

2014 Godmobile Praise Report: This Changes Me

Dear Praying Friends ~

Our God is amazing and we are grateful that He allows us to participate in His ministry to unbelievers to make Him known at County Fairs.

THANKS

Thank you for your prayers, your donations and your help! Each need has been met and the ministry is growing. Please pray with us about whether and where we are to expand. This year at the fairs, 32 in Kalamazoo and 51 at Calhoun put their trust in Christ.

Thank you to all of you who sacrificed your time to come to the fairs to do the ministry of Jesus Christ.

Here are some glimpses of what God has been doing. We hope it is an encouragement to you to go out and share the Gospel while there is still time.

GOD IS GLORIFIED

The signs drew people to the booth to learn about God's plan of redemption.
Booth workers were able to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with hundreds of fairgoers.
During the rain a few came into the booth for "refuge" and heard the Gospel.

TRAINING

Several of us were able to train both young and older people who had not previously shared the Gospel, which is most exciting!

We are all being trained continually and learning from each other.

We sense that something amazing is happening that is hard to describe. It is our fifth year in Kalamazoo and our third year at Calhoun and it seems that God is using our obedience to change the focus of our lives to be more centered on Him and His purposes, for which we are grateful. Our growth in learning to share Christ and the Gospel at fairs is flowing into other areas of our lives as it should. We are grateful to recognize God opening new doors to share His message with unbelievers at various times and places to fulfill the Great Commission.

FAIRGOERS TRUST (or reject) CHRIST

- God allowed me to share the gospel with a couple dozen people in only two shifts of service. I witnessed people come to a knowledge of truth that they previously did not have. Whether anyone was saved God knows, but it was a blessing to be used by Him to share truth with people willing to listen. ~ Keith
- It was like a reunion! It was amazing to see God save a husband and wife at the same time!! Linda spoke to the wife as I was speaking to the husband, John. John was holding back tears as he was responding to God at work in his heart. John couldn't stop saying 'thank you' after he prayed. They had been attending church for years but never heard the Gospel. They came to the fair with their children and God saved them!! Praise and honor to Him who sits upon His throne! ~ Ryan

- On the final night of the Kalamazoo County Fair, a young family of 5 came to the gospel booth wanting to find out about Heaven. Ryan shared the gospel with the Father while I shared with the Mother as the children waited patiently. Upon sharing I Pet 3:18, Christ died the just for the unjust, I handed the Mother a heavy object representing her past and present sin. When I said that Jesus substituted Himself to take the judgment that she deserved upon Himself to set her free if she would hand her sin to Him, she handed the heavy object to me and said "Oh, wow." Both Mother and Father independently of each other prayed to receive Christ as their Lord and Savior. ~ Linda
- I contacted Gracie tonight, who came to Christ on Tuesday. She had wanted to go to church on Sunday and wanted to know how to find a good one. I gave her 3 options and she chose a church within walking distance of her house. I contacted my friend Pam who is active there and disciples women...so Pam will meet her. Pam is starting a class on how to study the Bible. Gracie was sincere when she accepted Christ and wasn't ready to leave after we finished the gospel and wanted to hear more. She also asked how to read the Bible so hooking her up with a church is a good start. ~ Linda
- A young teen girl came to the booth at the Calhoun County Fair and took the test. She failed just as most do. I then asked her if she wanted to know how to get to heaven. She said yes. I began to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with her from the Scriptures when her parents called her away. A little later she returned because she wanted to hear how to get to heaven, so I obliged and picked up where we left off. As I was again explaining the gospel her parents called her away again—we didn't get very far. She came back a third time but this time I made some progress in explaining the gospel. I saw a little light starting to flicker in her eyes, but again her parents called her away. She said she would be back to hear the rest but I didn't see her again. The Lord was at work drawing that young girl to Himself but the enemy was also at work drawing her away so she would not hear the good news of Jesus Christ. My prayer is that she will hear the rest of the gospel of Jesus Christ and be born again. ~ Doug
- ...Those who (came) were coming in response to the question "Are you going to heaven?" We don't know if seeds were planted in good soil, but they were definitely thrown out there. That's enough for me as well as the added blessing of fellowshiping with other likeminded believers who worked the booth or came to visit the booth. It was fun and spiritually refreshing. ~ Bethany
- Seeing those 5 young girls line up in a row and pray brought tears to my eyes. It was just such a serene euphoric moment as I felt the peace of God flood my soul and the joy of the Lord fill my heart. It was the most amazing moment of the whole fair for me. Thank God for the privilege of allowing us to be His voice to a lost world.

... I like what Keith said... ***"This changes me."***

I fear we are prone to forgetting that without the prayer walk we are wasting our time... It's easy to forget to do the one thing that makes it possible for God to do more than we could ask or think! The church needs to cry out with all its heart to open the ears of the lost. ~ John

- I know of one commitment to the Lord during my shift - a young 15 year-old boy from Byron Center named Sage. His Dad was killed in a car crash two Years ago. ~ Mike

- Ashley and Andrew, two teens who said they were on their way to hell heard the Gospel and were very convicted, but did not want to take that step towards Christ. She said she had sins planned for the next 30 days that she did not want to pass up. I asked if I could pray for them, so they allowed me to do that. Please pray for Ashley and Andrew.

A Christian woman came over to chat with us and told us that the day before when she was sitting with her unsaved son-in-law eating at a table across the walkway, he looked over at our booth and asked her if she wanted to go over and have her fortune told. She explained that it was not about that and she proceeded to tell him that she knew she was going to heaven and that time was short and he needed to get right with God while there was still time. What an encouragement it is to know that God uses others who see the booth to share His purposes.

Every year we have asked to be located in a high traffic area near the midway and the food vendors but we have always been put at the far end near the grandstand. On Tuesday morning, the carnival set up their huge generator, the size of a tractor trailer, facing directly toward our booth. We could hardly hear ourselves talk! It was difficult to have a conversation because we had to raise our voices and were getting hoarse. We contacted the fair manager by email and phone with no response. The next morning, our neighboring vendor decided to discuss it with the carnival and fair managers so they relocated us directly in front of the main entrance. It seems that God used a generator to move us to a prime location. Everyone coming into the fair or leaving passed by our booth and saw the signs, "Are You Going To Heaven?" ~ Paulette

- I'm still remembering Vince, the 26 year old with 666 tattooed on his neck along with lots of other tattoos. He has investigated numerous religions, witchcraft and environmentalism but said he'd read the Bible. I think he must still be honestly searching or he wouldn't have come to our booth. ~ Jane
- I decided to go to the Godmobile rather than my Bible study ... 20 minutes later a guy who had two young sons prayed to receive Christ. ~ Jason

SPARKING A PASSION FOR EVANGELISM

Three senior pastors came out and spent three to twelve hours themselves, and some brought friends to train and all had conversations leading fairgoers to Christ.

Pastor Bill from a local church emailed to say that he went online and took the test himself and liked the presentation. He and his wife came by and signed up for the Friday night shift.

E-mail received: "Since my involvement with your booth at the Calhoun County Fair I have moved to Wisconsin. I would again like to become involved, perhaps even be responsible, of an effort similar to yours... My experience with your effort was rewarding. Please send about 10 copies of the little tract booklet so that I may share with others in preparation for next summer." ~ Walter

PRAYER

Booth workers had wonderful prayer times throughout both fairs at the beginning of each shift, often with the Gideons and other ministries, and at the end of the fair in the parking lot. Next year we plan to invite the Gideons, Child Evangelism Fellowship, and other believers at the fairs

to join us on the Prayer Walk the evening before the fairs begin. Our thanks go out to the five people who came to the Prayer Walk to pray for the fairs.

EXPENSES

We thank God that each year, He has consistently provided for our expenses. This year we have received \$821.00 of the \$778.00 expenses. As funds are available, we hope to add four stools for our booth visitors.

ADDITIONAL EVENTS

In addition to the Kalamazoo and Calhoun County Fairs, we loaned the booth to two churches in the U.P. for the Luce-West Mackinac Fair. The booth is always available for harvest festivals and other events.

Several people also helped at the Van Buren Youth Fair and the Cassopolis Fair.

A vendor from Detroit invited us to bring the booth to his event next year at no charge, which we will be praying about. He was inspired when he heard what God is doing through His people at these fairs.

“If I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, in order to save his life, that wicked person shall die for his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked and he does not turn from his wickedness, or from his wicked way, he shall die for his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”
Ezekiel 3:18-19

A Christian stopped by the booth and said the problem with the church is that they are not living out what they believe. However:

- Jesus said, “By their fruit you will know them.”
- This means that each of us is living out exactly what we believe.
- When our actions do not agree with our profession it reveals our unbelief.
- You can tell what a person believes (really BELIEVES) by how he lives.

We should examine ourselves to see if we are truly walking in faith.

"The harvest is truly plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His harvest."

— Matthew 9:37