# The Cowboy CONNECTION



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#### **ITINERARY**

We are excited for the new year of ministry that God has for us to do. We are working on locations and dates. You will be able to keep up with us on our web site for more information. Also if you would like us to come to your area let us know. You can email us at cowboyconnect@gmail.com, or call us at 307-630-8343. Jesus tells us in Matthew 9:37-38, The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. Andrea and I have been in Gods harvest for over twenty five years. And we will continue to be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing our labor is not in vain in the Lord. 1st Corinthians 15:58.

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Dear friends and partners;

We arrived in Paris, Texas 1 week before "nights of refreshing" began, so we would be available to attend meetings concerning the outreach. During the week before the meetings began on May 15,2022, Jerry was inspired to go knocking "door-to-door" and personally inviting folks, and hand out fliers, which included on the rougher side of town. One man responded by telling Jerry he was not interested in religious events. Jerry quickly replied and told him these meetings were about having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We of course don't know if he ever showed up, but we have learned in over 25 years of full time ministry, that as long as we are obedient to do all God tells us to do, the ministry is effective.

One night when Jerry gave the invitation for the altar call, a young lady who was in the very back of the auditorium, actually came running, literally, up the middle aisle to get to the front. We have never seen this kind of response before, so it was very encouraging for us to see such an enthusiastic response. After the meetings in Paris ended, we packed up and headed for Konawa, Oklahoma to a NSPRA rodeo (Ntl. Sr. Pro RodeoAssociation Rodeo) where we had a cowboy church service scheduled for Sunday morning. Inside the indoor arena on Sunday morning we constructed a makeshift chapel using bales of hay along with some lawn chairs, for seating. Denise Shirley, wife of NSPRA competitor Jim Shirley, blessed us all with singing praise and worship music acapella style before Jerry ministered. This paved the way for such a sweet and strong presence of the lord that morning. As a result, 6 people responded to the call of salvation.

After the service, a young lady maybe 10-12 years of age, walked up to Jerry, shook his hand and boldly declared; "never let the devil sit at your table!" Jerry looked down at her with a big grin, and proclaimed a confirmation on that remark.

We left Konawa, Oklahoma and headed to Valentine, Nebraska to have cowboy church in the grand-stands there. We were blessed to find a covered section that provided some shade on that record heat breaking Sunday morning. We left Valentine, Nebraska and headed for Carpenter, Wyoming. Again, God proved his faithfulness with his perfect timing. We were blessed to be at home when Jerry's mother became ill and graduated to heaven. Not only was it a blessing to minister at her funeral, but also to be available for the rest of the family that needed an extra set of hands along with some comfort during that time. She will be greatly missed by Jerry and myself. She was a great woman of God and knew his word. There were numerous times that we needed encouraged and she always knew what scriptures to speak into our lives to encourage us.

After the funeral, we had the opportunity to drive up to Estes park, Colorado to have cowboy church on Sunday morning at the "Granny May" arena, which is nestled in the beautiful Colorado Rocky Mountains. Bob and Paula Moulton from Fruitland Idaho blessed us all with "cowboy style" praise and worship before Jerry ministered that morning. During our service in Estes, God gave me (Andrea) some scriptures to minister into the lives of parents and grand parents that morning. I asked them to come forward to come down to the altar to stand in for the kids so I could pray over them. It was exciting to

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see the response of about half the people in attendance get up out of their seats to actually come forward to receive what God had for them at the

Jerry's vision has continued to improve from his 4 retina detachments & surgery a few years ago. To clearly understand the magnitude of this report, the doctors had told him he may lose his sight in that eye after the very first detachment happened. And I recently had a brain mapping done which has shown 27 percent improvement from a year ago! These confirmations are proof that God continues to be faithful to us with his promises of healing.

We wrapped up our summer season, the end of August, with a cowboy church service on Sunday morning in the grandstands in Crawford, Nebraska. We were blessed with a great turnout in spite of an 8:30 service time. Bob Moulton once again did a great job of praise and worship before Jerry ministered.

In September during our time at home, Jerry hurt his right knee while stacking some hay. After having an MRI on that knee, we had evaluations from 3 different surgeons and weighed our available options. After a couple weeks of physical therapy, we decided that a full knee replacement was our best option. We had the surgery done in Colorado Springs, Colorado by the same doctor who had replaced his hip 18 years prior. He was very pleased with the surgery. We have spent this past month working hard in physical therapy, going 3 days a week. It has not been an easy process, but we are thankful this will soon be behind us.

In between therapy days, we began having some bible studies in our home, with some neighbors and friends attending. The first week of February will be taking us to San Antonio, Texas to minister at a cowboy ministers conference. We also have an invitation in the month of March to minister at a ranch rodeo in Hugo, Oklahoma that is in the planning stages. We will provide you with more information about that event as we find out the details.

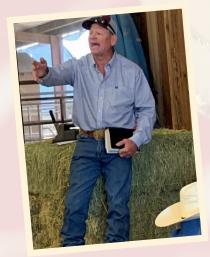
We are looking forward to cracking out after the New Year and seeing what God has ahead for us to do.



Wade White singing at the crusade in Paris, TX



Little girl who said don't let the devil sit at your table



Jerry preaching at the rodeo in Konawa, OK

### ENCOURAGEMEN FROM THE BOX

#### **Celebrating Christmas!!**

When I was young growing up in a big family which included five brothers and four sisters, Christmas time was always such an exciting time. Not because of what the world has made Christmas with all the commercial things they added, but because of the love and the special things we did. One thing my parents did was to honor and keep the birth of Jesus first place. Christmas was all about God's love for all of humanity and the result of His love was sending His son to earth to save ALL who will receive the gift He gave, Jesus.

Another tradition they had us do was to draw out of a bowl a name of a family member. That person was who you had to make them a home made gift, we bought everyone else a gift. It never failed the home made gifts were always the best, because you knew it took more thought and effort. Many times when those gifts were opened there were tears that followed.

That's what makes our Heavenly Father's gift so special, there's nothing He couldn't have given. But, He gave of Himself, the one true gift that gives to all who will accept it, the right to be called a child of God. You now have an eternal address in Heaven that no one can take away. Jesus tells us in John 14:2-3, In my Fathers house are many mansions, if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to myself, that where I am there you may be also. This is all because of the love and the gift God gave "YOU". Now that's why we celebrate Christmas. May you be richly Blessed now and forever, Glory to God in the Highest!





Jerry's mother before she passed on July 31, 2022



