



Fall 2026 Newsletter

Send Me Lord

God's Calling

What is your response when God calls you to go? In Isaiah 6:8 "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me." Isaiah was being called to be a prophet. In general, a prophet is someone chosen by God to communicate a message He gives them to tell the people. In layman's terms, they simply speak God's Truth to others! Notice Isaiah's response here in this verse - "Here am I! Send me." Simple as that, he said without hesitation - send me Lord. He did not know what was ahead but was willing to go. Isaiah could have responded like most of us, full of questions or no, not me. Let's be honest and really examine ourselves! How often have we given the typical response of no or I'll think about it? If you are like us, we have all said that at some point in our lives. We often feel unqualified for the challenge ahead! Let us encourage you today to be obedient to whatever God calls you to do. Whether it is going across the street to check on your neighbor or fly across the world to share the Gospel, let our response be like Isaiah's "Here am I! Send me."

On The Mission Field

We do not know where the time has gone since our last newsletter, but summer is over and fall has finally arrived. The air is cool and very much appreciated here in Alabama! God has done a lot since the last quarterly newsletter. There is so much we can share but will do our best to highlight some of what He did. As we often share with others, you would have to be here yourself to witness these things to get the full effect of what God did.

Annual Backpack Giveaway

God blessed the backpack giveaway in more ways than we ever imagined. This was the second time for us to host this in the Shoals. We want to thank the Lord for providing all we needed for each family He sent our way. We also want to thank Wal-Mart, T-Mobile, Head Over Heels, Guthrie's, and Jack's for helping sow seed into ROM by helping sponsor this year's event. Praise God for allowing us to give out 120 school backpacks filled with basic school supplies, Bibles, and free resources to include meals to local restaurants like Guthrie's and Jack's. We want to give a special thanks to the GM, Chrisee, at Jack's on Woodward Ave. for inviting us to come set up in their parking lot. Our volunteers did an awesome job helping kids pick out the color backpacks they wanted. This allowed us to mingle more with the people to listen to their stories, encourage them, and pray with them, all with the intention of sharing the Gospel. We are really excited to see what God has in store for this event next summer.



Unashamed of The Gospel

The Unashamed of The Gospel Tour was an impactful trip full of fruit from start to finish. We never realized so many people are blinded and hungry for Truth. Not just any truth, but God's Truth! It has been years since we have been out West, especially way out in the high desert of New Mexico. Our tour started in Colorado Springs, Colorado sowing seeds and making contacts with potential new partnerships for 2027 from the church to Focus on The Family. Mid-week we went up to Estes Park, Colorado where we had a fun day, but also had opportunities to sow seeds while in town. It was not until we returned to Colorado Springs towards the end of the week that we understood why God closed the doors on the Western Slop and brought us back here before going to New Mexico. While in a park downtown, we met Tony who had just moved to the area from Los Angeles to get away from the huge crowds of people. After a few minutes into our conversation, the topic of eternity came up, and God opened the door to share the Gospel with him. As Tony was intently listening, the conversation could not have gone any smoother. Right there on the bench,

he prayed aloud to place his faith in Christ as his Lord and Savior. There was an indescribable joy and peace that came over him! We gave him a Dr. David Jeremiah study Bible, and his face lit up with a priceless smile. Before we left, he gave me a hug and was so excited to start his new life with the Lord. Our time in Colorado was well spent, but it was time to head to New Mexico.



hearing the Gospel to a fully transformed smile the moment he placed his faith in Christ. An instant relief and peace came upon him like I had never witnessed before. Man plans his ways, but the Lord directs his steps. That could not be truer with this stop to the high desert! Our time in New Mexico was a blessing, but it was time to get loaded and head West to our next destination.

Upon arriving in Abilene, Texas, we met up with an old college friend of mine from Howard Payne University. What a blessing it was to meet his wife and catch up from when I last seen him in the late 90's. Matter of fact, Maverick and I attended his church on Sunday morning after we dropped Trina off to catch a plane back home to tend to a prior unchangeable commitment. It was just Maverick and I for the remainder of the scheduled stops

across Texas and back home to Alabama. Now that is scary, right? LOL! While in Abilene, we partnered with City Lights Community Ministries downtown to help feed those in need. It was a blessing to see how God provides several different services through them from counseling to helping them get back on their feet, while having their basic daily survival needs met. What an incredible group of volunteers and staff that help this ministry reach those in need from the local community. After serving with them, we went to a park across town that I had seen much earlier that morning. It was a hot day, and I mean HOT! As you can imagine, not really anyone was out. However, we did spot one gentleman sitting under a tree on a picnic bench. As we went to check on him, we learned his name was James. He was angry and cussing the world, while being so overwhelmed with everyday life, and the devil attacking him constantly. Praise God he was receptive to hearing about my Jesus! Right there in the park, he placed his faith in Christ and gave me a big hug with tears of joy in his eyes. He said we could not have shown up at a much better time. Y'all, that is all God right there! As we got ready to leave, we prayed with him, gave him a Dr. David Jeremiah study Bible, and encouraged him to get connected with City Lights Community Ministries. To end our day, we met up with my old college friend again to meet at the hospital to give out tracts, Bibles, and pray with folks while sharing the Gospel. What an amazing opportunity God opened the door through him for us to be a blessing to others.

It was hard to leave Abilene, as the harvest was plentiful with many ministry opportunities. The Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas area was expecting our arrival, where we spent a few days with Trina's folks, had our fun day of the week to include taking Maverick school clothes shopping, and ministering from the streets to making connections with potential partners at the local churches. Honestly, there was not much happening outside due to the excessive heat. We spent more time praying for waiters and waitresses, as most people were inside where it was cool. We were not sure what this stop was going to look like from a ministry perspective, but God's plans were by far different from what we had imagined. In times like this, we throw the whole agenda out the door, as God gives us better plans to follow by. Yes, trusting God and making the changes He wants is always a win for the Kingdom.



Trip to Guatemala

God not only showed up, but He showed out! This is our third time to go serve alongside Hands of Hope International with Parkview Baptist Church. God opened the door for our team to help build a home for a family in need, allowed for us to go into the schools to work with and feed the kids, and do community outreach and street evangelism from the markets to home visits. Many seeds were planted and lots of Jesus conversations took place throughout the week. God worked through each team member in various ways using our gifts and talents. What an incredible experience!



Our last stop was at our sending church in East Texas. What a humbling experience it was to preach for student ministry, spend time with them, and share in the morning worship service. Praise the Lord for the one student that gave his life to Christ during the altar call. I learned he had not been coming to church there long, but his family was planning to make that their new church home. When his parents heard of their son's decision to follow Christ, they were filled with joy. What an honor it was to be there that day! We are excited to report that after 3800 miles through three states in three weeks, there were at least four known salvations, many seeds planted, lots of Jesus conversations, and connections with several new possible future partners.



What a blessing it was to be hands on with Maverick at the construction site and pure joy to see Him plant seeds and even share the Gospel. We give God all the glory for a bright young man that loves the Lord, enjoys serving, and wants to learn. One of our favorite memories was when he shared the Gospel with a little boy using dove soap. We must have spent at least a good hour on this home visit where lives were changed and souls saved. The little boy was timid but listened to the Gospel being shared. He was really intrigued by the soap and loved smelling it! Please pray for this family, as they need a miracle. There are some medical conditions within the family that require extensive surgery. The primary need is the finances, as they will not do the surgery without payment up front.

Trina got to be more involved in the schools from several different villages throughout the week. She really enjoyed assisting one of the team members with crafts and games. What a humbling experience it was for all of us to help feed the kids. Education in Guatemala is not very high on the list, and the nutrition is very low. Many of the kids or even families miss meals, and it can be several days before they eat again. Hands of Hope International is in multiple villages one day each week; please pray that God will provide sponsorship for these kids or even for the missionaries to be in all the villages daily. We may not understand or like the situations these kids are in, but they are always happy and grateful. God is at work, please pray about coming with us next time to join Him there.



God's calling on my life to be an evangelist is beyond me. What a blessing it is to be His hands and feet! My favorite part of the trip was visiting with and sharing the Gospel with this man, while other team members were sharing with others in his family. Sadly, he was not sober! I am not sure what he heard, but a seed was planted. The only thing I knew to do in this moment was to pray over him in the Mighty Name of Jesus. I prayed that God would rid him of any addiction or ungodly possession inhabiting him. I also prayed that when he was sober that the first words out of his mouth was wanting to hear the Gospel. Before I left, he got up to give me a big hug. Not typical behavior, but of special meaning with high respect. I may never know the outcome, but God had me there at the right time for a specific purpose.



Upcoming events

As our schedule for the year is slowing down, we are so grateful for all the opportunities God has given us. Since Guatemala, it has been a breath of fresh air to spend more time locally serving and making new connections. It has been a blessing to be at our home church and to get things done around the house that was long overdue.

Hope for Athens

We are honored to be returning to Hope for Athens for the third year in a row. What a joy it is to partner with Lindsay Lane Baptist Church to be a shining light for Christ in their community. Convoy of Hope helps many communities like Athens across our Nation through providing various services from financial, food, clothes, haircuts, dental, and so much more. On October 17th, we will have the opportunity to meet, pray with, and share the Gospel with those struggling in the community. It is estimated that several thousand people will come through the connection tent at some point throughout the day. Please pray that God will open doors unlike we have ever seen before. Pray that the people will be receptive to hearing about my Jesus. Above all, pray that lives will be changed and souls saved all for His glory.

Community Festival

We have been given a new opportunity to go minister for a weekend down in Grantville, Georgia alongside Change Church. Several years ago, we officially met Pastor TJ Boyd at The Addiction Eviction Rally, and man he is on fire for the Lord. On October 24th-25th, we will be at a community fall festival where he lives and then the worship service at his church. We do not know what to expect, but we know God will show up and change lives. Please pray for travel, divine opportunities, and new connections. Pray that we will be obedient in what God has in store for us. Ultimately, pray that God will do a work through the life of that community like no one has ever seen before. What an incredible opportunity to serve others. All Glory to God!

Thanksgiving Dinner

We are also excited about another new opportunity God has given us locally this year to provide a Thanksgiving meal for the homeless and for the police officers on duty. On Thanksgiving Day, we will be holding a church service at Central Baptist Church in Florance, Alabama and serving a Thanksgiving meal for the homeless community. We will also be delivering Thanksgiving meals to local police in the Quad Cities that are not able to be home with their families. What a blessing it is to be joining God where He is at work by serving those in our local community on this special day of Thanksgiving.

The Larger Picture

What an exciting time in the life of our ministry! In January, we will celebrate 17 years of having this ministry. Sometimes it is hard to believe that God placed this vision on our heart 25 years ago and brought it to life in 2010. If someone had asked us then what we would be doing today, it would not have been anything as great as what God has done. We are reminded in Proverbs 16 that man plans his ways, but the Lord directs his steps. We can testify to that!

Over the course of this year, we have been praying for new opportunities, more partnerships, and new overseas missions for 2027 and beyond. Most everyone knows that God sold our ministry 5th wheel several months back. Praise the Lord, as this will allow for us to move to the next phase of the vision God has given us to reach communities in need by partnering with local churches and refuge/street ministries. In addition, this will allow us to



build long lasting relationships, offer more evangelism/discipleship training to include abroad, and do both short and long-term missions. With the new direction over the past year along with growth and being all over the map at times, it was no longer economical to keep the 5th wheel. Those funds have been designated to help with our daily operations moving forward. In addition, there has been an increase in our budget for next year to accommodate the new growth and allowing for us to reach new areas with the Gospel.

We will continue with local and national ministry events, including the annual backpack giveaway filled with basic school supplies, free resources like a Bible, and so much more. We will also continue doing an annual ministry tour like the "Unashamed of The Gospel Tour" out West this past summer. The Lord has really been pressing on our hearts to "Preach The Word" from the churches to the streets. Revivals, camps, and crusades are some new things we are beginning to pray about for the future. What an amazing adventure it is to go where God sends to be His hands and feet in a lost and dying world.

Ministry Prayers and Needs

As we finish out this year, pray that God will continue to change lives and save souls. Pray for our ministry and family, as we take time during the holidays to reflect on all the Lord has done over this year and give Him thanks. Also continue to join us in prayer, as we prepare to minister and serve in 2027. Pray that God will give us boldness, peace, wisdom, and discernment in all He gives us to do. Pray for strength and safety, as we travel to churches, campgrounds, communities, and overseas to share the Gospel.

Some of our top needs are Bibles, Life Books both in English and Spanish, The Gospel of Jesus Christ booklet by Paul Washer, a bigger travel friendly sound system, and wooden crosses – preferably handmade. Our biggest need for the new year is a 16-foot bumper pull trailer we estimate to be \$10,000 for exactly what we need. For more detailed information on the specifics of what we are looking for, please contact us. We are currently taking up most of the back seat along with trying to waterproof everything we fill the bed of the truck with. The biggest hassle is that we are always constantly loading and unloading, especially to prevent theft. This trailer will allow us to house and securely transport all our ministry resources like our sound system, tables, our tent, Bibles, merchandise, and so much more. At some point, we will add a fold out/dropdown bed to eliminate a one-night hotel expense while traveling to our next destination.

God Is So Good

We give the Lord thanks for this ministry and all He provides. Praise Him for all He does! We also thank each of you for your support through prayers and finances. What a blessing it is to know people who believe in the mission God has called us to. If you do not currently give, please prayerfully consider sowing seed into what God is doing in the life of this ministry. We cannot do what we do first without God and then the generous folks he sends like you to help keep us on the road meeting people where they are and taking them where they need to go.

In Christ,
Pastor Matt



Meeting people where they are and taking them where they need to go!

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