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Save My Child... A Culture tells Family to Abort their Child



Missionaries David and Lilla Langford often travel Africa and Europe to teach and spread the gospel. On one occasion they met a couple whose faith was tested when they were told to abort their baby. Continue pg. 3

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The church is the center of the community. It should be the "go to" for the community's needs; serving as counselor, prayer support, financial advisor and assistance with (more...)

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Reaching the People of New Jersey at the Passaic County State Fair

August 12-15, 2021 the annual Passaic County State Fair offered a wonderful diversion for families after two years of lockdown and social distancing. The fair is an annual event that takes place in late summer. Each year the fair brings rides, a variety of vendors, and fireworks to the area. Smiles are not lacking on the faces of children as they walk through the fair grounds. Surprisingly, thousands of people attended the fair this year despite the Covid environment.

Matthew 9:38 Ministries joined the many vendors on site, offering prayer and sharing the Gospel. Prayer was spoken in Spanish as well as English to serve the heavy Spanish-speaking population in the area. Saturate USA provided plenty of materials for adults and children for the crowd to take home. Saturate's materials complemented Matthew 9:38's efforts and opened the door for several conversations about Jesus Christ. The Gideons were located next to Matthew 9:38's tent. They provided English and Spanish-speaking Bibles. People gladly received the materials; the gospel message, and prayer. Many seeds were sown.

"It was incredible to discover that a few families and individuals had never heard the Gospel," explained Sonya. Carlos shared the gospel and prayed powerfully during the fair. The team experienced the power of God moving. Two college-age women gave their lives to Jesus. We met and witnessed to several people from other religions: Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, Atheist, and others.

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Shopping for Souls

Outreach to shoppers at a local mall.

Early afternoon on September 18, 2021, a team went to a local mall to share the gospel. They met and spoke with people sitting in common areas and in the food court. The mall was crowded with people. The team approached many tables and spoke with several people who asked many questions about God. Some challenged the faith, others received the message, and some spoke of their Christian walk. The team distributed tracts and booklets called: *The Case for Christ*, *The Case for a Creator*, *God's Love*, and *Follow Me*.

During the outreach the team saw the great need of harvest workers. "There were too many people. We could only reach a small portion," one woman said. They prayed for the Lord to send more workers. The number of lost is very great. Believers should leave their comfort zones and reach out to the lost. Many are hurting, blind and hopeless. Believers have the truth which sets people free. "Please join Matthew 9:38 in praying to the Lord of the Harvest to send more workers into the field," the team asks.

The outreach was successful. The only hindrance was the lack of workers. There were so many people, and each encounter took up to 30 minutes as they ate their meal and conversed. (More...)

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"People gave their lives to Christ. Several people had never heard the gospel. Many adults have not gone to church since their teens."



The Passaic County Fair was one of the largest gatherings in the area since the Covid-19 plague surfaced in 2019. Matthew 9:38 was able to connect with many people and sow seeds of faith in the community. The team recommend churches to many who did not have a church home. The team met the needs of many during the fair. Serving the needs of others in the marketplace is only one way to reach unbelievers with the good news. Offering to pray for people is another way to share the gospel. Extending invitations to go to church is another way; as well as running errands for the elderly, babysitting, raking leaves, shoveling snow, etc. It should not be a surprise that servant evangelism is one of the best ways to reach people. Leadership in churches should demonstrate servant evangelism, and encourage congregants to get involved in their own neighborhoods.

Go out of the church walls and love the lost with the love of Jesus Christ. As you show them Jesus, you will experience how He will work mightily through you.

For more ideas on how to get started, contact Matthew 9:38 Ministries.

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May the Lord ignite a fire in your heart as you read this newsletter to engage people with the gospel.

Save My Child

Continued from page 1. A retired missionary shared an incident when he was newly married, his wife pregnant and sick with something that the doctors recommended a treatment for that might leave the baby severely handicapped. He recommended that they abort the baby. As the father to be was crying out to God in this crisis, God replied that this new dad-to-be was looking at this from the point of view of his culture and that culture required that the pregnancy be normal, the birth normal and the baby born with all the potential for a healthy and prosperous life. That was not the way God looked at it. He was giving them a baby to love! They should receive the baby as God's gift to them. This encounter changed their way of thinking and they proceeded to prepare for the birth, preparing a room, decorating it, ready to receive the baby. The baby turned out to be completely normal, a girl, and the treatment of the mom-to-be worked also. I thought that the "God-culture of love" applied in so many situations, so many encounters. That is what I would like people to feel in our encounters: God's love through us.

- Lilla Langford, Missionary 2021

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with food, shelter, clothing, family matters and so forth. Evangelism and outreach should be common. However, today many churches are inward focused. For some, evangelism is a negative connotation. How can this be?

"We are living in a very dark time. It is also one of the most opportunistic times to expand reach to people in the surrounding communities," states Sonya. She emphasizes that Christians have the word of God which is truth that can change lives and the world. Sharing is one of the most loving things you can do.

There are some people who will not go to a church if they are not engaged. Experience has proven over the years that some people who have had a door-to-door encounter seek out a church with which they can join and learn about God. A member of Montclair Community Church in Montclair, NJ said, "When our church called visitors to stand for a welcome greeting, we asked how they learned about our church, and we were told, 'Someone came to our door.' " She continued to state that they heard those words several times. Community outreach does work. As Jesus healed the sick, cast out demons, raised the dead and taught in synagogues and in marketplaces; so should we. Jesus was compelled by love for people. It is love that should compel us to go out into the surrounding communities, to share the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Matthew 9:38 Ministries is dedicated to helping God's people experience fruitfulness during the harvest. Harvest time is now. Join our team to get started today.

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