

Dear Friend of Abiding Above,

January 2022

A letter from a man in the transportation industry writes,

Dear Pastor Chris,

"I just wanted to take time and pen in hand to let you know I was passing through Tennessee and I stopped at a Pilot Truck Stop and picked up a couple of your sermon CD's, "Bringing Back America" and "Walking in the Spirit." Through these CD's I came to faith in Christ about 11 years ago. I have had some bumps and bruises, but, God is good. Just wanted to let you know, you helped make an impact on one truck drivers life. God bless you and keep the faith!"

With love, God bless you and your ministries!

James S.

Thank you, my friends, for praying and giving as we,

"... seek to glorify God by encouraging all people into a relationship with Jesus Christ, discipling them in spiritual growth, and equipping them to make disciples of the nations by the power of the Holy Spirit."



Covid has not stopped us from moving forward, here and around the world!

Your prayers are continually answered!

We distributed thousands of gospel tracts in Memphis during the Christmas holidays and right up to the New year! There were thousands of cars in the downtown Memphis garages and airport.





We start by putting them in the door handle or windshield. While doing this, we intersect with people walking through with the simple greeting, "God bless you!" as we hand them a tract and wish them a lovely day. For some, this initiates a gospel conversation that leads them to pray and ask Christ into their lives.

This is Koichi Nishida, a Japanese student from the University of Mississippi. At a Panera's Restaurant in Memphis, I saw him reading his Bible, so I talked with him. I told him I was about to go to a prayer meeting with friends and then on to the Liberty Bowl to hand out gospel tracts during the game. He asked me, "Can I go?" While distributing our gospel tract, "How Can I Get To Heaven", he happened upon this parking attendant at the Liberty Bowl and he had a great gospel conversation with him. The man was a child of God but was inspired to begin sharing the gospel with others like we were doing. A team of us handed out more than 3,000 tracts that night at the Liberty Bowl.

It was wonderful to lead the devotion for the 2021 Christmas Holidays Night of Inspiration for the Memphis Community at Memorial Park. My message was "The True Spirit of Christmas." We enjoy the spirt of being with family and friends as we celebrate the birth of Christ and genuine love as we exchange gifts with one another. The true Spirit of Christmas is the Spirit of Christ born in a manger in the person of Jesus Christ. We prayed together as we each turned our thoughts to the gift of Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior.



It was great to be interviewed by longtime friend, Byron Tyler, with Bott Radio Network WCRV 640 AM. To hear the interview please go our website, <u>abidingabove.org</u> and click the YouTube icon at the bottom of the page to hear Chris' interview on 12/31/21.

We are so grateful to you for praying and giving as the Holy Spirit leads you. We believe it's the "... love that is shed abroad in your hearts by the Holy Spirit." Romans 5:5

Without you, we could never have started. To God be the glory!

Abiding above,

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Colossians 3:1-3

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