

The Forcey Focus

Forcey Bible Church Newsletter

August 2014

Every follower of Jesus is part of a kingdom of priests — a bridge — connecting people and Jesus to bring a blessing. We have been commissioned and scattered throughout our jobs, communities, families and neighborhoods to be those bridges. We want to celebrate each month what God does through us priests. Here are two stories to show how simple and natural it can be. Just step out and ask a question.

After the Pastor's message about Crossing the Line I felt the Lord telling me to pay another visit to my unsaved neighbor. She was brought up R.C. but had left that group behind. She was not going to church at all. We talked about her parents' death and she said that at that time she began to call on God and he had answered many of her prayers. I explained the plan of salvation and gave her my testimony. I had previously given her "Daily Bread" and made sure she had a Bible. Her response to this conversation was "I would like to study the epistles of Paul as soon as I get time". I offered to help her with her Bible study; pray for Maggie that she might soon come to the Lord.

~ Anonymous

Breakfast at any time of day is my favorite meal, so I headed out to Dempseys in Ashton. They serve breakfast all day. I could have gone right down the street but just felt like Dempseys. It was fairly busy; and being alone, I didn't want to sit at a table, so I sat at the counter. I got waited on by a sweet girl. I guess I like to ask questions to get a feel for people so I asked her where her roots were and if she was in school. I found out that she had just graduated from high school and was going to attend 3 weeks of summer school before going to Montgomery College. After she gave me the check, I pulled out one of Max Lucado's tracts, "He Did This Just For You" and asked her if I could give it to her. She was very accepting of it and then told me she had just seen the movie "Son of God" and that she was Jewish. Then I pulled out "Of Whom Does Isaiah 53 Speak?" tract and gave that to her. She exclaimed, "that was in the movie"! I told her she was being pursued. She was genuinely interested and asked me to come back. I left knowing that the Lord had all this planned. The next Sunday, I decided to go back and gave her a magazine that I got from Israel My Glory. After that meeting she said that she has many questions but her father was very set in his Jewish traditions. The good news is that she is willing to meet with me for lunch.

~ Anonymous

We want to celebrate your stories too! So send us a brief account of what God does as you step out to be that bridge to Jesus.

Send them to lerachel-buffkins@forcey.org for publication in our monthly Focus newsletter.

Just let LeRachel know if you want to remain anonymous.

“This

is a true saying, and everyone should believe it: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners -- and I was the worst of them all. ” (I Tim 1:15 NLT). In this passage the Apostle Paul marvels at the grace of God in saving even the chief of sinners. The soul winner should learn an important principle from this passage — namely, that God’s grace is able to reach any prospect with the gospel. While witnessing at a local hospital recently, a Forcey member encountered a patient that, at first glance, seemed to be an unlikely candidate for God’s redemption.

As he visited from room to room, the Forcey member met a young man named Matthew, who, despite being in pain, seemed thankful that someone had come to see him. Matthew explained that he is a heroin addict who had relapsed shortly after completing a 60-day drug rehabilitation program. His close brush with death as a result of this relapse had landed him in the hospital. As he shared the gospel with Matthew, his heart seemed to soften. When asked if he would like to receive the Lord Jesus as his Savior, Matthew responded in the affirmative. With head bowed, he called upon the Lord Jesus to save him, trusting Him for eternal life.

After reviewing with Matthew the truth concerning the believer’s assurance of salvation, the Forcey member informed him of a local rescue mission whose ministry is to help those like him. Pray that Matthew will pursue this avenue and find the help he needs to develop a drug-free, Christ-centered life.

~ **Ralph Zimmerman, Evangelism Team**

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. "Selah"

~ **Psalm 46:1-3**

Mission Possible 2014



On behalf of the two Mission Possible teams we sent out this summer, thank you for all of your support and prayers. It was a wonderful summer, and evident that God led us in the teams that we sent out, the individuals who went, and the godly adults who led. Mission Possible 2 reported to the congregation on July 27, and Mission Possible 1 will report back on August 10 in the morning service.

Mission Possible exists to know and make known the Gospel, providing teenagers with ministry training opportunities and exposing them to needs on the mission field. This year we sent out a local team of four students including Renee Trageser, Erica Feagans, Ben Remich, and Jacob Thompson. They were led by Zane Dempsie and Joan Fountain. Our national team went with Forcey missionaries Paul and Carmina Adams to Colorado to help establish an Open Air Campaigners branch. Seneca Bradley, Paige Campbell, Megan Lawson, Elizabeth Keenan, Matt Mallett, Sam White, Zana Dempsie, Nate Palmer, and Lauren Hollidge were the students who went.

Please continue to pray for the work of God in the hearts of the students and leaders who went, as well as continued watering of the many seeds of the Gospel that were sown.

New Orleans Trip

On July 19 through 26, a team of 21 from Forcey went down to New Orleans to serve with ReachGlobal for Hurricane Katrina Relief. ReachGlobal is the organization directed by Mark Lewis, one of our Forcey missionaries. While there we worked in ongoing rebuilding projects as this organization serves individuals in New Orleans devastated by Hurricane Katrina. We were able to share the love of Christ with many, and look forward to sharing more at our report back on August 17.

Thank you to the many who prayed for this trip, as well as the wonderful families, adults and students who made this a truly trans-generational trip and a great time of growth and service!

~Mike Maslin

*Our greatest fear should
not be failure, but of
succeeding at things in
life that don't really
matter.*

~ Francis Chan

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Karate (7-9:30 p.m.)	2 Ladies Prayer Group (7-8 a.m.)
3 Teens M.S. (6-8 p.m.)	4	5 SAM's Bible Study (10-11:30 a.m.) MOPS Bible Study (10-11:30 a.m.) The King's Brass Concert (7 p.m.)	6 Wednesday Prayer Group (7:30-9 p.m.)	7	8 Karate (7-9:30 p.m.)	9 Ladies Prayer Group (7-8 a.m.)
Forcey Day Camp (9-4 p.m.)						
10	11	12 SAM's Bible Study (10-11:30 a.m.) MOPS Bible Study (10-11:30 a.m.)	13 Teens H.S. Summer Book Club (6-9 p.m.) Wednesday Prayer Group (7:30-9 p.m.)	14	15 Karate (7-9:30 p.m.)	16 Ladies Prayer Group (7-8 a.m.)
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