

Evangelism Mission

Rodney's December 2018 Newsletter



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year,

Keister's Chronicles, August-December 2018

August

August started by attending Penns Creek when not ill and then Event Evangelism at Musikfest in Bethlehem. Nathaniel Morley accompanied me to evangelize the event. We both handed out tracts and talked to people and I did some open-air preaching and shared one of my favorite Gospel Tracts, the Curved Illusion, with children



and teens. It caught their attention rather well and opened some good opportunities to talk with them and parents. We are preparing a video of a few encounters that we only send out to our email list. Do you get our emails? If not, sign up here:

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After Musikfest, our next event was the Sunbury River Festival. I was inspired to make a new sign that said: "Experience the River Festival of the Heart! Jesus said: **He that believeth on me..., out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.**" In 7:38. There we walked around talking to people who were very receptive and had prayer for



some. Just before leaving I did a short time of open-air preaching. I also did a lot of office work in August.

September

In early September I took a few days to spend with family at a campground that was only 1.5 hours from where I was scheduled to attend a street preachers' conference near Washington DC. It was a good time of fellowship and instruction.

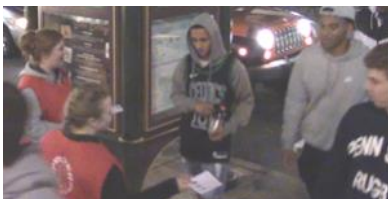
Then I had a flight to Tulsa, OK to speak at a missions convention at the Independence Bible School in Independence, KS. This was my first flight ever. It was a special privilege to be one of this year's speakers. God helped, and people were encouraged to do more soul winning.

After Independence, KS, I returned with only a few days to get ready for **Mission Trip 44**. This trip was a trip to help a new church plant in Rome, NY, a new God's Missionary Church. We did some street ministry both during the day and at night, some door to door evangelism, and gave my testimony and taught a session on Disci-



plishment. God moved on the testimony service and several sought the Lord. Praise God for His Help and Thank you to all (pictured) who went on the streets or door-to-door with us.

Sept. ended with a short time in a PVBI Chapel service to encourage evangelism and invite students to join us for campus ministries and on the streets. We had one late night session in Sept. at Penn State University and I am thankful for the Penn View students that joined us.



October

October began with a traditional revival style meeting for another home mission work of God's Missionary Church in Danville, PA.

It was nice to stay in my own house for another week and make the 1.5 hour round trip nightly. God's presence was wonderful through the services. We praise God for those who sought the Lord in the meetings. We have videos of the services you may watch them here: <http://EvangelismMission.com/videos/2018-Danville>. We also did a Friday night evangelism event near Bloomsburg University with some PVBI students and some from the Danville Church.

Mission Trip 45 started by driving to Marietta, OH to help a 3rd home missions church this Fall. This one is part of the ICHA group who I am also credentialed with. This was a different experience. We



did an old fashion Tent Meeting. God helped greatly with those who sang and in the preaching, with Gabrielle and I. There are also many videos from the tent meeting. One that was mightily used of God was Gabrielle's testimony and a 5 year old girl who spoke boldly for



the Lord in the service. The Goldsberry family did a lot of work to make this all happen. We praise God for all those who prayed for salvation. You may watch our tent meeting services here:

<http://EvangelismMission.com/videos/2018-Marietta-Tent>

Next stop was World Changers Week at UBC and to take students out on the streets. The World Changers week was world changing for me. God gave new direction of how to start a multi-missionary mission work in Salt Lake City, Utah. Lord willing there will be more news on this in future newsletters. For now, I will encourage you to pray for our 2020 Vision for Salt Lake City. It was good to be on the streets with UBC students (especially Gabrielle, I miss her so much over these last few years!)

Following the various ministries with UBC, I drove to Chicago to catch a flight to Salt Lake City (SLC), Utah. I spent 5 days in SLC. Praise God for the kindness of a man I met in the summer who offered for me to stay in his basement guest area. This made the trip more affordable with no motel cost. I spent the first day creating a new concise version of a prayer stand, and signs with things I had shipped and picked up locally. This model I can fly with in my suit case now. It also serves as my megaphone holder.

It was exciting and very profitable for the Kingdom. James, our new convert from Fall 2017, helped me every day on the streets. We did campus evangelism at the University of Utah with tracts, my new concise prayer stand, signs, and open-air preaching. James was a blessing with his help. There were some good encounters with students and one that was especially deep with a former Mormon. We have a video of this encounter that would be very good to watch to see how important our encounters are on campuses. College students are trying to figure out life. It's a critical time in their lives. Would be to God there were Conservative Christians engaging every college campus across the USA! We are not putting this video up on our public Channel, it is only available to those on our email list.

We also did a few sessions of downtown street ministry, two



daytime with singing, preaching, signs, concise prayer stand, and tracts. The final night we did night time evangelism with signs, tracts and short time of preaching. I was praying for at least one person to

get saved before I left town and God answered that prayer and more in a special way.

It was awesome to find a spiritually hungry young homeless lady. During our conversation, I asked her "do you know what repentance is?" She shockingly responded: "I was wondering the other day how exactly you do that." Then I said, "Do you mean to get right with God?" Her response was "yes!" I was able to share the basic steps of salvation and she prayed right there on the streets. All Glory to God. There are so many across this land that are hungry for God, but there are so few to tell the hungry where to find God. Pray for her and more labors for the streets.



Our second victory came when we met David. David found a place of victory with God in knowing that his sins are forgiven over recent months. He was hungering for more of God, reading his Bible and praying regularly. After talking for a while and discerning he was hungering after purity of heart, I was thrilled to share the full Gospel with him, that God can sanctify him. He was hungry for Holiness and didn't know what he was hungering for. Praise the Lord, he prayed right there on the street for a pure heart and trusted God to sanctify him. He testified to feeling God move when we prayed.

God works in mysterious ways. As we talked, I found out he has a daughter in Altoona, PA only an hour and 40 minutes away from my home in Mifflinburg. So, we talked and planned a trip here to PA for him. He is flying in to stay here in our mission guest area over Christmas & News Years, he wants to know more about how to live close to God. We plan to do some intense discipleship training and try to visit his family. Please pray that David can establish a good fatherly relationship with his daughter as we try to reach her. She is almost 8 years old and it has been one and a half years since he saw her last. Also, pray for David's wife. They have divorced some time ago. Pray for God to work a miracle for this family and for God's will to be made clear to David for all of his life.

I flew back from SLC to Chicago and drove back to pick up the motorhome at UBC. Gabi was happy to spend time with our 4 little dogs while I was gone. From UBC I went on to GBS Missions convention in Cincinnati, OH.

The Mission convention was again very moving as God continued to speak to my heart and grow the 2020 Vision. It is so exciting, and I just can't wait to share about this new mission in the next couple of months. It was an honor to be one of the breakout session speakers this year at the GBS Missions Convention. You may watch these training videos here:

<http://EvangelismMission.com/videos/2018-GBS-MC>



After the convention, I stayed on campus for a few days and taught in one of Dr. Bird's classes. Then I lead students downtown for a

street meeting by the main bus stop. Wow, what an amazing time with the Lord's help. Some students from one of GBS's singing groups sang, while another young lady played her violin for long sessions. God helped greatly in the open-air preaching too. Pray for all those who received the Gospel. Check out the various videos from our street meeting. One of them is a testimony after being on the street by Austin Paulus. Here is a link listing of each of the videos from that day with links to each video:

<http://EvangelismMission.com/videos/2018-GBS-downtown>

November

I traveled from GBS to AWC in Salem, OH for more mentoring at another Bible college. At AWC I was privileged to be their chapel speaker and I led a group of students out to Kent State University. It was wonderful to see so many students out to minister. This was the largest group of Bible College students I ever had out at one time.



They did a good job singing. You may listen to the audio recording of their singing and my open-air preaching at Kent State University here: <http://EvangelismMission.com/audio/2018-AWC-KSU>.

One of the neat things that happened while we were at Kent State University is that we met a young lady named Kayla, who saw a post on the KSU website from the Fall of 2017 when AWC and I

were there. Wow, I thought it was wonderful that the secular university published a picture of our visit last year. When she saw it, she thought how nice it would have been to have met them. Well, her desire came true because she came walking by when we were there this year. Katie, one of the AWC students is keeping in touch with her and Kayla came to the AWC Christmas program.



While in Salem, I also spoke in a youth service at the Salem Wesleyan Methodist Church.

The rest of November was filled with: a few days off, replacing the refrigerator after finding it dead on arrival home, lots of office work, and a nice time with family over Thanksgiving. Also did a late-night Evangelism event near Bloomsburg University with a few students from PVBI. We produced our annual End of Year Fund Drive letter and emails. Anytime we produce a letter it takes me about a week to write, print, and organize all the volunteers to get them into envelopes. So, when you read our letters, understand I personally have about a week of 8-12 hour days in to the project to get it to you. I also spent time working on our conference report. Bro. Ezra Morley has been a big help at the office and does an outstanding job.

The end of November was horrible, I was so looking forward to going deer hunting but then my back went out. I still have severe Degenerative Disc Disease in my lower back that will never go away outside of a divine miracle. When something gets out of alignment I am out of commission. Through physical therapy and humbling myself by getting someone to do my heavy lifting, I have maintained well over the last few years. Somehow, through no action of my own, I just got up from the table and it went out of place. I was in agony for days not able to stand fully. It took over a week with frequent chiropractic care till I could get back to functioning normally.

I want to say a big thank you to Dr. Gregory Reese in Hummel's Wharf, PA a Christian Doctor who I highly recommend. He has treated me for years and usually gets me right in when I have a problem. With just a few adjustments, he has me realigned. Then, I need to rest it and allow healing to take place. When it goes out, I am unable to even roll out of bed without literally screaming. Please pray my back maintains good alignment and I do not suffer. It has been a few years since it was this bad.

December

Spent time recovering from back problems and I did office work. Because of back troubles & computer problems, our conference report and the December letter project was delayed. This letter project includes our mission Christmas Card, my full newsletter, Gabrielle's newsletter, and our updated Fund Drive letter. The December mailing project I expect will take at least 8 days to complete. Hopefully, you have received it before Christmas. We started it on Dec 10th and hope it will be in the mail by December 18th. Please pray about our fund drive.

Thank you churches for mission deputation services (Aug-Dec)

God's Missionary Church (Alexandria, PA), Assembly of God (Northampton, PA), God's Missionary Church (Camp Hill, PA), House of Prayer (Milmont, PA), Calvary Holiness Church (Plainfield, IN), God's Missionary Church (Beavertown, PA), God's Missionary Church (Penns Valley, PA). Churches hosting us for mission services bring in approx. 20% of our annual mission income. We need you all. Thank you!

Mission Trip 46, (looking for.....)

Lord willing, later in December I'll be finalizing the trip planning. I still have open times to visit churches for mission service, evangelism training, and more. I'll be traveling from PA to VA and NC. Then Lord willing, I will attempt campus evangelism en route to AZ, stopping in all states SC, GA, AL, MS, LA, TX, NM, AZ, then to Utah again, then IA, and making our way home in time for PVBI missions convention. I would love to share about our mission work in new churches and encourage evangelism. This is a good opportunity to learn how to start a campus evangelism ministry in your area. Please call me before the schedule is maxed out. I also presently do not have any one helping me on this trip as the brother that planned to help is not able to now. So, if you are led of the Lord to be part of this mission trip for a few days to a few weeks or the whole trip please call me ASAP 494-894-6001, you may fly, bus, or drive to meet up with me along the way.

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Thank you for prayers and support! — Rev. Rodney Keister

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