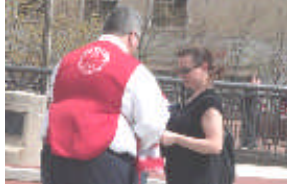


Keister's Chronicles Jan 2013- July 2013

Then said Jesus unto His disciples, **If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?** Matthew 16:24-26

These are tough words to conform to. Self-sacrifice is not easy. Learning to walk in the light of these verses is an ongoing battle as new burdens oppress and many are found in need. As Christians we often see clearly the wrongs of committed acts of sin like stealing, lying, cursing, killing, etc. But do we see the sins of omission all around us? Neglect of needy souls is a sin.

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



Praises to our Lord

- ◇ Those saved and awakened
- ◇ Funds that came through to make trips
- ◇ God's continued physical help
- ◇ The many who helped on streets
- ◇ RV axle & tow dolly repairs
- ◇ Wisdom in all things accomplished
- ◇ Those who helped with office work
- ◇ Many helps from my wonderful mom
- ◇ For all those who prayed and helped with financial support

On the streets of Bloomsburg, PA around midnight a drunken voice cried out during an encounter after he had been kicked out of the local bar. "I'm a drunk, I am a _____ of a man. I have a three year old daughter and my wife wants nothing to do with me. I am an _____, he proclaimed. I hate my life and want to change. I know I need to get saved, my dad is a pastor and I know I need to be saved!" Wow, what an encounter with this young man in his 20s. Is there help for a person like this? Absolutely! After a little while we had the opportunity to lead him in prayer for salvation. He was a genuine seeker and knew his need.

This is just one of the many encounters we have evangelizing around the USA. There are people like this everywhere, and God is looking for people to stand in the gap. How about you?

June-July 2013 Trip

I left on June 1st for Middleport OH. On June 2nd I spoke at the Welcome Chapel in Oak Hill, OH about our mission work. Next from June 3-5 we ministered in Middleport OH with some training on evangelism for the Wesleyan Bible Holiness Church on Monday and Tuesday evenings and then did door to door outreach Tues. & Wed. in the afternoons. On Wednesday night we held the *Too Many Masters* sermon with Baby The Dog. Thank God for the boy who prayed at the service Wed. night. On June 6th we left for Indianapolis area.

Douglas Purchase drove from FL and met me in Middleport on June 2nd and helped through the time we left Indianapolis. He was a big help in OH and IN. Thank you Bro. Purchase!

My daughter Gabrielle arrived in Indianapolis with her friend Joleen Brantle and have continued to help on this journey to present.

In Indianapolis we set up our home

base at the Independent Nazarene Church. From there we drove the van to the Pilgrim Nazarene Church in Muncie, IN where we held a deputation service.

Then we worked with the Great Commission Camp (GCC) as a mission stop through the next week preparing thousands of Gospel tracts, speaking in services, and doing city street ministry with lots of young people from many states. It was a great year with a good



turn out of over 50 youth attending. There were a total of over 7500 pieces of Gospel literature passed out between the door to door calling and on the streets at the Prayer Stands. Bibles and sermon CDs were gladly received. There were reports of 23 people getting saved on the streets from the combined work of all who helped at the prayer stands. To God Be The Glory!

New to GCC this year was a street meeting. Union Bible College & Hobe Sound Bible Colleges sang and several of us preached. It was a grand time to



advance the Kingdom of God!

Young people from around the USA are invited to join us for Great Commission in 2014 Indianapolis, IN. Your life will be transformed as you do something for the Kingdom of God!

While in Indianapolis, IN we were blessed to finally get the much needed special order brake and bearing parts for the tag axle of the motorhome. These parts totaled over \$650. Thank the Lord they were discounted or would have been nearly \$1000.

We then went to Decatur IL where I spoke on Father's Day at the Faith Crusaders Church.

Our next mission stop was in Sioux

City, IA. Where we helped a church held in the home of Rev. Stephen Mitchem on the Jeffers Memorial Campmeeting grounds. On Wed & Thursday nights I spoke about evangelism, we did prayer stand ministry on Thursday, street ministry around a public event Friday night and Saturday. Then Saturday night we held the *Too Many Masters* sermon in the tabernacle and preached their regular Sunday AM service. We're thankful for all who attended and helped evangelize Sioux City. Bro. Mitchem is pictured here with his wife. He desired to go out on the streets even with his hardships. Do you let your hardships keep you from doing something for God? Try courageously!

From Sioux City we went on to Mitchell, SD for a deputation service. Then we traveled to Rapid City, only 70 miles round trip off our course to CO. There we took a break for a couple of days and made repairs to the tag axle of the motorhome. Praise God for a kind brother's help as there is no way we could have funded the labor rates of a truck repair center. Praise God for His provisions and Bro. Waters help with the tag axle! On our way to Rapid City SD a severe wind storm ripped off the slide-out awning doing a great deal of damage. Pray we get this fixed soon.

Our next mission stop was in Colorado Springs, CO. We had originally



planned to go as far as CA and WA on this trip, but I felt the will of the Lord was to hold off at this time. Now, after seeing the low budget and repair bills I understand the leading of God. Pray we fulfill the leading of God to evangelize in N. CA & WA in the future.

In Colorado Springs I gave my testimony, shared a message about our need to win souls, and shared about our mission work. Thank you to all who helped as we did street ministry and some door to door for their upcoming tent meetings. We had quite an encounter with some atheists. Please pray for there to be a great awakening in their souls.

After leaving CO we went to St. Louis, MO for the next Great Commission Camp. This was a smaller camp and we did door to door evangelism and an afternoon of Prayer Stand ministry in downtown St. Louis. Gabi and Joleen also helped with their VBS until Thursday evening. Praise God there was a man saved on the street in downtown St. Louis. Please pray for him and the effects of the evangelism efforts in St. Louis.

Please pray over the remainder our June/July mission trip and summer schedule which is on our prayer list.

Chronicles for Jan-May 2013.

Preparation for our January trip and the production of a lengthy newsletter consumed the first half of January. The newsletters are always a big project as we write, print, fold, and stuff over a 1000 newsletters.

On Jan 15th, I left for my first evangelism tour to Florida. It was a real special privilege to have our retired General Superintendent Paul Miller and Sister Miller, Ben Burkey, and Stan Gemberling along on this trip. I was able to attend some of the Sun City campmeeting services when not on the road in FL ministering in other cities. As a mission help, I preached in a park in Ft. Pierce, FL to homeless people, in two services at Ft. Myers Rescue Mission, and at the Bible Methodist Church in Pinellas Park, FL. We also held mission services at Sun City FL campmeeting; in a Hobe Sound Bible College chapel service; and at the Ebenezer Holiness Baptist Church in Columbia SC where Rev. Ken Walter now pastors. I was also asked to give a brief mission presentation at Camp Freedom in St. Petersburg, FL while visiting there on our way home.

One of the amazing things is the number of opportunities to evangelize in places as we traveled from our schedule locations. While in Ft. Pierce there was a man saved during one of the outreaches. At Ft. Myers Rescue Mission I was able to hold two biblical counseling sessions with two of the residents. These men were hungry for help and direction in their lives. To God be the Glory for all that has been done for His Kingdom on this 1st FL mission trip. We arrived home in PA on Feb. 1st and

resumed office work and preparation for our next trip.

On Feb.18th my mother Rheta Keister, my daughter Gabi and I left for my 2nd mission trip to FL this year. Our major focus on our Feb/March trip was to help several small churches in Florida and some in Alabama. We started our trip by speaking about our mission vision and our mission based helps for small churches in one of the afternoon services at the Pilgrim Nazarene Church's "Preachers Meeting." This is their annual ministerial held in Pell City, AL this year. We did evangelism & outreach in Jasper AL with Bro. Fogleman pastor of the Pilgrim Nazarene Church. and also held a mission deputation service at Pleasant Grove, AL with Pastor Jones.

From AL we went on to FL. We arrived at Hobe Sound for their Welcome Week where Gabi got to experience a taste of college life and stayed in the dorms and visit many areas of campus.

We arrived in Miami, FL and held some evangelism training sessions with the Spanish mission. Bro. and Sis. Cancio were a special treat to be around. It was a unique experience to speak by interpreter. God was very present in the services and hearts were moved to reach out to their community. I shared my testimony on Sunday. Thank the Lord for all his help.

Then we took a couple days break with a short drive to the FL keys. And without reservations God opened the door for a two night campsite in Key Largo at rates far below normal. God is amazing. We rarely get such a break and with mom and I sharing the cost it was very affordable. Thank you Jesus for a beautiful break! We drove out to Key West where I had the opportunity to pass out some Gospel tracts. I find it hard to take a break and not at least pass out some Gospel tracts. We got to see an amazing sun set in Key West.

We traveled to Lakeland FL for a mission service and also spoke about winning the lost in their area. Then we went on to Seffner FL where we parked the motorhome while I ministered among 3 churches. The God's Missionary Church in Lakeland, Orlando, and Seffner. I did outreach in all three cities with each pastor: Pastor Bickert, in Orlando, Pastor Handfield in Lakeland, and Pastor Smalley in Seffner. It was great to get to know these guys and share ideas and tactics to reach the lost. While in their areas I spoke at all their churches about evangelism and our mission work and held a deputation service at Kissimmee GMC

We arrived back in PA on March 15th, I would only be home for a couple of weeks before leaving for a 10 day Revival at the Allegheny Wesleyan Methodist church in Pearisburg, VA. There I did some outreach during the day and preached a full 10 day revival meeting. We held a Friday youth night and did the *Too Many Masters* sermon. Thank God for those who prayed for salvation during the meetings. To God be the Glory for all He has done!

We left for IHC following the 10 day meeting. God blessed us with a campsite in Dayton. This made the IHC more affordable to us. There was a another good street meeting held by the IHC in downtown Dayton. We left IHC and went to God's Bible School where Gabi and Tiarra were able to visit their VIP days and experience another college campus.

Following our trips to VA and OH from the remainder of April through May, I held some deputation services in PA. Also a weekend Evangelism Convention and outreach at the Alexandria God's Missionary Church. There we held the *Too Many Masters* sermon on Sunday morning. Praise God for souls saved. There were several times of late night street evangelism in Bloomsburg.

Sandwiched between all these trips were hours and hours of clerical and treasury work. Please pray for me to take more time off. I am beginning to feel overwhelmed with the weight of this mission work. I don't want to burn out, so I am trying to learn to take reasonable time off & more balanced with work and rest.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. The Keisters for Christ!

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Prayer Requests

- ◆ SOULS TO BE SAVED!
- ◆ Remodeling supplies for mission housing project & monthly support to meet continuous housing expenses
- ◆ People to catch a vision and then be motivated to win the lost at all cost!
- ◆ General funds for mission and PVCA tuition funds for Gabrielle to return to school this Aug.
- ◆ Funds for new order of CDs & Bibles
- ◆ Desperate need of a new laptop
- ◆ Vehicle I flat tow instead of on dolly
- ◆ Drive tires for motorhome
- ◆ Doors to open for deputation services

Pray over my schedule

July

- 12-14 Evangelism Convention, Mt. Pleasant IA
- 16-17 Central IL, Great Commission Camp
- 18-19 Travel home to PA..
- 20-24 Home & Office Work
- 25 GMC Conference
- 26-31 Penns Creek Campmtg.

August

- 1-4 Penns Creek Campmtg.
- 6-9 Street Ministry MusikFest, Bethlehem, PA
- 10-18 Possibly visit Elim Grove Campmeeting
- 19- home for Gabi's School

September-October

- Event Evangelism at a Beaver Fair & Nittany Antique Show
- Revivals, Mission based Evangelistic mtgs, and deputation in MO, OK, KS, TX

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