Bible Institute in the Fall se-

Media Ministry Updates

Praise the Lord. God has been doing wonderful things. After this most recent order of CDs back in Feb., before leaving for our evangelism tour we produced another 1100 sermons on CDs. That brings the mission total CD production to around 8300, and the online sermons since April of 2009 is over 3500 sermons. That's over 11,000 sermons reaching this world for Christ.

New sermon on CD

- ◇ "Sins of Omissions"

New sermons on websites

- ◇ Intentional About Missions as a Local Church by Marc Sankey (A must hear on giving our lives for the Kingdom)
- ◇ Evangelism Convention 2012 in Mesa AZ
 - Feb 22: Burden for the Lost & Mission Service
 - Feb 23: Methods of Soul Winning
 - Feb 24: Outreach Methods & Materials
 - Feb 26: Overcoming Fear to Evangelize

Prayer Requests

- ◇ Souls to be saved!
- ◇ God's will and wisdom for running the mission work
- ◇ My family, health, & protection from the forces of darkness which attack frequently
- ◇ Faithful prayer and support to fulfill the will of God
- ◇ More open doors for mission deputation services
- ◇ Redesign of websites
- ◇ Full online sermon search capabilities repaired
- ◇ Future Tour where God leads

Proposed Schedule

(Lord Willing)

April

Newsletters

College Evang.: PSU, BloomU
IH-Convention, Dayton OH
Street Outreach, Dayton, OH

May

Outreach weekends:

Chambersburg, PA
York, PA

Street Evang.: Harrisburg, PA
College Evang.: PSU, BloomU
Newsletters

June—Planning stage: Evangelism Tour IN, AR, OK, KS

July

Newsletters

Campmeetings, & Event Evangelism at fair grounds

August—Planning stage: Evangelism Tour on Indian reservations in Northwest USA

Mission Deputation—None schedule until end of May and very light through the summer—PLEASE PRAY URGENTLY

Targeted Local Evangelism around travel schedule

- ◇ Street Evangelism in Harrisburg, Williamsport, Danville, Berwick,
- ◇ Event Evangelism: Community Days at Columbia Mall, Bloomsburg, PA; Summer Fairs & Festivals; flea markets

mester. Following God's leading, I studied street preaching methods and **Page 3** practical examples online. I Preached revival meetings in Washington Courthouse, OH; New Lancaster Valley, PA; Delmar, MD; and Bloersville, PA. I held the "Too Many Masters" dog sermon in Sayre, PA. I filled in at a few holiness churches, as well as the Grace Reformed Church of Troxellville, PA. I spoke at some churches in PA for mission deputation services.

We have done street evangelism in the following PA cities or towns: Williamsport, Wilkes-Barre, Bloomsburg, Camp Hill, State College, Mifflinburg; Event evangelism at Nittany Antique Show (Penns Cave, PA), SpiritFest (Northampton, PA,) and the Farmers' Market (Lewisburg, PA.) We also did street evangelism at Washington Courthouse, OH.

College outreaches are becoming some of my heavy burden of late. I've gone out to both Bloomsburg University and Penn State University. Bloomsburg is an easier location as I travel by it several times a month. One of the best times to go to BloomU is Friday nights. There have been some exciting times in these places and testimonies of souls changed and touched by Christ. If you listen to my evangelism conventions in Mesa, AZ on my website you will hear some of the moving testimonies that took place.

Evangelism Tour - PA to CA

What an exciting and exhausting time we had. We left on February 14th at around 1:00 AM and returned on March 19th. Here's the when, where and what of it all:

2/14 - gave my testimony and shared about our mission in Pearisburg, VA | 2/15 - preached evangelism message and shared about our mission in Mt. Hope, WV | 2/16 - preached evangelism message and shared about our mission in Glouster, OH | 2/17-2/18 - traveled to Gravette, AR | 2/19 - in Gentry, AR taught Adult/Teen SS and preached children/youth sermon in AM | 2/19 - Oklahoma City, preached on evangelism in a Prayer Stand training session and about our mission work | 2/20-2/22 - traveled to AZ | 2/22-2/24 - preached an Evangelism Convention in Mesa, AZ | 2/24 - afternoon street ministry in Mesa with Prayer Stand; late night college street outreach at ASU | 2/25 - preached "Too Many Masters" dog sermon in Mesa, AZ | 2/26 AM - taught overcoming fear to evangelize in SS and preached my testimony in worship service. (Note: The services in Mesa, AZ are on our website.) | 2/26 PM - preached "Too Many Masters" dog sermon in Phoenix, AZ. | 2/27-2/29 - disaster struck! I lost 2 days street outreach and one day of travel because my back went out. MRI showed three bulging discs, two pressing against spinal cord, and one blocking nerves, and one severely degenerated. Still need prayer. | 3/1 - traveled on to San Bernardino, CA and preached and shared about our mission work | 3/2 - street outreach with San Bernardino Church | 3/3 - attended the Bible Holiness district meeting in Buena Park, CA and did street outreach in Palmdale, CA | 3/4 - preached "Too Many Masters" dog sermon | 3/5 - day off | 3/6-3/9 - traveled to KS | 3/9 - preached in morning at Bible School in Independence, KS; did afternoon outreach in Elk City; in evening, preached on evangelism and "Too Many Masters" dog sermon | 3/10 - traveled to Gravette AR for place to park RV | 3/11 AM - preached testimony in morning at Bentonville, AR | 3/11 PM preached evangelism and shared about our mission in evening at Olathe, KS | 3/12-3/13 - Traveled to OH | 3/14 - visited Creation Museum in KY | 3/14 - preached evangelism and shared about our mission in Plainfield, IN | 3/15-3/16 - traveled to Hanover, PA | 3/17 - door to door evangelism | 3/18 AM - preached teen time sermon; preached evangelism and shared about our mission work | 3/18 PM - preached evangelism and shared about our mission work at the Evangelical Brethren Church, Hanover | 3/19 - Arrived home exhausted. | 3/20—3/26 Took a week off!!!!

While I'm trying to keep to just brief details for the lengthy trip, I did want to mention that God did wonderful things along this tour - from people getting saved, locating a fellow street preacher who is holiness in doctrine with no church, seeing Christians catch a deeper burden for the lost as well as a burden to do corporate and personal evangelism. To God be the Glory!!! Check out our recordings from some of our trip at our new website: EvangelismMission.com in the "[Online Sermons](#)" database!

Living on Manna Mountains and Vacant Valleys (sequel)

January a year ago I wrote an article in my newsletter sharing some of our blessed experiences and sacrifices as we serve in this mission work. I do not like writing about financial needs, but after prayer and Godly counsel I find it needful to write a sequel article.

First of all I want to say that God has provided for this mission work from the very beginning with that first \$500 that came in to start the ministry. It was a special answer to prayer for God to send in that initial \$500 for this ministry when it didn't even exist yet. God did that then and has continued to answer prayer through the years. To God be the Glory, for this has been His mission work from the beginning and will be forever! Not only have the majority of mission needs been met, but as a family we have not gone hungry, run out of gas in our van, and he has kept us in a home safe and sound! I truly praise God for all He has done. Yet in the mits of all this there have been some big struggles and deficiencies.

Over the past year in times of deep valleys God has sent in some rescue lines of offerings at low tides that were single donor sums of \$500, \$800, and \$2000. These were life savers when they arrived. The smaller consistent monthly offerings help significantly and are base line foundations that are so greatly needed and appreciated. Over all it is the consistent small offerings and the sporadic large offerings that pull us through. Thank you to all who contribute at churches,

mail-in, and the few online.

The following testimony was a great answer to prayer. This past November things were very tight. My daughter asked me “Why does it seem like God lets us get to the point where we are beginning to wonder if things are going to work out, before He sends funds.” I wasn’t sure how to answer that. So I took it to the Lord in a private time of prayer. I asked God the same question in prayer and asked God to once again to show me His will to continue in this ministry. I asked that He have one person alone send an offering for \$2000 for a particular need and to witness to my heart that He wanted me to continue in the mission work. While I did not get an answer to the why question, I did get an answer with funds because in just a few days it came in - \$2000 from one donor! Praise God for people hearing the Lord’s voice in their giving!

Why there is a rollercoaster life style for many missionaries, I do not fully understand. We get desperate and almost into despair and the Lord reaches down and provides over and over again. Now this is a rather consistent story for many missionaries, even George Muller experienced such situations. Is it that Christians give when they know of desperate needs? Does it take a desperate situation for God to penetrate the hearts to give to His work? Or, perhaps at times it is simply so God can receive greater glory by those large answers to prayer. In all, we praise God for how He manages all these things. I have learned, that God does not need to explain why to us, we just need to mind God!

In the spring of last year through mid-summer when the news of me going full time in this mission work first went out, there was a lot of excitement in giving. This propelled us in to the full time work. But it seems like there have been attacks on our mission funds ever since. Rev. Arlan Kratz, our former World Missions Director, warned me after starting the mission work, that when Satan attacks the finances, don’t just sit there, let people know to pray. I talked with our current World Mission Director and he agrees that I should let people know the mission needs. So that is what I’m doing just now. I’m letting you all know that things have been very low at times. The economy has turned even more sour than before and everyone is hurting. But please be prayerful that the Kingdom’s work is not hindered. Below are some current details I’ll share.

With our last order of 1100 CDs for the mission, our cost has gone up a little, and because of our vendor’s internal financial needs our terms of payment have changed too. Yet there are souls dying and going to hell. We can’t stop producing sermons on CD or the websites. God has used audio sermons over and over again to reach hearts. Because of our websites and audio ministries people are getting help all around the world. People are asking for God’s preached word on CD and downloading it from our website by the thousands. We need to order more CDs and we must pay in advance now because our vendor is up against the rail in today’s economy. I estimate our CD needs to meet the demand over the next quarter will be \$500-700. Please lift this need before God in Prayer.

Our outreach supplies are running low. Before the remaining 1000 or so tracts I have left are gone, we need to buy more. We spread thousands across the land. For exam-

ple: our 5 week tour to CA and back used around **Page 4** 3000 tracts, nearly 1000 CDs, and nearly 1000 gallons of gasoline between my van and the motorhome. It takes a lot of resources to evangelize our world. And quite frankly, evangelism should be one of the last things that we set on the shelf, for it is the very essence of the work of the Lord to take the Gospel to the lost and compel them to enter into the Kingdom of God!

Newsletters have not been as frequent as I would like. One reason is there has been too little funds to produce one. Another other reason has been too little time.

I also want our readers to know that we as a family live a very sacrificial life in these hard times. As an example, from Aug. 2011 through Jan. 2012 (6 months) my combined support of housing and salary was only \$5176 for the entire 6 months which was critically below our needs and Gabrielle’s PVCA school bill is very high now. I praise God for what we received and that most of my ministry travel expenses were met and I only had to spend a little out of pocket for un-reimbursed ministry expenses. But, if it wasn’t for the Lord working through a few revival meetings, many gifts, and selling an old car and truck I had, there was no way we could have lived through those months. I have no more vehicles to sell and no guarantee of personal gifts to help again. Also, the beloved person who helped a lot during this time is not able to continue.

I am sharing this with you all because I know you care about the Kingdom of God, this mission, our family, and you want to see souls saved. Souls saved and the body of believers motivated to be soul winners is the major focus of this mission. I know this mission work is God’s will for our lives - that I am sure about! And that is why I know He will make all things work together for His greater plan of good.

I am so very grateful for those faithful supporters we have. Yet there is a need for more regular monthly support. I know times are tight for everyone, but if 25 new supporters just sent in \$20 a month, or 50 sent in \$10 or 100 sent in \$5, that would increase the regular monthly support by \$500 a month. This would put a large dent in the short falls we have experienced and stabilize things a little more. Sometimes people think that there is no point sending in just \$10 a month. In reality, a lot of mission works are supported by just this kind of donation according to Bro. Daniel Melton, missionary to Honduras, when he spoke at PVBI Mission Convention last week. So would you please pray and seek the Lord to find out if it is God’s will for your life to be a consistent monthly supporter? If God leads you to be a monthly supporter, we have a two year check box “Mission Possible Card” available. You may download it from our website’s “[Donations](#)” page at ([EvangelismMission.com](#)) or call me and I’ll mail you one.

Please be praying about our upcoming evangelism mission tours in June and Aug. This past tour someone volunteered to pay for half the gas. Pray God meets the needs.

Spring Cleaning time... a “Brotherly Likeness Event”

With IHC just around the corner and our June evangelism tour coming up fast, we are encouraging giving through what I’ll call a “Brotherly Likeness Event.” Let me explain; a brother called me some months ago and let me know he had sent me a check in the mail. What was unique about his gift was that he said he was cleaning up his check book. I wasn’t sure where he was going with that, and then he told me that he decided to clean up his check book by rounding it off. So he sent in the odd amount to bring his check book to a neat round figure of the nearest hundred dollars.

So if you want to join him by cleaning up your check book, just round off your check book to the figure you are comfortable with and send it to the mission. Maybe some of the church youth who have been out on the streets with me over the years could raise funds by cleaning out penny and coin jars, old purses, etc... Cash them and make a youth project out of it. God works in many ways!

Thank you for your prayers and support!

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