

Missionaries - Rodney Keister & Daughter Gabrielle

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“But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.” Matthew 9:36

The lost have no shepherd leading them. They are wandering around lost and undone and often not knowing they are spiritually lost. How will they come to know Christ except you, yes “you,” reach out to them. I can reach out to the ones I encounter, but nobody can reach out to the same souls you interact with throughout the course of your life, except you. They need someone to have compassion on them as Christ had compassion on you. God wants all of us to do what we can to help reach the lost, give it a try, you can do it.

Proclaiming Clear Biblical Salvation through Jesus Christ who produces a transformed life!

Start of the trip & Shelbyville, IN

I started with the help of the swift movements of a teenager named Royal Brantle, who worked hard to help me load the motorhome to embark on my mission tour. It was quite rigorous with me trying not to stress my back problems and his help was a great blessing. We finished loading the motorhome with supplies and my van on the tow dolly at around 11:00 PM on Tuesday, May 29th. Things had run very late on us, and I had to make Shelbyville, IN, by service time the next day. I successfully arrived at Shelbyville, IN on Wed., May 30th with just enough time to pull up to the curb, level the motor home, and set up the mission display.

This trip turned out to be filled with trials of faith and exciting victories of God's providence of provisions just in the nick of time. I was thrilled when it looked like the first offering on our trip was just exactly what was needed to get me to the next series of churches. That is, until the water heater had a flash fire. Having the water heater serviced at an RV center took a good portion of the offering that was expected to get me through the next phase of the trip. “So much for enough funds to make it now,” went racing through my mind, but God already had his hand on the situation. His providence led those on the home front to send in offerings so funds were available in time. This carried me through the next leg of my journey. From the very beginning to the end of the mission tour, God met the needs just in time; through church offerings, individuals' hand shakes, and online & mail-in offerings. Praise to God alone, for how He works his miracles.

Oklahoma City, OK

I made it to my first evangelism stop at the Bible Methodist Church in Oklahoma City in plenty of time. We were not able to do the outreach planned on Saturday with

Praise God for....

- ◇ Those who God saved in OK and IN.
- ◇ Funds to make the June trip.
- ◇ God's continuing hand on my back problem.
- ◇ For the volunteers on the streets and with clerical work.
- ◇ The new zeal to win souls that was ignited in the hearts of people we met.
- ◇ A home to return to when returning from the trip.
- ◇ God's help in my life in every way and His leading.
- ◇ God's providence in where to evangelize and the people we meet!

Bro. Stetler because of various complications as a result of their house being run through by a truck. I do thank God for the opportunities to still hand out a few tracts. The “Too Many Masters” sermon went well at their church on Sunday morning, and was attended well. There were seekers at the altar that morning, and testimonies of God's help in the pews after relating to the actions of the dog and concepts of the sermon throughout various parts of the message. God not only works on those who need salvation, but on the Christians through the illustrated allegory sermon too. To God be the Glory for all He has done. Please pray for those who sought the Lord to continue to walk with God.

Sherman, TX & Durant, OK

I left Sunday afternoon on June 3rd for the Pilgrim Nazarene Church in Sherman, TX, where I shared in the evening service a message on soul winning and about our mission. Then, Monday morning I traveled to our next evangelism stop at the Pilgrim Nazarene Church in Durant, OK. God worked in many ways as we reached out to the areas around the church, going door to door on two days with the pastor and his family. We also had great fellowship with the Dodd family, and worked together with them to strategize effective ways for their church to reach the lost in their community and the importance and methods of discipling new Christians for Christ. We finished our visit in Durant with the “Too Many Masters” dog sermon in their fellowship hall on Wed. Praise God, two ladies testified to being saved in the service. One returned the next day asking for more tracts because she ran out of tracts she got from my display table. Now this shows evidence that God did something in her heart as she immediately went evangelizing.

Mena, Neosho, Bentonville

Our plans to head to Mena, AR were changed when they had a sudden trial sermon planned. Please continue to pray for the Bible Methodist Church in Mena, AR as they continue to look for a Pastor. If you know of a Conservative Holiness Preacher that has a God given burden to pastor, perhaps a visit to Mena, AR would be worthwhile.

So in absence of going to Mena, AR, I got to spend a few days at a campmeeting in Neosho, MO where I was invited to attend by Bro. John Poff. Then as planned on Sunday night I spoke at the Bible Holiness church in Bentonville, AR. The Lord's presence was felt as I shared a message about soul winning and the mission.

The Great Commission Camp, Indianapolis, IN

Monday June 11th, I headed to Beech Grove, IN, a suburb of Indianapolis, to start the Great Commission Camp (GCC)



with their director Andrew Durst and his helper Ben Crawford. I think this is the most Biblical youth camp on Earth. In the mornings there was a devotional message by Bro. Crawford, a youth lesson from Bro. Durst, and a message to challenge the youth & practical application for evangelism by myself. In the afternoons



the youth went out on the bus calling door to door and some teams went with me on the streets with prayer stands. It was also great to meet zealous David Seeley who pastors in the Indianapolis area, he brought his prayer stand and was a big help. Hence, we were able to have one on each corner with a major city bus stop in between us.

There is so much I could write about GCC and the many testimonies from the streets, but time and space do not permit. Hopefully in the future, I will get the blog spot setup on my website where you can read and listen to testimonies from the streets. For now, if you visit my website and go to “Online Sermons,” and listen to the mission service on June 27th in Dayton, you can hear me share some testimonies from the streets. Lord willing, the camp sessions and preaching services will be uploaded to our website shortly after my next trip is over.

Break time

I had Saturday the 16th through Monday the 18th off. Saturday, I met my mother who brought my daughter and her kind hearted friend Tiara, to meet me in OH. Sunday we spent the day relaxing, and visited Bro. Hood's church for both the morning and evening services. We are thankful Bro. Hood let us use their RV hookup behind the church for over a week while we ministered with the GCC and in Indianapolis. Monday was spent with the girls in downtown Indy exploring the city.

WTA meetings & Street Evangelism in Indianapolis

God's providence is awesome. I was praying about where God wanted me to minister the weekdays of June 19th-21st. Turned out that the Wesleyan Tabernacle Association was holding their annual conference at Bro. Hood's Church, where we were parked. Their preaching sessions were open to the public and it was clear God wanted us there, as they gave me opportunity to share about my mission work and encourage them in outreach. God moved in a mighty way in some of their services and in one service the glory of the Lord fell and there was no preaching. God used the Hobe Sound Bible College's singing group to spark several to stand and exhort under God's anointing. It was a spiritual feast to say the least.

During the afternoons I went out on the streets with the prayer stand. We were privileged to have Bro. L.D. Poe, the Wallis Thorton family, Bro. Brady Duren, and



Gabi & Tiara, to minister on the streets with me at times.

There were many great encounters for Christ. One day on the streets in Indy, you could see the state of our country when the religious man with his signs hung over his body were all written about himself and his mind is tied up with visions from another spirit in comparison to another man with a snake around his neck. It's amazing that the religious man could not be reasoned with, but the man with the snake around his neck was interested in the things of the Lord, wanted a bible, and took some tracts and CDs to read and listen to. He was interested in truth. What a mixed up world we live in. Pray for deceived Bob and K.J. with his pet snake, that God would save them. To hear me tell the story while preaching download the 6-27-12 MP3 from "Online Sermons," on our website.

Winchester, IN

What a joy and privilege to minister with Bro. Justin Jessup once again. I last had an outreach weekend and gave my testimony at his church in 2010 in Troy, OH. After seeing him at IHC this year, he asked me to stop by for a weekend at his new church in Winchester, IN.

We held a training session Sat. morning and had a productive time doing door to door evangelism with some of their church people. Bro. John Brewer, their conference president, helped as we visited many homes. We held a "Too Many Master's" dog sermon outside under a canopy in the church yard for a combined Sunday School and then preached their Sunday AM service.

Dayton, OH

After leaving Winchester, I dropped Gabi and Tiara off for a youth camp they were invited to attend in Greenfield, IN. They had a good time and it was very spiritual for both of them. While they were in Greenfield, I went to Dayton, OH about two hours away. There I spent a couple of days on the streets in Dayton, OH with the prayer stand and spoke at the Wesleyan Holiness Church in Dayton, with Pastor Donald Stuart. It was a profitable time as Bro. Ron Cook and I had opportunities to pray and minister to many drug addicts on the street. I added some new signs after realizing we were in an area where drug dealing was going on. The "FREE" sign really drew a lot of attention and highly increased the volume of tracts and CDs that went out. People were just walking up and taking what interested them. Wow, what a difference the signs made! I learned that when my display is setup on a city street, people automatically think I'm selling something, now they know the Gospel is free to them!

Back in PA

We arrived back in PA on June 29th, to Mt. of Blessings Campmeeting. On July 1st, I

held a deputation service at the Tunkhannock, Pilgrim Holiness Church, but got a flat tire on the way there. Praise God for his safety and help! Then on Mon., it was off to Fellowship Campmeeting in Hanover, PA, where we held a mission deputation service and preached one of the youth sessions during that week. Thank you Fellowship camp for your faithful financial support to the mission work every year.

The rest of July was spent doing office work, generating newsletters, and trying to recover from utter exhaustion.

July/August Evangelism Trip The LORD willing:

Once again God called me to minister in a certain area then build a schedule of places to minister at. Ben Berkey who attends my home church of New Columbia is planning to join me on the voyage. He is trying to discern God's leading for mission work among the Native Americans.

I start by speaking about the mission at the Athens Indian Campmeeting in Michigan. Then its off to Bro. Poe's church in Mitchell, SD, to preach a youth revival. Next, speaking at the Outdoor Adventure Kamp run by Bro. Dale Sherman with many Native Americans in attendance. Then, we are off to St. Francis, SD to minister in town and hold a Sunday AM service at Sister Stephens Church, working among the Native Americans. Next, an evening service with Dale Sherman's church in Winner, SD sharing about Christ's command to evangelize, and about our mission work. Then, we head to Wounded Knee & Pine Ridge where Sister Spotted Bear pastors. There we plan on doing outreach and holding a special service in the town hall sharing my deliverance testimony from drugs and alcohol. This concludes our visit to Native American reservation missions.

Then we are off to Omaha, NE for some street evangelism and possible open air meeting with a family. Wrapping up by preaching at the Crusaders Church in Urbana, IL.

Please pray urgently for the funds and safety to make it to each stop, all ministry and family support needs to be met, the forces of darkness to be driven back, and souls to be saved! Please pray over our trip as you see the dates on our prayer list. Also, if you sign up for our email newsletters, I plan to send out updates from the field.

Thanks for your prayers & support!

Prayer Requests

- ◇ Souls to be saved!
- ◇ Our July/Aug. Evangelism Trip
- ◇ Urgent Financial needs: CDs, Tracts, & Bibles supplies are still critically low! We ordered approx. 4700 on the road last trip, now we are low again on some kinds that are most useful, sermon CDs severely needed, only a few Bibles left, I need to have supplies shipped to some of my locations again when funds come in.
- ◇ Redesign of websites
- ◇ Many repairs to minivan again
- ◇ Development of Deputation schedule for summer and fall.
- ◇ Nittany Antique Show, Penns Cave, PA in Sept
- ◇ Future places where God has placed a burden on my heart to evangelize: NC, FL, WA, ID, WY, IW, KS, MO, TN, KY

Pray over my schedule

Lord Willing as follows:

July (remaining)

- 26 GMC conference
- 26 Evening, leave for MI
- 27-29 Mission convention (MI) at Athen's Indian Campmeeting
- 30-31 Travel on to SD

August

- 1-5 Youth Revival, Mitchell, SD
- 6-10 Outdoor Adventure Kamp Ft. Perre, SD
- 11-13 Indian Reservation St. Francis, SD
- 13-15 Indian reservation, Wounded Knee, SD & Pine Ridge SD
- 16-17 Street Evangelism Omaha, NE
- 18 Travel to Urbana IL
- 19 Preach and Mission service Crusaders Church Urbana, IL
- 20-21 Return Home
- 22-25 Break/Office
- 26 Available for services
- 27-31 Office/Newsletters

New Treasurer

We welcome and thank Rev. Stephen Miller for being willing to take on the volunteer treasurer's job on a trial basis.

Bro. Rob Dicken has done a great job as the treasurer of the mission work. Thank you!

New Mission Donation recommendation and new address

To lighten the load on the frequent trips to the bank, we are encouraging online donations. This speeds things up a bit and has less trips to the bank. Mail in donations are always welcome. Please be advised of the new mission address for all mail in donations and correspondence. See the donation instructions on left.

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