

Quarterly Newsletter - Summer 2026

There Is No Other Way!

Only Jesus Can Save

Do you know you are saved beyond a shadow of a doubt? Peter tells the Sanhedrin in Acts 4:12 “Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” Greg Laurie shares in his book, *Tell Someone*, that all roads will lead you to God, but there is only one that will get you into Heaven – that is through faith in Jesus Christ. When I first heard that, it really made me think! What is he saying? Everyone will see God, but only those that are saved by grace through faith will be allowed into His Kingdom. God loves you so much that He sent His Son Jesus to die on the cross for your sins and raised Him from the dead on the third day – He is alive, and if you believe this you will not perish but have everlasting life. Our pastor friend Greg Peters once said in his sermon “Christianity is not a religion, but a relationship with Jesus Christ.” Again, I had to really think for a moment! What is being said? Many people are mis-informed; they think they must earn or do good or even check the boxes to go to Heaven, when in fact that is a lie from Satan. The Bible tells us Satan is the father of lies; he has a way to make things sound good even in the most subtle way by twisting the Truth. If you have heard nothing, please hear this – Budda, Muhammed, Allah, Gandhi, astrology, or any other way outside of God will not save you. Jesus said that He is the Way, Truth, and Life and NO ONE can come to the Father except through Him. The Bible tells us all who call upon the Name of the Lord will be saved. Do you know that you know that you know beyond a shadow of a doubt where you will spend eternity when you leave this life? Just like my friend Charlie always says, “God loves you my friend and you are of more value than you will ever know.”

Ministry Highlights

God has blessed us with one opportunity after another since going to Guatemala back in March. There are many things we can share, but here are just a few highlights. It has been amazing to travel and be with a few of our partnering churches to include some new places. We thank the Lord for those that sow seed into what He is doing in the life of our ministry. We also thank each of y'all for your prayers and support through finances and resources that keep us on the road reaching the lost for Christ. We cannot do what we do first without God, but also the generous churches and folks He sends like y'all that believe in the mission He has called us to.



Back in May, God showed up at the KOA Richmond in Indiana! What a humbling experience it was to be the hands and feet of Christ from the time we got there to the time we left. It was great to minister to all ages from kids and adults to include the campground owners. From the various activities to Sunday morning church service, brought about new life to all that came to camp for the weekend. One guest shared with us how the Lord opened their eyes to value their time with family, especially time with their children. Please pray for the campground owners to have continued boldness to minister to the people that come there lost without Christ. May they find True Hope in Jesus, as only He can save!



The presence of the Holy Spirit at the Addiction Eviction Rally in June was on FIRE and unlike anything we have seen in a long time. The youth revival night to kick off the rally was filled with life-changing testimonies and anointed preaching. The actual day of the rally brought people from all backgrounds and addictions to find True Hope. Lives were changed, souls saved, and people were set free in Jesus Name. Last year was good, but man I cannot explain in words all that God did this year. You would have had to be there yourself to witness God at work. If you or you know of someone battling addiction, please reach out. Let us encourage you to join us in prayer over the course of this next year for what the Lord is going to do in June 2027.



Outside of speaking engagements and events, we have spent a lot of time ministering to the homeless and doing street evangelism. What a humbling experience to meet people where they are and take them where they need to go. It is a blessing to meet people from all walks of life and to hear their stories whether good or bad. Many people are hurting and searching for what only God can do. Please join us in praying for Casey, our new brother in Christ. He was living a Buddhist lifestyle committed to Buddha and convinced he had come back from a former life. After hearing the Gospel for the first time, he repented of his sins and placed his faith and trust in Christ for his Salvation. Praise God for the work He is doing and allowing us to share testimony with you of where He is at work.

Upcoming Ministry Opportunities

It seems like yesterday was March and now here it is July. In a week, we will be hosting the annual school backpack giveaway in Muscle Shoals, Alabama. We are thankful that the Lord answered and doubled what He gave us to give last year. These backpacks are filled with basic school supplies, a Bible, free resources, and free meal certificates to help students and families get off to a great start for the new school year. We thank the Lord for providing us not only what we needed, but an opportunity to give back to the community. We also want to thank many individuals, Wal-Mart, Jack's, and Guthrie's for helping sponsor this annual event. In addition, we want to thank Jack's for inviting us to set up in their parking lot and a couple volunteers from the Addiction Eviction Rally coming to help. It is our prayer that we will be able to minister to families, especially those in need all with the intention of sharing the Gospel.



On July 19th, we head out on the Unashamed of The Gospel Tour out West to Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas. Through much time in prayer and planning, we are all set to go. With just under 4000 miles and 10 plus cities in three weeks, we will be sharing the Gospel everywhere we go with urgency and boldness. Along with a few new places, it has

been nearly 30 years since we have been to some of the areas on our list of stops. We are very excited to be making our last stop at our sending church, FBC Mt. Vernon in East, Texas August 8th and 9th, to do a Saturday night student ministry event and give testimony in the Sunday morning worship service of where God is at work. There are still a couple unknowns in general, but we trust God to provide everything needed to help further His kingdom. Pray that the Lord will give us discernment and wisdom each day! Pray for safety from travel to being on the streets and including a few additional churches along the way. Pray for the people we will meet that lives are changed and souls are saved. Please pray that the Lord will direct our paths and ordain our steps to be at the divine appointments He orchestrated from the beginning of time.

Most everyone knows we have been given a unique opportunity to return to Guatemala again in September. It is a blessing to come alongside Hands of Hope International with our home church, Parkview Baptist Church out of Tuscumbia, Alabama, to serve and share Jesus with others. While there, we will be helping with a construction project, building beds, installing water filtration systems, and installing wood burning cooking stoves properly vented. We will also be in some of the schools and out on the streets and in the market areas praying with people and sharing the Gospel. In addition, I have also been invited to preach at a church in one of the villages we have previously spent time serving others. What a humbling experience, yet an exciting opportunity to share a message God has placed on my heart with the people that live there. We are so excited to report that the Lord has taken care of the cost to return. Praise the Lord for all He provides! Thank each of you for your generosity and believing in the mission God has given us not only in general, but specifically for the Guatemalan people. There will be future opportunities both Nationally and Internationally to sow seed; we ask that you will prayerfully consider partnering with us to go tell others the greatest news ever known to man.



Ministry Announcements and Needs

It is hard to believe that we are just a little over halfway through the year and will be starting to look at 2027 in the upcoming weeks. We are excited to announce that our calendar for next year will open on August 1st to start booking churches, events, camps,

revivals, speaking engagements, missions, campgrounds, and any other opportunities God provides. Many of you are ready with dates, but please mark your calendar to reach back out to us to make it official. We are really excited about the direction the Lord is leading and look forward to sharing more details in the upcoming months. Whether you have had us come before or this is your first time, we look forward to coming to minister and joining God where He is at work.

As many know, our ministry's trailer is officially for sale. It is a well maintained 2020 Columbus by Palomino 42-foot 5th wheel with all the bells and whistles like a washer and dryer, two king size beds, residential walk-in shower and so much more. We had it inspected back in the spring and the only thing needing to be done is replacing the front AC gasket at some point in the future. This unit will make a great trailer for a ministry, large family, retiree, someone always on the go, contractor, or simply to put on a lake. If you or you know anyone interested, please reach out to us today for more information. We have it listed at a great price to sell for \$35k! It is currently at our home in Alabama and really a nice home on wheels.



Please continue to keep us in your daily prayers! We give away over 1,000 Bibles each year from various events to on the streets. We need roughly 400 more to get us through the end of the year. We also need 500 more English Life books, preferably the white ones in the book of John. We give these away when primarily ministering to students and/or doing student events. They are an effective way to reach young people for Christ! Our homeless ministry budget goes fast both in the summer and winter, as you might imagine. We currently set aside \$1,500 for each season to help feed, clothe, and provide shelter to those most in need on an individual basis. It is our prayer and desire to see that budget double for this upcoming year. What a great opportunity to love others, while sharing the Gospel and 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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