

Evangelism Mission

Greetings dear brothers and sisters,

I'm writing from Davenport, IA just a day before leaving for Salt Lake City (SLC) in my car. So glad I can take a few hours and prepare this letter to keep in touch with our supporters and prayer warriors.

Mission Trip 46continued.....

I last left off writing about our proposed campus evangelism stops in Louisiana. We were blessed to be able to minister to a few at the Univ. of Louisiana in Monroe, even though classes were out for the day, as they only have Fri. morning classes. We still had a meaningful time of prayer with a young woman about a career change she was interviewing for. Life's decisions are big steps for all of us and chart our future. It was nice to see her desiring God's will for her job.

Then we were off to Louisiana Tech in Ruston, LA. There we met many students while doing one-on-one evangelism and had some good conversations. One young man talked of how he knew he was letting up on his walk with God and I was able to help him see his need to make God a priority above his studies! Perhaps we will get some videos prepared you can check out when I return from this trip.

Our next campus to evangelize was the Univ. of Northern TX. We had good opportunity to pass out tracts and open air preach. There a Catholic man hears of true salvation for the first time in his life, an atheist comes to know of God's love and encouraged to seek to know if there is a God, and two lesbians flaunt their evil ways in front of me and received a message of God's love that can change them. Pray for the hundreds who have received the preached word of God and tracts on campuses.

From there we went on to Oklahoma City. There we did a training session with Pastor Darrell Stettler, II and his people about ways to evangelize. We intended to do some campus evangelism from OKC traveling to St. Louis, MO but unfortunately I was not well for a couple of days.

Next stop was the St. Louis Holiness Convention. I was grateful to share about the mission work at the convention and enjoyed listening to other speakers too. It was good to see so many fellow believers gathering for the advancement of Holiness across the land.

From St. Louis, MO we travelled to Plainfield, IN. There we attended the International Conservative Holiness Association (ICHA) Preachers & Lay Convention. I was also able to present our vision for interdenominational church planting across the USA and our SLC church plant plan to the ICHA general board. It was also nice to have Bro. Jacob Martin, president of our God's Missionary Church conference attend the meeting. Being an Ordained Minister with both God's Missionary Church and the ICHA has been such a blessing.

Our next place to evangelize was Indiana Univ. in Bloomington, IN (their main campus). There, Pastor Justin Jessup from a neighboring church helped us do some one-on-one evangelism and I also did some open air preaching. As often happens, there are those who make fun of the preacher and his message. I can gladly say there is nothing inside of me that wants to lash out at them; I am deeply burdened for their misguided souls and gripped in my heart for their desperate situation; to mock the preaching of God's word, knowing that God's wrath will fall upon all who mock Him and will not repent.

RODNEY'S MARCH 2019 NEWS UPDATE

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Next was a downtown Indianapolis night time evangelism. During this time we helped two homeless people. One with food and the another with some other needs. When I came out of Steak & Shake after getting the one man some food, I found David, a UBC student, praying with Jeff, a homeless man. I was moved when during David's prayer I heard Jeff say these words: "and a sleeping bag, I need a sleeping bag bad, all I want is a sleeping bag." So, I told Jeff I would go get him a sleeping bag.

How many times do we take for granted that we have a warm bed to sleep in? My heart was touched and I knew I needed to get him a good sleeping bag. The temperatures were to go into the single digits in just a few days. I asked Jeff if he knew who the most famous homeless person was? Do you know? Jesus! At times he had no place to lay his head.

As you can see in this picture, Jeff was so happy to receive the sleeping bag and a few other things God put on my heart to get him. We met a few days later to get him a hot meal and had



a wonderful time sharing the Gospel with him. He never heard that he could be free from his sins and thought he was saved and would have to struggle with sin all of his life. He was excited to know there is clear deliverance from his sins and wanted to pray privately by himself. Pray for Jeff

and for a local pastor who hopefully will be able to follow up with Jeff soon.

I sometimes wrestle about spending the little the mission has in its bank account not knowing where the next tank of fuel or food will come from as we travel, but I know when God leads me to give, He will always be replenishing what we give, sometime many times more than we gave. I spent a little over \$100 to get Jeff some of his needs. The next day the Lord sent \$800 in to the mission online and nearly \$300 of food arrived at our motorhome in a few days. That \$800 helped cover medical bills and trip expenses and the food will help us greatly to finish out this trip. WOW, to think that I worried to give some of the little bit the mission had, yet God provided again this time over 10 fold in return! Thank you LORD and thank you to all who mind God with their giving to us! This life of living by faith has its challenges, but God has never failed us and never will. Pray as we drive to SLC and all the way home by faith over the next few weeks.

Next stop was the Outreach and Bus Convention at UBC. It was so nice to be at another O&B Conv. I cut my spiritual teeth on this convention just a few months after getting saved in Nov. 1999. I have tried to make every O&B convention when not traveling out of the area. Because of my changing route on Trip 46, I was able to attend this year and represent our mission with a display booth. The seminar sessions and night rallies were



great spiritual food. I especially enjoyed Darrell Stettler II's session on church planting which aligned so much with all God showed me back in October of how to go about planting churches. Hope to share more about a new mission work called Holiness Pioneers that God has been leading to advance the SLC church plant process and plant churches in other states as well.

Trip 46, Last Leg of Trip...

I've been praying for a economical way to get to Salt Lake City on this trip with our mission budget so tight and since having to alter my course by not going to Phoenix as originally planned. Having a service scheduled in Davenport, IA, has made it easy to leave the motorhome there while I just run my car to SLC, hence making it as affordable as possible. I found a church halfway within my 2 day car journey that has a guest area I can stay in, and Bro. David Cruzine, our new Brother in SLC, is excited about my visit and is providing me lodging at his house in SLC. We plan to continue more discipleship with David and James, some street & Campus evangelism, and meet with a Vietnamese Church Pastor about using their church for English services.

When I return to Davenport from SLC we plan to do many things in the city, including door-to-door evangelism, campus evangelism, and street evangelism. We will also be preaching a special message on Sunday morning to encourage many to attend and a mission service Sunday night. Please pray for the outreach endeavors and that many would get saved.

Then it is onward home, perhaps stopping at some more universities along the way depending on how the Lord leads.

Thank you to churches, conventions, and individuals!

I want say a special thank you to all other churches that have allowed us to share about our mission work or during training in church services and the offerings they gave to the mission. These mission services help us to travel across the

country to reach the lost and needy. We held services in Somerset, KY; Whitehouse, TX; Sherman, TX; Oklahoma City, OK; and an impromptu time in a service in Plainfield, IN. The help we receive from the churches and individuals has enabled us to reach thousands with the Gospel!

Mission Services

We are trying to schedule much needed mission services for April & May. We will be in PA & OH and can easily go to neighboring states. If interested please call to schedule: 484-894-6001.

Please remember the rest of this trip in your prayers and our Utah and general funding.

Thank you for your prayers and support.....

Rodney M. Keister

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