Bus Ministry Helpers

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Christmas Play at Evansville..

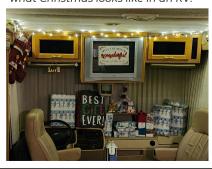
I forgot to mention in the December's newsletter that God opened the door for Evansville Baptist Church to have their first youth Christmas play in over 15 yrs.

It brought so much excitement through out the church. If I'm not mistaken, we had 22 kids present, 20 visitors and 25 regulars. This may not sound like much to you, but this time last year, they had 14. Maybe it's just me, but I think God may just be working and using the bus ministry for His Glory!

God also used this little play, The Real Gift of Christmas, to minister to so many hearts that were first time hearers. No one may have made a decision to follow Christ, but yet another building block of faith was established!

One block on top of another, time after time, could just be the next preacher or Sunday School teacher.

If anybody has ever wondered, this is what Christmas looks like in an RV!



Rearview Mirror Time...

It's been a little over a year since we answered God's call to help like faith churches in reaching the children and their parents through the Bus Ministry.

And, I must say, the Lord has proven Himself to be faithful every step of the way despite our old wicked selves!

Looking back on 2023 leaves me amazed and speechless on how God has led, provided, protected, blessed, used and cared for our family and the churches we've had the privilege and honor of working with.

One of these special blessings is seeing God stir up the hearts of the "use-to's" and "nevers" to be used as instruments of righteousness once again. Only God could do such a thing!

Rom 6:13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

Not only have I witnessed these miracles among the brethren, but also right here in our 36' home.

There seems to be a spirit of unity, growth, determination to reach the lost and a hunger for God's Word like never before.

God is really good at being God!!!

Psalms 42:1b As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.



Building Faith..

That Will Move Mountains!

How precious is this? Nothing like the Word of God penetrating their minds and, after faith is built, their hearts.

May they hunger and thirst after the Word of God in such a way that they will be filled!

Matthew 5:6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

So far, 8 of these youngens and 1 adult have been rescued from the Lake of Fire. We know it's God that does all the work, but this is a direct result of God placing a bus ministry at this local church.

Six have followed the Lord in baptism, 2 more adults have rededicated, and 12 new church members were added since Apr 2023.

Along with a new bus ministry, they also have 3 new Sunday School classes and a few new discipleship classes.

Changing lives is what the Lord does. Changing Master's is what we do. Changing our eternal destination is the by-product!

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From the Prayer Closet...

If you've never experienced the power of prayer with fasting and isolation, you're really missing out!

God desires it, you need it, and God will use it for His Glory.

If you need to know God's direction, I challenge you to find that quiet place for a few days.

On Jan 23rd, I found such a place thanks to Truth Baptist Church in Atwater OH.

I needed to know from God when we were to leave our post here at Evansville Baptist and continue seeking the next church to help.

As I was praying, I thought, how in the world is God going to give me specific dates, but guess what, He did just that.

March 1st will be our marching orders, so please pray for the church's preparation for take over and for God to prepare the next church.

God had also been working on my heart since November about my business.

The problem was, it was my busy season, and I had no time to slow down enough to understand what He was trying to tell me.

But, in my prayer closet, here's what God revealed to me:

Your business is an extreme weight and a major hindrance to the ministry.

Hebrews 12:1-2

You're not blooming where I planted you and you're trying to serve two masters. In other words, I'm to work small jobs around each church that we're helping to be more productive for the cause of Christ.

I Corinthians 7:20-24

You're trusting in the mighty dollar and your own abilities to make money instead of relying on me (the Lord) to take care of you. Anything less than full faith is sin! Romans 14:23

Continued...

Where's your faith? Luke 8:25

Launch out into the deep and let go of what you're holding on to. **Luke 5:4**

Fix your eyes on me and watch what I can do. **Ephesians 3:20-21**

So, what God was telling me, it's high time to live by faith and trust in my promises!

With all this being said, we are in beginning stages of transferring my remaining book of business to another agent. We'll be full time in the ministry!

To those of you who are my faithful clients, thank you for your loyalty throughout the years. I'll be calling you soon to explain more.

Nothing is to small to ask...

It's been a challenging start of the new year so far. The 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month produced bad enough weather to take down our church bus.

We had a pretty good stride going on before this, but sometimes this is all it takes to stop the momentum.

The 3rd Sunday, I started begging God to give me an idea so that faith building could continue and so that the kids would stay engaged. Here's what He gave me:

The marked edition of **John and Roman's** which links Scriptures together to explain salvation was delivered to each home with an assignment to be completed by the following week to earn extra points for Sunday School class.

This was a **HUGE** hit with the kids and even with some of the parents. I was truly amazed with the participation that we received and praised God for it.

Just remember, no matter how small or how big your problem is, take it to the Lord in prayer! It really works!!!

<u>PLEASE PRAY</u> for two special families that satan has taken out of commission. One was over a misunderstanding and the other was over pride, but both were due to a hardened heart. <u>"But God"</u> is the greatest softener that can be applied.



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Prayer Request...

Since "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" please bathe the following in prayer daily:

- God to be glorified
- Souls to be saved
- God's leading hand
- Open doors with soft hearts
- Favoritism with parents
- Churches to stay committed
- Parking for motorhome
- More Opportunities to help churches
- More supporting churches
- Motorhome Mechanical Issue

THANK YOU for all who have prayed, given, sacrificed and offered! You shall be rewarded one day!