



Dear Friend of *Abiding Above*,

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It's always a blessing to our hearts to present the Jesus Film wherever and whenever God opens the door.



Here we are in West Helena, Arkansas. A longtime pastor friend of mine asked us to come and share this with the children and youth at their church. It is always amazing to me how settled and quiet the audience becomes at the scene where Jesus raises the young girl from the dead. This scene causes everyone to think personally about death and it also reminds everyone that God is in complete charge of our days here on earth.

**Psalm 139:13 - “For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother’s womb.”**

**Psalm 139:16 - “Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; and in Your book were all written the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there was not one of them.”**

At the scene of the crucifixion of Christ, the agony that He endured as He was whipped and nailed to the cross for every

single one of our sins always grips the people as they watch. We begin to see the tears fall as people are moved in remembering, or realizing, for the first time that, “...***it was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished.***” (from “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us,” Stuart Townend, Copyright 1995 Thankyou Music.)

Each person received a Bible lesson that begins a series of discipleship studies which are completed through the mail. Pray now that they will listen to the Holy Spirit as He leads them to follow completely through, and that their minds will be transformed by the Word of God and the indwelling Holy Spirit.



Here is Stephen, one of the guys I am discipling, putting up the screen. He served ...*as unto the Lord...* at both of these events with excellence!

We had the opportunity to share the Jesus Film outdoors at the city square of Crenshaw, Mississippi. But, eventually, it poured down rain and we had to pack up and head back to Memphis. I thought about not putting this in the newsletter, but it is the reality of ministry. After all of these years here in the states and in faraway Africa, this is the first time we had to simply stop. The question could be, “Why did God not intervene and hold the rain off until we had accomplished what for certain He sent us to do?”

My guess is that it was something we needed to personally experience and that He knows there will be someone there when we go back in the spring who was not present on that rainy day, someone who needs to see this film. So, we are looking forward to returning to this exact location in Crenshaw to present the most-watched film in history, a film which is produced in more than 2,000 languages. We will be back!



A team of us went to New Orleans, Louisiana to distribute thousands of gospel tracts and have spiritual conversations with many people. We were in the center of thousands of people! They were having their annual Christmas Parade and there was also a large cruise ship that was docked downtown in the area of the French Quarter with thousands that disembarked. We were handing out tracts as fast as the twinkle of an eye and simply saying to them with a smile, “God bless you!” We had very little resistance. I’m believing people are turning to the Lord in our nation.

Let’s graciously leave tracts, and hand out tracts, wherever we go the rest of our lives. It’s so simple. Please contact us if you need tracts. Because of your prayers and support,



Please be in prayer as a team of us will be distributing these paper missionaries (tracts) to thousands, mostly Hispanics, in Miami, Florida. I look forward to reporting to you about this in our next newsletter!

Please keep a watch out on our social media posts and pray for us as the Lord leads you.

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Colossians 3:1-3

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