

2015 Praise Report

“Intellect” or “Conscience”?

Dear Praying Friends ~

Our God is amazing ...

We are grateful for 33 people in Kalamazoo and 83 in Calhoun who put their trust in Jesus. Please pray for them as they pursue their new lives in Christ.

THANKS

Thank you so much for your prayers, your donations and your help!

GOD IS GLORIFIED

We are exalting the Name of Jesus Christ as we tell others what He has done for us.

INTELLECT OR CONSCIENCE?

Reasoning with Intellect –or– Holy Spirit Speaks to Conscience?

It is amazing when we share the Law how the Holy Spirit brings conviction to people's consciences. While questions of intellect and discussions of an apologetic nature are helpful for some, they will not enable a person to see their need and understand what Christ has done to set us free from the consequences and condemnation our sin deserves.

FIVE PASTORS

Five Pastors have spent time *personally* volunteering in the gospel booth at these fairs. Some brought church members or new believers to learn how to share the Redemption story with fairgoers. These are leaders who lead!

[In this video](#), Pastor Marv of North Athens Baptist Church shares his experiences and explains a simple way to effectively present the gospel by sharing the law followed by the gospel.

Click [HERE](#) to see the video.

SPARKING A PASSION FOR EVANGELISM

AFTER THE FAIRS...Ongoing Ministry Reports

It is encouraging to hear reports throughout the year from those who continue sharing the gospel after the summer fairs.

Seed Sown

I'll be praying for workers. I spoke to the man at the pizza-lemonade stand as I was leaving. Pray he will be open to God's love for him. ~ Olga Button

New Life

A little 11 year-old boy who received Christ, popped a mint in his mouth and said to me, "This is for my new life." ~ Linda

Amazing Day

I had an amazing day today... did lots of errands and got to witness to a few people, two in particular who were so very open...a 79 year old lady (Gladys) who is Catholic...we chatted in Home Depot for over an hour!! I got to really tell her everything she needed to know, plus some. She is from the U.P. and was raised in Newberry...but does not get back there anymore.

Gladys didn't want a gospel tract when I offered it, but when I gave her a million dollar bill and told her it was also a gospel tract, she wanted it. I told her she should read it so she could tell it to her kids and friends.

Then a young girl (Tracy) in Lowes wanted the tract as soon as I offered it to her. She got to hear the whole gospel and later, when I came by to check out she called me over and said, "I can check you out over here!" Then she said, "Thanks very much for the comments!"

What a blessed time. Please pray for Gladys and Tracy! What an amazing day. ~ Paulette

God Prepares People

Isn't it a thrill to be able to share the gospel with people! The Lord has people ready and waiting all over the place.

I had a few opportunities in the past week and a half. I was able to share the gospel with my tow truck driver, Denny, with my optical manager, Caleb, with Ronnie and with Brittany just last evening, both whom received Christ.

Look on the fields, for they are white unto harvest! ~ Linda

Witnessing in the Park

After my visit in Plainwell I took a walk down the boardwalk going past the old paper mill and ending up at Dean's Ice cream which is next to a little park on the river. I made sure I took my tracts with me. It was a beautiful day to be outside and I saw many young teens in the park.

I purposefully meandered past a picnic table with a teen girl and guy and went up to them. I asked if they wanted something to read (my colorful cartoon tracts) that would tell them how to go to heaven. They both wanted the tracts. I asked if they wanted to know how to go to Heaven and they both said yes. I sat down and opened my Knowing God Booklet and went through the gospel with them, each taking turns reading the verses out loud to me.

When I got to the invitation (John 1:12), I asked if they wanted to receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior and they both said yes. I said that they could pray a prayer out loud (confess with their

mouth) but that it wasn't the prayer that saved them, and asked who would save them. Once they said Jesus, I asked if they wanted to pray right then and they both said yes.

Just then the basketball game broke up and 4 teen boys came and sat at our picnic table asking what we were doing. I said I would tell them but could they give me a minute. They didn't leave so Tarrin (16) said that meant they were supposed to leave. Tarrin and Robert (15) proceeded to follow me in the prayer of salvation. PTL Once I gave a brief follow-up I went to the next picnic table with 6 other teens, 1 girl and 5 guys who had left our table and gone to sit at the next one.

Addressing the fellow who asked what I was doing, I handed him a cartoon tract also. He said, I get it, is this about Christianity. He had been to a boys' school for 3 years, and didn't believe in Heaven or Hell and was a verbal skeptic. I told him if he wasn't interested and wanted to go to Hell (I never say that and don't know why I did) I wouldn't shove it down his throat. He said, I didn't say I want to go to hell. Another 18 yr. old teen at the other end of the table was also a skeptic and was confronting me with questions about why God didn't make us all go to Heaven and how do we know that Jesus was the Son of God and he needed to see to believe and we're not interested. I said, you can't speak for the others.

This is the point when we become the living Bible. I recited John 3:16 and told them that God wants all of them in Heaven. Then I told about John the Baptist, Jesus 2nd cousin, who was in prison ready to get his head cut off by King Herod. Now they were all listening. I told the account and recited Matt. 11:4-5, the blind see, the deaf hear.....etc. proving from Jesus' own mouth who He is. One by one they left until one young man was left, Jeremy, 13 yrs.

Jeremy would you like to know how to go to Heaven? Yes, he said. As we went through the gospel he told me that he had received Jesus when he was 9 years old. He attends Northbridge which is the church that the youth pastor from Northeastern Baptist started. We nevertheless, finished the gospel and I told him he was running with a pretty rough crowd. He said, don't worry, I won't give up my faith.

I hope these teens will always remember that beautiful Tuesday afternoon when some lady came up and told them about Jesus. ~ Joyfully, Linda

PRAYER

Thank you for joining us in prayer before, during and following the fairs. Our times of prayer together in the booths are particularly special.

EXPENSES

The Lord has provided for our exact needs once again. We are grateful for your prayers, your donations and for God's amazing faithfulness.

For the Gospel,
Paulette

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**"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**

"Have you noticed how much praying for revival has been going on of late and how little revival has resulted? I believe the problem is that we have been trying to ***substitute praying for obeying***, and it simply will not work. To pray for revival while ignoring the plain precept laid down in Scripture is to waste a lot of words and get nothing for our trouble. Prayer will become effective when we stop using it as a substitute for obedience."

~ A.W. Tozer