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Go Scatter

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WELCOME TO THE FIRST ISSUE OF GO SCATTER!!!

Thank you so much for subscribing! A new issue will arrive in your inbox every month and will include: ministry updates from the month prior, prayer requests for the month ahead, and various evangelism tips, testimonies, and things to try on your own. We want this newsletter to be valuable for you so please share any feedback or suggestions to help us improve.

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Blessings,

Pastor Randy LeBaron

President & Founder

STEP OUT OF THE BOAT

Go Scatter Ministries (GSM) was launched on July 1, 2019, coinciding with my appointment as Evangelist for the Genesis Conference FMC, and was officially incorporated as a non-profit on February 26, 2020. God first spoke to me about it though all the way back in 1992 when I was first called into the ministry.

While participating in street ministry my freshman year at Central College (McPherson, KS) a small seed of an idea was planted in me by the Holy Spirit and, after two and a half decades of preparation and experience in both the ministry and on the missions field, it has grown from that mustard seed of a vision into what is now a fully fledged, fruit-bearing mission. And, much like in Mark 4 where Go Scatter got it's name, it was God who did the growing.



PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP WATER

Jesus doesn't often ask us to follow him into shallow, storm free waters but rather he calls us to leave behind what is comfortable and convenient to courageously take a leap, trusting that His Plans and His Ways are better than ours. Peter certainly learned that lesson in Luke 5:1-11 when Christ called him to put out into deep waters, causing him and his companions leaving their nets to follow him, and I would learn it as well.

The hardest step was the first one, leaving a church that I loved and had served as the Lead Pastor for over fifteen years, and it also led to my biggest leap of faith—trusting God to provide for me, my family, and this new ministry. In addition to giving up a guaranteed source of income and benefits I would have extra expenses to consider such as new equipment, advertising, insurance, and pension. Also, on the personal front, we were preparing to send our first of four children off to college. For many this move may have seemed unwise and unnecessary but I have always believed that when God calls us to something that He also equips us for it. Often that refers to spiritual gifts but, in this case, it was also applicable to finances as well.

I won't go into every story at this point but I do want to share how immensely grateful I am to God and to those who supported GSM during the first year. It is only because of the generous gifts and persistent prayer of many that GSM exists. I am humbled to share that over 75 different families, 4 churches, 2 businesses, and 1 foundation have helped to fund the mission of GSM. I have also earned honorariums for various speaking events in several different churches and denominations. Due to COVID I had a number of cancellations, from weekend worship services to camps, but God faithfully provided throughout.

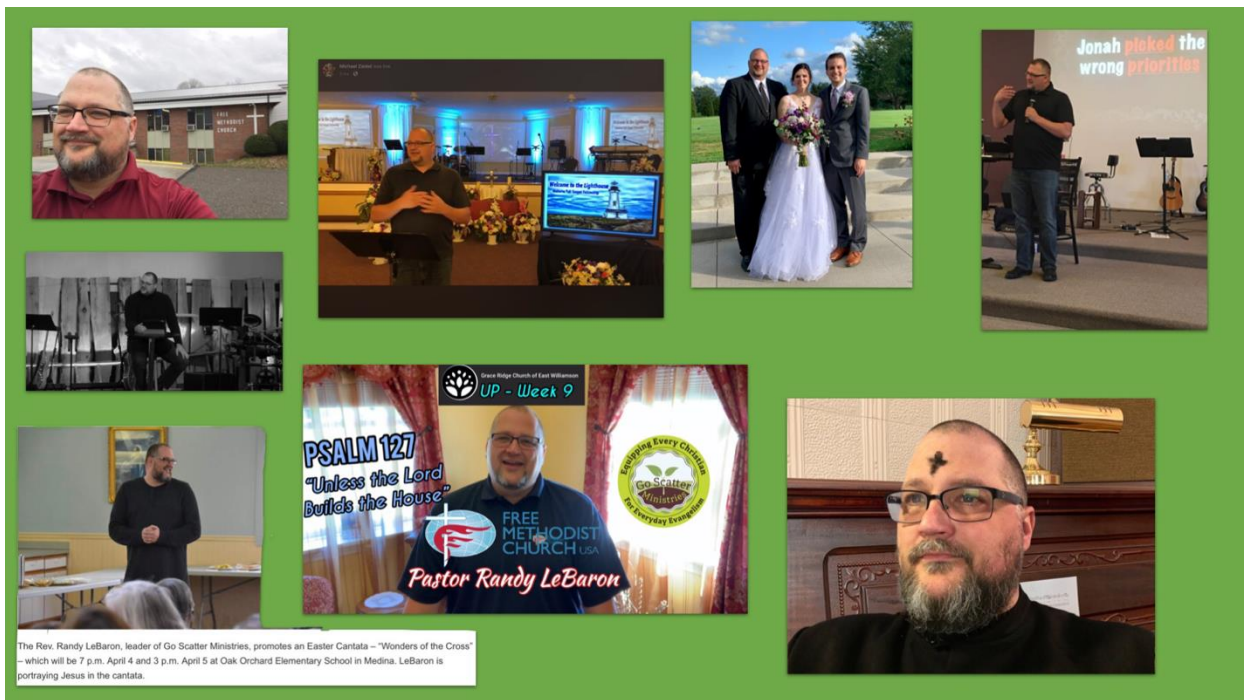
In addition to a generous donor who matched up to \$5,000 of the gifts received in April and June, this past month the **GSM MINISTRY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM** was launched. By offering five different giving tiers for individuals or churches to choose from the goal is for GSM to become more sustainable through consistent monthly giving. It also provides GSM partners with a way to become more invested in the mission of GSM. There will be info. at the end for any who might consider signing up but I want to sincerely thank those who have already have!!!

SEEDERS \$25+	SCATTERERS \$50+	GARDENERS \$100+	HARVESTERS \$200+
Chuck & Donna Stevens	Kyle & Jessy Holz	Alan & Kathy Bliss	Mike & Andrea Stasko
Eric & Joella Liddle	Mike & Kay Metcalf	Larry & Bonnie Malakie	Denise Burris
Donna Morse	Jean Dunn		
Michael & Diane Stamp			

GO SCATTER

Go Scatter proved to be not only a good name for a ministry and an effective way to do Evangelism but also a great system for expanding my ministry territory. Rather than focusing all my effort onto just one method or platform I chose multiple ways to reach, teach, and serve others.





The Rev. Randy LeBaron, leader of Go Scatter Ministries, promotes an Easter Cantata – "Wonders of the Cross" – which will be 7 p.m. April 4 and 3 p.m. April 5 at Oak Orchard Elementary School in Medina. LeBaron is portraying Jesus in the cantata.

SPEAKING EVENTS

One of the first things that I did was book various speaking events (30+ Weekend Worship Services, Men's Gatherings, Weddings, Funerals, Camps...) where I would often have the opportunity to either teach about Evangelism or share an evangelistic message.

WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

After creating the GoScatterMinistries.org website, along with the corresponding FB, Twitter, and Instagram accounts, I launched the video blog "Refill with Randy" on FB and YouTube. During this first season, comprised of 50 episodes, I used "casual conversations over coffee" to share from God's Word, speak on current events, engage the community, interview pastors, showcase local missions agencies, and hopefully challenge and encourage many. To date "Refill with Randy" videos have been seen and shared over 20,000 times across the U.S. and in other countries. Last month it was featured on the Family Life Network. I connected with several international pastors and missionaries and even produced online training videos for Pastor Isaac from Kenya who's church changed their name to "Go Scatter Ministries Kenya".



Another online venture was creating a blog. Initially I asked the other GSM Board Members, Dave Good & Kyle Holz, to help me write a daily devotional during the 40 Days of Lent. After a successful first outing it was decided that we would invite Debbie McClarin and Wende Swick to join us in what would become the TAKE 5 Blog. The premise was for people to take 5 min. a day for 5 days a week to read 5 different perspectives from 5 different people on 1 topic.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

One of the things I had looked forward to doing once I was freed up from my full-time ministry schedule was to use my gifts and skills to care for others in the community and to support and help serve through other missions organizations. Currently I volunteer regularly on the Hands 4 Hope Street Ministry truck, as an on-site pastor and counselor at the Care-Net Center of Greater Orleans, and as an Orleans County Sheriff's Chaplain. I also continue to participate in P.A.C.T. (Pastors Aligned for Community Transformation), CUFI (Christians United for Israel), OpOverwatch, and I enjoy connecting with others routinely over a cup of coffee.



UPCOMING SPEAKING EVENTS

- 09/06/20 - Preaching @Community Fellowship Church (Middleport, NY)
- 09/13/20 - Preaching @South Dayton Free Methodist Church
- 09/26/20 - 09/27/20 - Preaching @Gowanda Free Methodist Church
- 07/09/20 - 09/18/20 - Evangelist @Cattaraugus Christian Camp

PRAYER REQUESTS

- My family as they start back to school with all of the COVID protocols. Sheryl is teaching 4th grade, Ashlyn is a freshman @Roberts Wesleyan College, Brendan is a junior, Madison is in 8th grade, and Jillian moving to the middle school as she starts 6th grade.
- Opportunities for speaking and finding other ways to use my gifts.
- An increase in donors and GSM Ministry Partners.
- For God to make me sensitive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and use me daily to scatter His good seed through visitation, volunteering, speaking opportunities, and everyday encounters.
- September is a time of prayer & planning as I prepare for our next blog and Season 2 of Refill with Randy among other efforts. Please pray for discernment and direction.
- Pray for every person who has taken the next step in their spiritual journey (first-time commitment to Christ, recommitment, reconciled a relationship, started serving, etc.) as a result of GSM.

A LOOK AHEAD...

Thank you all for your prayers and support of GSM from the beginning until now and thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. The next issue will be coming in October. In the meantime please **SUBSCRIBE** to "Refill with Randy" on YouTube and check out any past episodes that you may have missed. Also please **LIKE & FOLLOW** Go Scatter Ministries on FB, Twitter, and Instagram. If you are not currently a GSM Ministry Partner but are interested I will include info. at the end. God bless and **GO SCATTER!!!**



GSM MONTHLY MINISTRY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM



<h3>SEEDERS</h3>  <p>LEVEL - 1 \$25/MO.</p> <p>GSM Partner Benefits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SUBSCRIPTION TO OUR OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER • PERSONALIZED GSM PARTNER CERTIFICATE 	<h3>SCATTERERS</h3>  <p>LEVEL - 2 \$50/MO.</p> <p>GSM Partner Benefits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SUBSCRIPTION TO OUR OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER • PERSONALIZED GSM PARTNER CERTIFICATE • GSM OR RWR MUG  	<h3>GARDENERS</h3>  <p>LEVEL - 3 \$100/MO.</p> <p>GSM Partner Benefits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SUBSCRIPTION TO OUR OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER • PERSONALIZED GSM PARTNER CERTIFICATE • GSM AND RWR MUG  	<h3>HARVESTERS</h3>  <p>LEVEL - 4 \$200/MO.</p> <p>GSM Partner Benefits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SUBSCRIPTION TO OUR OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER • PERSONALIZED GSM PARTNER CERTIFICATE • GSM AND RWR MUG  • MONTHLY ZOOM & PRAYER WITH PASTOR RANDY 	<h3>MULTIPLIERS</h3>  <p>LEVEL - 5 \$400/MO.</p> <p>GSM Partner Benefits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SUBSCRIPTION TO OUR OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER • PERSONALIZED GSM PARTNER CERTIFICATE • GSM AND RWR MUG  • MONTHLY ZOOM & PRAYER WITH PASTOR RANDY • BI-MONTHLY SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE SESSIONS
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GSM MONTHLY CHURCH PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM



<h3>SOWING CHURCH</h3>  <p>LEVEL - 1 \$25/MO.</p> <p>GSM Partner Benefits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SUBSCRIPTION TO OUR OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER • PERSONALIZED GSM PARTNER CERTIFICATE • QUARTERLY VIDEO MINISTRY UPDATES TO SHOW ONLINE OR IN CHURCH 	<h3>SPONSORING CHURCH</h3>  <p>LEVEL - 2 \$50/MO.</p> <p>GSM Partner Benefits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SUBSCRIPTION TO OUR OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER • PERSONALIZED GSM PARTNER CERTIFICATE • QUARTERLY VIDEO MINISTRY UPDATES TO SHOW ONLINE OR IN CHURCH 	<h3>SUPPORTING CHURCH</h3>  <p>LEVEL - 3 \$100/MO.</p> <p>GSM Partner Benefits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SUBSCRIPTION TO OUR OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER • PERSONALIZED GSM PARTNER CERTIFICATE • QUARTERLY VIDEO MINISTRY UPDATES TO SHOW ONLINE OR IN CHURCH • MINISTRY ASSESSMENT WITH PASTOR(S) 	<h3>SENDING CHURCH</h3>  <p>LEVEL - 4 \$200/MO.</p> <p>GSM Partner Benefits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SUBSCRIPTION TO OUR OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER • PERSONALIZED GSM PARTNER CERTIFICATE • QUARTERLY VIDEO MINISTRY UPDATES TO SHOW ONLINE OR IN CHURCH • MINISTRY ASSESSMENT WITH PASTOR(S) • PULPIT SUPPLY BY PASTOR RANDY (X) 	<h3>STOREHOUSE CHURCH</h3>  <p>LEVEL - 5 \$400/MO.</p> <p>GSM Partner Benefits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SUBSCRIPTION TO OUR OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER • PERSONALIZED GSM PARTNER CERTIFICATE • QUARTERLY VIDEO MINISTRY UPDATES TO SHOW ONLINE OR IN CHURCH • MINISTRY ASSESSMENT WITH PASTOR(S) • 3 PART SERMON SERIES BY PASTOR RANDY (X) • MONTHLY ZOOM & PRAYER WITH PASTOR RANDY
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After over two decades in full-time pastoral ministry Rev. Randy LeBaron took a step of faith and followed God's call to step out of his current pastoral role in order to share God's Word and Christ's love outside the walls of the church and alongside other organizations that also serve the underprivileged and the overlooked. On July 1, 2019 he was commissioned and appointed as an Evangelist in the Genesis Conference of the FMCUSA and simultaneously founded Go Scatter Ministries—a non-denominational, non-profit, ministry with the purpose of sharing Christ through many means and “*Equipping Every Christian for Everyday Evangelism*”. This is being accomplished by offering a variety of services both on site and online. Pastor Randy has had the opportunity to share Christ in multiple coffee shops, churches, denominations, and countries, spanning four continents. He has served as a Lead Pastor, Camp Evangelist, Retreat Facilitator, Mission's Team Leader, Guest Speaker for Men's & Mission Events, Volunteer Sheriff's Chaplain, Care-Net Counselor, Hands 4 Hope Team Member, Community Kitchen Volunteer, Co-Founder of P.A.C.T. (Pastors Aligned for Community Transformation), and as an officiant for weddings, funerals, and other ministry related services. He is also the host of the FB Page & YouTube Channel “Refill with Randy” (recently highlighted on the Family Life Radio Network) and the creator and co-contributor of the various blogs offered via GoScatterMinistries.org

In addition to honorariums received for speaking engagements Pastor Randy relies on the generous support of individual donors and churches. As both the Conference Evangelist and the sole employee of GSM he has established different methods of fundraising much like a modern day missionary. To that end, and in an effort to create a consistent and sustainable support structure moving forward, we are launching the Monthly Ministry Partner Program. This is a great new way to invest, and take more of a vested interest, in furthering the gospel message through the ongoing mission and ministries of Pastor Randy and GSM. There are five different commitment levels to choose from for individuals and churches and each comes with benefits and services as a way of saying “Thank You” as well as keeping you up to date and engaged with the life of the ministry.

PLEASE E-MAIL ME at randylebaron@gmail.com with: (1) The giving method you will be using (see below), (2) The monthly amount you are committing to over the next year, (3) The day of the month it will be sent on, (4) Your contact info. (Full name, Phone, e-mail, address, etc.)

TO GIVE BY CHECK AND RECEIVE A YEAR-END TAX RECEIPT

Make your check out to: *Genesis Conference FMC* and write: *Evangelist Fund* in the memo line.
Mail to: **Genesis Conference 2260 Westside Drive**
P.O. Box 206
N. Chili, NY 14514

**For monthly giving I would suggest setting up automated e-checks from your bank.*

TO GIVE ONLINE AND NOT RECEIVE A YEAR END TAX RECEIPT

You can either give directly through PayPal using randylebaron@aol.com or go to **GoScatterMinistries.org** and click the **DONATE** button at the bottom of the page.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS...

Q. WHY DO YOU RECEIVE HONORARIUMS FOR SERVICES?

As much as I would love to be able to offer all services for free the reality is that until I am fully funded by donors like you this is the primary way for me to provide for my family.

Q. HOW ARE THE DONATIONS USED?

Currently, as a self-funding evangelist and the sole employee of Go Scatter Ministries Inc., the primary purpose is to provide me with a salary and cover the costs of insurance, pension, and Soc.Sec. I remit funds to The Genesis Conference of the FMCUSA and they issue me a paycheck out of it on a monthly basis. Beyond that donations are also used for: audio/video equipment, website fees, promotional material, and funding community mission projects.

Q. WHAT IS THE BENEFIT OF APPROACHING MINISTRY THIS WAY?

In a word... FLEXIBILITY. By not being attached to only one church or congregation I am free to share the messages God has put on my heart with many more people, churches, and denominations. Also, by not having to be bi-vocational in a traditional 9-5 sense, I am freed up to use my time to assist other churches and organization at no cost to them. Currently I volunteer with Hands 4 Hope every Saturday & Wednesday, Care-Net on Tuesdays, and am on call as a volunteer Sheriff's Chaplain every Thursday. I also serve as a member of P.A.C.T., as a Chapel Speaker for OCCS, and assist with community mission events. I am also freed up to do counseling, pastoral care, coffee ministry, and for all the time it takes to create, edit, and share online resources and videos.

Q. WILL I RECEIVE A TAX RECEIPT FOR MY DONATIONS?

If you send your donation by check to Genesis Conference with Evangelist Fund in the memo line then YES. If you choose to send your monthly gift electronically via PayPal or any other method then NO. With the current standardized deduction being so high most people no longer itemize and therefore do not need a tax receipt.

Q. WHEN WILL I START RECEIVING THE BENEFITS OFFERED?

You will receive your partnership certificate and welcome e-mail within the first month and other ongoing benefits, such as the newsletter, quarterly update videos, and ZOOM sessions with Pastor Randy, will start whenever the next one is scheduled after you sign up. Mugs will be sent after the second donation is received and other things like pulpit supply, the sermon series, ministry assessments, and the bi-monthly spiritual guidance sessions will be at a mutually acceptable day and time. When possible, these should be scheduled 1-2 months in advance.

Q. WHAT IF MY CHURCH IS OUT OF THE AREA?

Practically speaking, if your church is more than 100 miles from Albion I would still be glad to have you partner with me but we may need to meet over ZOOM and extra \$ for travel & accommodations might be necessary.

Q. WHAT IF I CANNOT COMMIT ON A MONTHLY BASIS BUT STILL WANT TO GIVE SOMETHING?

I understand that there are those receiving this who may want to support me and my ministry but cannot on a continual basis. Your one-time gifts are always welcomed with gratitude!

Q. WHAT IF I WANTED TO PLEDGE A DIFFERENT MONTHLY AMOUNT?

You can pledge any amount that you like but you will be included in whichever partner level you are closest to without going over (i.e. \$175/ mo. would be a Gardener/Supporting Church).

Q. CAN I CHOOSE A PARTNERSHIP LEVEL BUT GIVE ONE TIME OR ON A QUARTERLY BASIS?

Of course! For each partnership level the donations and benefits are structured on a 1 yr. basis so if you wanted to become a Scatterer (\$50/mo.) you could send a one-time gift of \$600 or quarterly gifts of \$150 and still receive all of the benefits and services offered throughout the year.