

SEPTEMBER 2018 HOLLIDAY ADVENTURES



A TROPHY OF GOD'S GRACE

“Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold... Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.” 2 Corinthians 3:12,17

I trained our 16 SOYM students to share the gospel with a simple bridge diagram using 4 pictures, with the 4 points coming from John 3:16.

You are loved by God.

Man is sinful and separated from God.

Christ died on the cross as the only payment for our sin.

Accept God's gift of eternal life by faith.

(YMCA- You, Man, Christ, Accept)

I then sent the students out two by two for one hour. They shared the gospel with over 70 people. Nine people put their faith in Christ for salvation.

This is one of their stories. This is a trophy of God's amazing grace!

Mackenzie had committed his life to serve Satan. He wore a ring as his sign of devotion to Satan, much like a wedding ring.

Jacquelin and Cindy (both men) were led by the Spirit to Mackenzie, and as they explained the gospel to him, the conviction of the Holy Spirit fell upon him. Mackenzie confessed his sin, put his faith in Christ, and renounced Satan.

After Jacquelin and Cindy had prayed with Mackenzie, he took off his ring and handed it to them. He would serve Satan no longer. His heart belonged to Jesus!

Mackenzie's ring is a trophy of the power of the gospel, but better than a ring trophy, his heart is a trophy of God's amazing grace.



SOYM Students Making an Impact
Jacquelin and Cindy hold the ring that Mackenzie wore, pleading his life to Satan. Mackenzie is now free! His heart belongs to Jesus!

From the Mountains of Oregon...

God is growing our Sonlife team in amazing ways. Just three years ago, there were four of us on the leadership team and one admin staff. By the end of 2018, we will have seventeen on our leadership team and six admin staff! God is amazing!



Our leadership team gathered in the mountains of Oregon for our annual staff retreat, where we sharpened our vision and our skills for the mission God has given us.

Next May, our team will be back in Portland, hosting a D-Conference for ministry leaders on the West coast. Our Orlando D-Conference is January 15-17.

...To the Amish Country of Ohio!

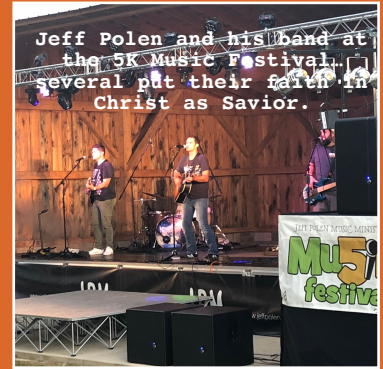
In mid-September, I was invited to speak at an outreach festival in Ohio put on by my good friend, Jeff Polen. Along with a 5K, food, and lots of music, I shared the simple message of God's grace. I had a fresh example of outlandish generosity to share, as the night before, we had stopped at a Taco Bell on the way back from the airport. The girl taking our order, when we asked how she was doing, responded, "I'm tacotastic!" We knew this was going to be good. One of the



musicians ordered a large burrito, and asked for "a lot of hot sauce, like a whole bag of hot sauce." When we got to the window, the girl handed us a bag... filled with hot sauce... no burrito. That would come in its own bag. She really "spiced it up!!!"



With Jaclyn in NYC for her 20th birthday.



Pastor Hammre Kayando visited from Kenya... we met 18 years ago at the Billy Graham Conference in Amsterdam.



Pastor Donnson teaching at the Bible School in Haiti.

Making A Difference

I first met Donnson in 2003. He was a beekeeper and high school physics teacher. In 2008, Donnson was part of our first group of students in SOYM, and then went on to Seminary. Donnson is a youth pastor, our Sonlife Training Coordinator for Haiti, and a teacher in Open Door Haiti's Bible School now. Donnson teaches English, Greek, and Hebrew, as well as New Testament. Wow! Amazing!!!

Serving Christ together,
Doug and Jennifer