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### PROJECT MANAGER's REPORT of 12.16.16

Re: The 2016 State Fair of Texas Gospel Outreach

Dear Supporter,

Thank you much for your part in helping us to get the gospel out this year at the State Fair of Texas.

This was our 16<sup>th</sup> campaign and was the best one yet.

Throughout the 1<sup>st</sup> three years of this outreach, we kept good records of the number of documented profession of faiths we witnessed....we averaged 45 per day. After that third year the Lord led us to stop counting salvations since only He knew for sure who was genuinely converted. Since then we shifted our focus to presenting the gospel to as many people as possible, we average about 175 per day. Nevertheless we feel confident in estimating that over 1,000 people were birthed into the Kingdom as a result of the gospel preached from our booth in 2016.

Here is our **2 point mission statement** along with comments as to what we did this year towards accomplishment:

1. **Train and encourage as many people as possible to become experts in telling the story or presenting the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ.**
  - a. Many took advantage of our 60 minute audio training and Million Dollar Eye Test tract pdf on our website. Check it out!! Copy and paste this link into your website browser:  
<https://www.fgbmfamerica.org/state-fair-of-texas-gospel-outreach/texas-state-fair-gospel-outreach-training/>
  - b. Others attended our 90 minute group training presentation in person. This training is communicated through a Power Point slide show with inspiring music! We used Allen Jackson's version of the old classic "I Love to Tell the Story" to encourage/inspire/remind people to just tell the story of Jesus and His love, to just tell the people about Jesus and the good news of His story. Just introduce them to your Savior and watch for their reaction to Him: will they receive Him or reject Him?
  - c. Most were trained on site at the booth by me for about 30 minutes before they entered the fray.
  - d. We also encouraged our presenters to make the gospel message intensely personal in their role as ambassadors by delivering a marriage request proposal to the lost on behalf of our Lord Jesus Christ. Watch our "Full Gospel" video (19min) and use it as a resource to help you become an ambassador for the Kingdom, expert at telling the story of Jesus (i.e. The Full Gospel) as accurately and thoroughly as possible." Copy and paste this link into your website browser: <https://youtu.be/Tkmu1f9XXNM>
  - e. We now have 213 following us on our Facebook page. Check us out and "like" us... Copy and paste this link into your website browser: <https://www.facebook.com/StateFairGospel>
  - f. This year we were able to recruit 248 different gospel presenters to fill 395 presenter-shifts over the course of the 24 days...that works out to be an average of 16 presenters per day.
  - g. We had 2 new leaders join us this year for a day or shift of gospel presentation at the fair.
  - h. For the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row we held a 2 hour corporate prayer session at the booth on the Thursday night before the start of the Fair.
  - i. On our webpage a video that tells the story of the history of the Full Gospel Business Men and explains the Vision that God gave our founder Demos Shakarian, for reaching the lost with the Good News of the Gospel. Copy and paste this link into your website browser: [https://youtu.be/b2KypwKg4YQ?list=PLfNQ7\\_VhNa4vNgOHvrlmo93r7PoF0cv5f](https://youtu.be/b2KypwKg4YQ?list=PLfNQ7_VhNa4vNgOHvrlmo93r7PoF0cv5f)
  - j. Check out the video on our webpage titled "Last Year's Story". This is a 13 minute video that celebrates those who served and the things they experienced at the 2015 outreach and allows you to see and hear what this outreach is all about...Copy and paste this link into your website browser: <https://youtu.be/lrUr5HynZ9M>

2. Present the gospel to as many of these visitors as possible for each of the 296 hours that our booth is open for business.
  - a. We estimate that over 10,000 people approach the booth each year and in some form or fashion we engage in spiritual conversations and/or made presentations of the gospel on a face-to-face basis with over 5,000 of those visitors to our booth.
  - b. Although our primary purpose is face-to-face gospel presentations, we also handed out over 20,000 of the 6 different gospel message pieces we offer.
  - c. Weather was not a factor this year in terms of getting the gospel out.

We have already begun seeking the Lord as to His will for our role in the 2017 State Fair of Texas and would encourage you to do the same about your role. We are also seeking Him as to exporting this concept to other state fairs throughout the USA.

Jesus IS Lord!



Rex M. Whitton III  
State Fair Gospel Outreach Project Manager



For the 4th year in a row I was able to be on site for the entire outreach thanks to the generosity of those who donated which allowed us the use of this RV for the entire fair!

Know that you are sowing seed into very fertile ground if this year is anywhere as fruitful as last year. See what I mean and be blessed by looking at the pictures and testimonies that follow:

If you would like to support this outreach, you can make your tax deductible check donation out to Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship in America (or just FGBMFA) and mail it to:

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9280 Huntington Square  
North Richland Hills, TX 76182

Memo: State Fair Gospel

**THANKS!**

**Day 1 – Friday September 30, 2016**

Those who served:

**Shift 1 Leader:** Greg Simpson

**Gospel Presenters:** Harold Woods, Fred Trietsch, Rod Hall, Abraham Mathew, & Timothy Boyce.



Nathaniel was the first visitor to the State Fair Gospel booth for 2016.

This is our 16<sup>th</sup> year of Gospel outreach in the same booth.



Many people were drawn to the State Fair Booth on opening day. It seemed like there was always one or two people engaged at all times. Many times there were as many as a dozen. I prayed with 4 people to receive Christ during my shift; one couple was a brother and sister that were around 16 years old and two young men that were open to both hear the gospel and respond to receive Christ. Another encounter was a man around 30, who was having family issues and opened up about his need to get back with God. He'd accepted Christ as a teen and wanted to re-commit his life and follow Jesus. He wept openly as we prayed. Several believers stopped by to encourage us and let us know that they knew Jesus. One was a pastor and two elderly women engaged us in conversation. It was a joyous and busy day watching the Holy Spirit draw people to the booth.

Fred Trietsch



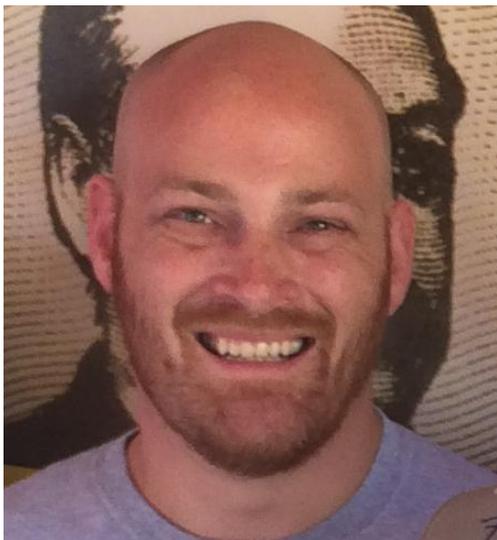
It was a beautiful day Friday, 9/30 to open the fair. Everyone working the first shift was running late-mostly experiencing traffic delays, including myself, so Rex graciously opened up for me. Once three or four of us arrived and prayed, the Fair-goers began showing up. I was especially blessed to have a fairly new friend and brother in the Lord, Ron Hall, an Edward Jones broker, come work in the booth and experience Gospel sharing in that environment for the first time. I believe it was life-changing for him and a real blessing to those he shared with. On a more personal note, the Lord allowed me to share the gospel with Hunter from McKinney, a 13 year old young man, who heard the Gospel, and even though he didn't want to pray to accept Jesus as his Lord and Savior at that time, I gave him the tract to take with him. I believe he will become a believer. I also got to share with Diego, an 11 year old young man who was at the fair with his Father. He also listened intently to the Gospel but wanted to wait to pray to receive the Lord. I believe both of these young men's lives were changed and that they will spend eternity in heaven because of our efforts at the State Fair of Texas.

Greg Simpson



**Shift 2 Leader: Bert Howard**

**Gospel Presenters:** Chuck Byrum, Margaret Byrum, George Carson, Daniel Heideman, John Pettitt, Diane Pettitt, Heidi Regier, Bing Howard, Frances Wallace, Georgina Kern, Mary Hinkle, Anja Armitage, Emma Armitage, Sten-Erik Armitage (Pastor) & John Wattron.



I had the opportunity to speak with Jay & Jenna. Jenna thought she would make it to heaven because she tries to live as a good person, embracing Christian values, and praying. Jay was fine with going to hell. By the grace of God I was able to share the gospel with both Jay & Jenna. Jenna's eyes lit up when she heard about the fullness of what Christ had done for her. Jay sobered at the realization that Hell is not something to take lightly. Both expressed a desire to live a life for Christ, to repent of their sins, and to bring their daughter with them to church. I pray the Spirit will continue to work in their hearts as they grow and mature in their newfound faith in Jesus, the only means we have to glorify the Father!

Pastor Sten-Erik Armitage



I was very blessed to lead in prayer two young siblings, Autumn (12) and Jerry (8), to accept Christ into their hearts. It was a joy to see their eyes light up. They also prayed to be good children of their Mom, to be good to each other, and to grow up to be godly adults.  
Bing Howard



I was blessed with an opportunity to present the gospel with a group of young guys, 5 or 6, who were probably from Afghanistan or Pakistan. They seemed to understand English well. They answered "No" to my diagnostic question, so I presented the gospel. I probably spoke for about 15 minutes, and used an illustrated gospel tract to explain the message. They seemed interested, and listened intently. I sensed the Holy Spirit was working in their hearts. When I finished, I asked if they would like to make a decision then. They did not seem ready, so I gave them a tract with the sinner's prayer, and encouraged them to "Talk to God when you get home. Ask Him to cleanse your sins through Jesus' blood, make you His child, and know you have a place in heaven." They thanked me, and left with the tract and a copy of the gospel of John. Frances Wallace



I pray God will use what I shared with them, bring along others to confirm the message, bring them to Himself and save them. I'm also praying this for others with whom I spoke, but who did not make a decision then. One man was an agnostic, but took a tract, so I said, "Ask God to show you the truth." I was able to give about 50 gospel tracts. What a joy and blessing to share the "good news"! Praise God!!  
Frances Wallace



**Day 2 – Saturday October 1, 2016**

Those who served:

**Day Leader:** Ken Rhodes

**Gospel Presenters:** Anita Rhodes, Tammie Echols, Austen Finney, Jason Williams, Joshua Haraman, Lillie McCottrell, Hattie King-Finley, Michelle McCall, Robert Dean, Ken Wallace, Kristen Bordenave, Jerome Brown, Roger Lomas, Kay Stone & Sheryl Wallace.

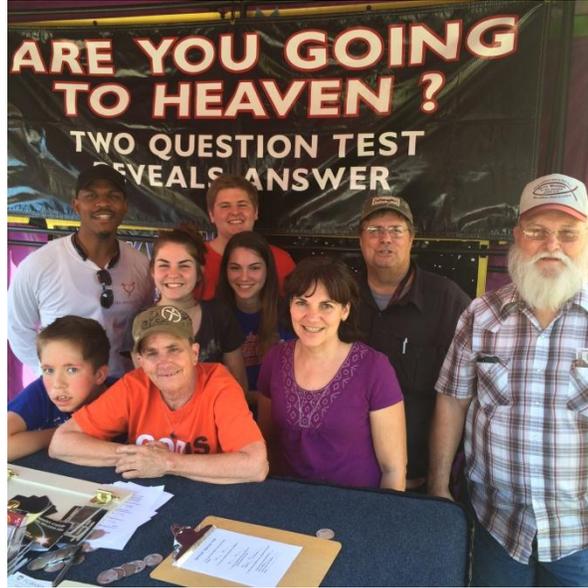


**Day 3 – Sunday October 2, 2016**

Those who served:

**Day Leader:** Terry Western

**Gospel Presenters:** Nelson Ligon, Ash Furber, Jackson Furber, Megan Merritt, Susan Merritt, Larisa Merritt, Cheryl Hall, Keith Zander & Eddie Ukegbu.



The new skirt by Rhonda and Greg Simpson looks great!!

**Day 4 – Monday October 3, 2016**

Those who served:

**Shift # 1 Leader:** Russell Wood

**Gospel Presenters:** Neil Leary, Homer Miller, Jeff Meier & Bonnie Meier



**Shift # 2 Leader:** John Adams

**Gospel Presenters:** Phil Alford, Rhonda Alford, Shirley Packer, Paul Jacobs, Glenn Cook, Deseree Cook, John Overton, Nikki Smithart, Beverly North, Steve North, Angel Consales, Jordan Jackson, Jenna Kovar, & Marci Larson.



**We had 167 total contacts and 20 prayed to accept Christ.**

Pastor's wife and I had the privilege of a whole family of 5 praying to receive Jesus.

The youth did great. They talked to many folks, a first for them and great experience.

A great day, indeed! Praise God!

Blessings,  
John Adams



**Post Script:** John Adams and Pastor Glenn Cook took the Million Dollar Eye Test to the Fate Balloon Festival and wanted us to know that 10 accepted Jesus at their booth on Friday Nov. 19 & Saturday Nov. 20. A great victory in Jesus!



Young Jonathan prayed to receive Jesus, then brings his sister back.



Young Jonathan brings his family back. He was the only one that prayed, but they all listened intently.



This lady is a Fair worker and had always wanted to come over & take the test. She finally got the courage and ended up accepting Jesus.



Pastor Glenn led these two young people to Jesus.

**Day 5 – Tuesday October 4, 2016**

Those who served:

**Shift # 1 Leader:** Carl Breidenich

**Gospel Presenters:** Nelson Ligon, Debra Brown, Israel Lambert & Neil Leary



Thanks for allowing me to be a shift leader. God provided a wonderful crew in Israel, Debra, Neil and Nelson and I saw plenty of harvest. All the gospel presenters had divine appointments. One encounter sticks out in my mind. Two teenagers came up, one-knowing what the booth was about and I thought he submitted his life to Christ. The other -however I told the gospel story, while the first guy listened. After I presented the gospel to his friend, the first guy told me he heard a message from Paul Harvey basically saying all religions lead to heaven. Now I have not seen that message but I did tell him that what I believe comes from the bible and Jn 14:6. I pray he received and is not deceived. I will be praying for him and all the so-called believers who believe all religions lead to heaven-it is scary how many do not believe in Jesus

as the only way. My other point is, that even if you think you may be speaking to one person, the Holy Spirit is working on both...Carl Breidenich



Shift # 2 Leader: Eddie Ukegbu

Gospel Presenters: April Willrich & Nelson Ligon



Belinda a state fair worker gave her life to Christ in the evening.  
April Willrich



I met this family of 4 which included 2 girls in 7th and 9th grade. They weren't sure why God would let them in heaven although they believed they would go there. Saw such a hunger in their eyes as I told them about Christ and what He did on the cross for us and what it meant. We prayed together and I believe God will fill their hunger.

April Willrich

**Day 6 – Wednesday October 5, 2016**

Those who served:

**Day Leader:** Rick Lippert

**Gospel Presenters:** Will Thomas, Nelson McKinney, Neil Leary, Sara Whitt, Brian Kramer, Terry Western & Rex Whitton.



We had an energetic team of 6 people for the Morning team and had at least 3 people outside the booth standing behind the line for most of the first shift holding Million Dollar props and Bills and asking people to come and take Million Dollar Eye Test. Rick Lippert



..First group up were parents with young ones and as group members were talking to these 12 year olds family got in a circle and were praying for them to accept Christ which we captured in picture at left. That seemed to be the theme for the Day as many in the age group 12-16 came and heard the Gospel....

Sometimes people are reluctant to share Gospel because they have never done so in this setting.

Rick Lippert



The next testimony is from Brian along with picture because he allowed God to use him and step out of His comfort Zone....  
". A man with a cowboy hat and number 23 earrings thought there was a shot of him going to heaven through some level of good works. I don't remember his name, so we'll just call him Air Jordan. I revealed to Air Jordan that God's standard of goodness surpassed anything that was within man's reach to attain. I explained to him that, on the basis of works, all men stand condemned before God because all have sinned. Then I shared the gospel with him, how that Christ suffered the penalty for our

sins and was resurrected and that all who believe are forgiven their sins and made heirs of eternal life (Titus 3:7). I asked him if he believed that Jesus died for his sins and was resurrected that he might have eternal life and he confessed that he did. I then emphasized God's love to him, how that he was now a child of God (1 John 3:2, Galatians 3:26, Galatians 4:5-6) and that he should cultivate/pursue relationship with God by reading the Gospel of John. I then gave him one of the Gospel of John tracts/books. Unlike many of you, I had never led anyone to Christ outside of my immediate family until yesterday. Thank you for the opportunity. Brian Kramer



It reached 90 degrees that day and over the course of the day and evening we estimated we spoke to around 150 to 200 people with many giving us the time to share the Gospel and be open to it along with those receiving Christ....My greatest joy as Day Leader was seeing everyone focused and sharing the word as a team and seeing Non-believers eyes light up when they realized Christ could legally dismiss their case when they stand before God (The sins they committed were blotted out because of what Christ did on the Cross, Their Repentance and it was a Free Gift to them but it cost Christ Everything). Rick Lippert

Rex,

I wanted to share some testimonies with you for the record. When I served with Rick he had asked for testimonies that he might pass them on to you.

I. 1 young woman, Holly, confessed Christ as Savior.

II. Six Filipino-looking folks came up to dialogue about the million dollar eye test. One man walked off shortly after hearing the initial dialogue. However, 4 out of 5 of the remaining people confessed Christ as Savior. The one who didn't confess faith in Christ said he wanted to study further.

III. Mexican guy, Anthony, probably 19-24, potentially Catholic, confessed Christ as Savior.

IV. Mexican guy (Axel) and his girlfriend confessed Christ as Savior.

V. Mexican Family, mother and son. Both confessed Christ as Savior. (6:50 PM)

VI. Began to share the gospel with 4, 19-to-24-ish people and 3 out of the 4 walked away. However, one girl stayed and believed the gospel, confessing Christ as Savior.

VII. Two young boys (10-12) approached me, flanked (at a distance) by some older, Harley Davidson fans that looked they had done some partying back in the day. They seemed like the most unlikely bunch to be given responsibility for two kids. At any rate, of the 2 young boys, 1 was saved and one was not. I shared the gospel with the young boy who was not saved and he confessed Christ as Savior. The Harley bunch came closer as the discussion progressed and I asked them if they had believed the gospel and they said they had. I clarified with them as well as the other young boy who said he was saved that they believed Jesus Christ died for their sins and was resurrected (1 Corinthians 15:3-4, 11). They confessed that they did.

VIII. Jimmy is a pretty hardened Mexican dude (23-28), recently out of prison, doing his best to make a living and get by. He thought that heaven depended upon some level of goodness, apparently that's the "gospel" he picked up in prison. I explained to him that God's standard of goodness required that a man be found completely without sin. Upon recognizing that he lacked the goodness necessary to attain to God's standard I shared the gospel with him and he confessed Christ as Savior.



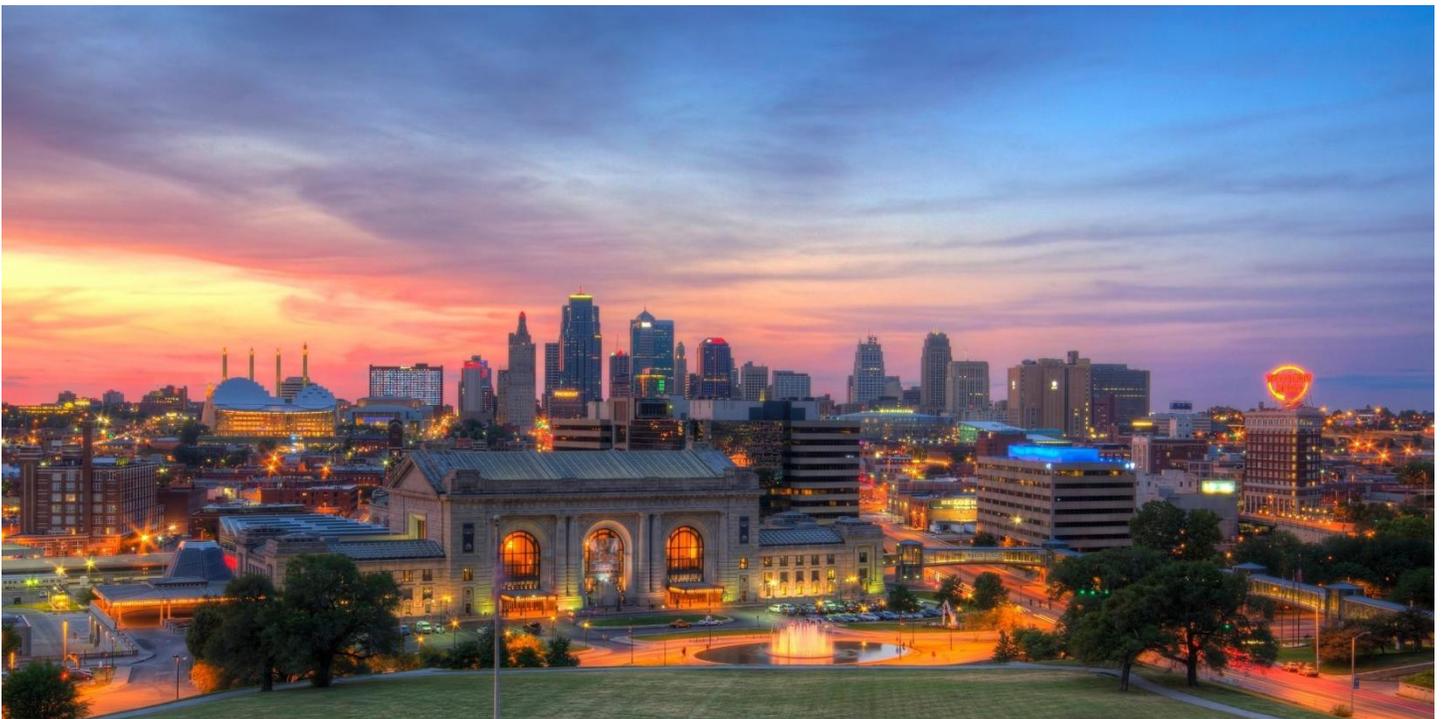
To all those who confess Christ as Savior I emphasize that they are now children of God and they have a Father who desires a relationship with them, which relationship they cultivate as they get to know their Father through the word. I further emphasize that they are not in the earth by accident, that God has a specific purpose for them, a plan, a destiny to which they have been called. Then, I encourage them to find a church by trying churches where Christian they respect go. I emphasize searching out a church where the community loves God and loves people.

God bless you Rex. Brian Kramer



My Thanks To Rex Whitton and Terry Western who came to the rescue, sharing the Gospel in the second shift to make it 3 for the second shift and...

...Rex, always the Mentor and Teacher.



**Day 7 – Thursday October 6, 2016**

Those who served:

**Day Leader:** Dwayne Pipkins

**Gospel Presenters:** Vaughn Deary, Eva Evans, Calvin Love, Tracey Love, Bruce Kleinberg, Craig Blackburn, Rhonda Brown, Armand Warfield & Julia Pipkins.



I thoroughly enjoy this ministry and always in awe of what God does with the foolishness of the Million Dollar Eye Test gospel booth. But of course 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians chapter one speaks very well to this. 1<sup>st</sup> Cor 1:21 <sup>21</sup> *For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.* Dwayne Pipkins

Thursday was smoking hot. Very pleased to have 5 new volunteers this year (Craig, Eva, Vaughn, Armand and Paul). We were all blessed. Many seeds were planted, commitments to follow Jesus and rededications. God's anointing is on and around the Million Dollar Eye Test gospel booth. Dwayne Pipkins



Thursday there was a very special moment when a young lady approached the booth around 8pm and was engaged with Armand. Her attire was very, very revealing, very. Armand spoke with her for 15-20 minutes and you could tell God was at work. He then brought her over to the booth as she wanted more information and said she should be sharing and helping tell others about God. She then revealed her former occupation was an exotic dancer. She took off a jacket she had tied around her waist and covered herself up. She told us she was on her way to check into hotel and then post online for someone anyone to join her for a private party. I at this point shared my testimony with her of my drug addiction and we huddled around her and prayed for deliverance. Encouraged her to follow Jesus and read His word. She said she would try and left us an email for contact. I keep her in prayer as there is a mighty stronghold in her life. But we serve an Almighty God! Dwayne Pipkins

After this I begin to close the booth at 8:53pm and a couple walked up and Craig begin to minister to them and 7 minutes later they had made commitments to Christ Dwayne Pipkins



We had a hallelujah good time and God's presence was truly felt and of course apart from Him we can do nothing. God saves!! All glory, praise and honor to Him!

Dwayne Pipkins



**Day 8 – Friday October 7, 2016**

Those who served:

**Day Leader:** Mark Stevenson

**Gospel Presenters:** Gary Erickson & Mark Neil.



**Day 9 – Saturday October 8, 2016**

Those who served:

**Shift # 1 Leader:** Douglas Raine

**Gospel Presenters:** J'Amande Singleton, Eddie Ukegbu, Joe May, Lory May, Mark Malloy & Rex Whitton



Our team welcomed guests attending the Texas University/Oklahoma University football game. The crowds before and after the game were bottlenecked at the coupon booth. This overflow came into our booth. These fans were looking to purchase physical food, but when they entered our booth space our team was actively serving spiritual food outside our booth (tract distribution), and inside our booth (God's Plan of Salvation). Many SFT guests received prayer for healing, deliverance, encouragement, relationships, and favor. Douglas Raine

**Shift # 2 Leader:** Joshua Massey

**Gospel Presenters:** Jeremiah Massey, Eddie Ukegbu, Cooper Stewart, Ronnie Washburn & Brandon Johnson



**Day 10 – Sunday October 9, 2016**

Those who served:

**Shift # 1 Leader:** Will Thomas

**Gospel Presenters:** Eddie Ukegbu, Elle Chu, Teddy Chu, Nick Gilliam, Nelson McKinney & Mark Zigler.



Thank you Will for the opportunity! It's so precious to witness people coming to Christ! We continue to pray for those whom we spoke to and in future days.

Blessings, Elle Chu

**Shift # 2 Leader:** Dwayne Pipkins

**Gospel Presenters:** Julia Pipkins, Bryan Newkirk, LaCoura Ivory, Bruce Kleinberg, Paul Mascorro, Brian Kramer & Sharon Porter.



I thoroughly enjoy this ministry and always in awe of what God does with the foolishness of the MDET gospel booth. But of course 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians chapter one speaks very well to this. 1<sup>st</sup>Cor 1:21 <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. Dwayne Pipkins



Had an amazing team and the fair was full. As we stood out in front and people came over to take the test I saw the Spirit of God working on people. I looked to my right and the young lady Paul was speaking with I could see the countenance of her face change and I looked to the left and Brian was engaged and I could see Spirit was at work. I turned back to Paul and they were praying the sinner's prayer, I rushed back to get him additional material. God's Spirit was visible all around the booth in it, around it, out front and on the sides. There was a great harvest happening and the weather was perfect. Dwayne Pipkins



We had a hallelujah good time and God's presence was truly felt and of course apart from Him we can do nothing. God saves!! All glory, praise and honor to Him! Dwayne Pipkins

You have a wonderful thing going with that tent at the State Fair. Thank you for giving Sharon an opportunity to serve. Brian Kramer



**Day 11 – Monday October 10, 2016**

Those who served:

**Day Leader:** Aaron Hinojosa

**Gospel Presenters:** Steve Wisdom, Carolina Satterfield, Paul Morris, Rick Rice, Jim Porter, Rick Pope, Leslie Pope, Neil Leary, James Simmons, Esther Taylor, & Rienhard Ratz.



Day Leader Aaron Hinojosa reported they recorded 270 new births into the Kingdom!!

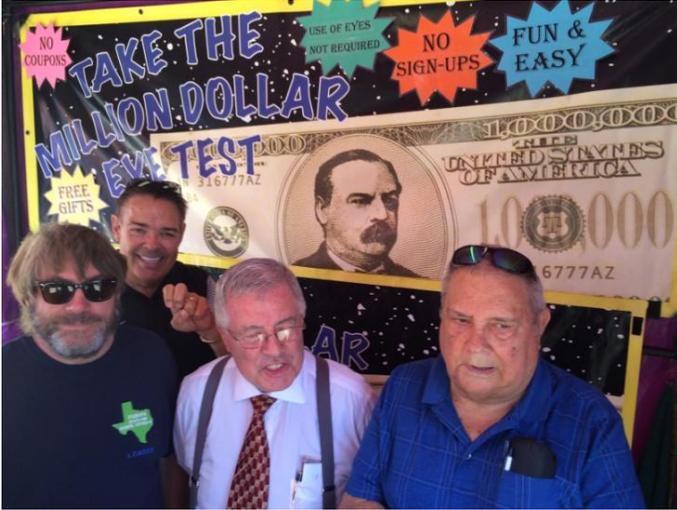


**Day 12 – Tuesday October 11, 2016**

Those who served:

**Shift # 1 Leader:** Jeff Meier

**Gospel Presenters:** Homer Miller, Robert Whipple & Johnny Miranda.



I was the day leader on October 11<sup>th</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup>, this is my 12<sup>th</sup> year of working the fair. I think this is one of the most fruitful years yet. We have been hearing about a great revival outpouring coming to America, and I believe we are starting to see the first drops of the deluge. Over all, there was a great hunger to hear the word of God, and many divine appointments. I neglected to keep the exact amount of prayers for salvation, but there were many.

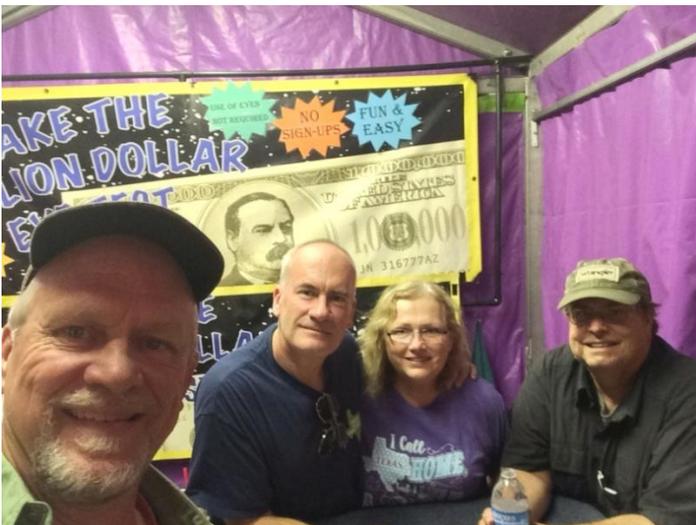
The spiritual warfare was more than in years past, but the angelic activity was the greatest yet. I am hesitant to go into greater detail than this, but it was awesome! I believe we need to learn how to work with our angels, and to ask the Lord to teach us in this area.

I think the unity in the booth was much better this year, and we worked as a unified team (I really prayed for this).

A friend of mine was finally able to come and work the booth, and loved it! He plans on coming next year, so don't give up asking your friends and relatives for help. Jeff Meier

**Shift # 2 Leader:** Carl Breidenich

**Gospel Presenters:** Ellen Breidenich, Rex Whitton & Nelson Ligon



**Day 13 – Wednesday October 12, 2016**

Those who served:

**Shift # 1 Leader:** Russell Wood

**Gospel Presenters:** Kathy Poston, Kristen Gray & Jeff Meier.



**Shift # 2 Leader:**

Eddie Ukegbu

**Gospel Presenter:**

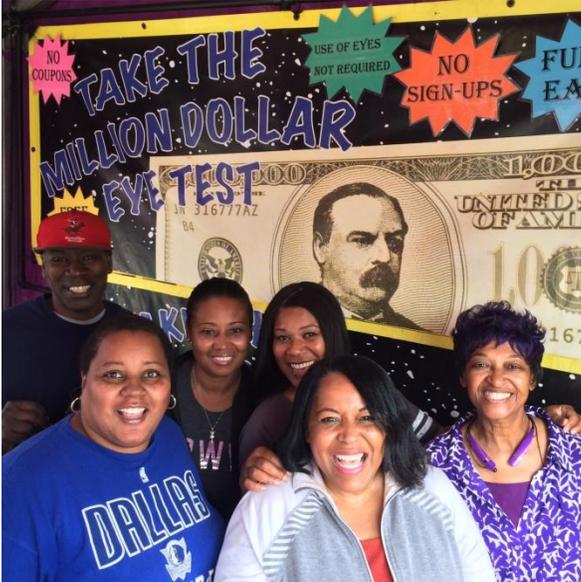
Rex Whitton



Those who served:

**Shift # 1 Leader:** April Willrich

**Gospel Presenters:** Carol Hamilton, Jerrelyn Gaines, Priscilla Harris, Jacqueline Manning, Mike Prather, Lenore Shellman, Anita Randolph, Ron Markham, Denise (Smith) Lane & Debra Davis.



Brother Rex,

It was a blessing to see souls give their lives to Jesus Christ. It was also a blessing to pray for families who needed answer to their problems. I just remember one teenager with her family who had 5 heart surgery and they were just standing by faith for her healing. The young lady gave her heart to the Lord in the process. One other teenagers stood out to me he did not understand the plan of salvation. After receiving the word of God and a simple explanation of God's love for him through Jesus Christ, he gave his life to the Lord. It is always a very blessed experience each time.

Sister Lenore Shellman



Well it was another great year at the fair. Hard to believe it's been seven years for me and I still love this outreach. I think this outreach has really given me the confidence to proclaim the Gospel and the Holy Spirit has given me new boldness every year. Of course, I still learn each year from the amazing people that I serve with.

We tried to keep track of the people we talked to, but it was too much, I will estimate it at 270 + with 28 salvations. Even as we proclaimed the Gospel, it always humbles me to have so many others come and pray for us. It was two great days of giving and receiving. April Willrich



My favorite SF story is a young couple Gage and Crystal. Crystal had just recently given her life to Christ, but Gage was not saved. He listened intently as the Gospel was proclaimed, and truly the Holy Spirit put a fire in me for this young man's soul because the words flowed like I have never heard them flow and an invitation and door was opened for Gage. Gage said yes and I literally wanted to weep and Crystal and I rejoiced and she hugged me and said thank you and Gage did, too. Where before he was all excited about his girlfriend because that's what he said was most important to him, he now had a new light in his eyes as he realized how important he was to God. I believe God has great plans for this couple. [April Willrich](#)



Evangelist Debra asked the Lord for 10 souls tonight. As we were leaving the fair we were passing a group of young men and I told her you need 2 more. 5 young men gave their lives to Christ after she shared the Gospel. To God be the glory! Thank you Holy Spirit for convicting of sin, righteousness and judgment [April Willrich](#)





**Day 15 – Friday October 14, 2016**

Those who served:

**Day Leader:** Denise (Smith) Lane

**Gospel Presenters:** Claudia Thomas, Donna Bibbs, Carlton Elder, Avery Salone, Danyel Furman, Johnny Bogany, Stephanie Taylor, Ron Markham, Eddie Ukegbu & April Willrich.



The enemy tried really hard to lure Mark away from hearing the Gospel, but God has a plan for this young man's life and with the assistance of some spirit filled evangelist he gave his life to Christ. Welcome to the family Mark!

April Willrich

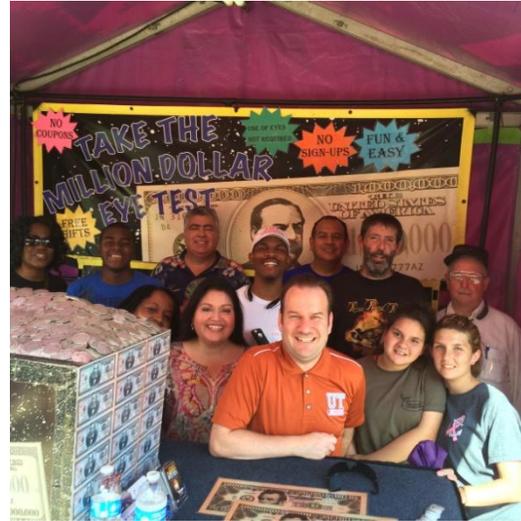


**Day 16 – Saturday October 15, 2016**

Those who served:

**Day Leaders:** John Rish

**Gospel Presenters:** Ruben Ruiz, Patty Ruiz, Kevin Strait, Will Taylor, John Perez, Heather Clark, Jeff Clark, Savannah Bishop, April Willrich, Mildred Binford, Keyshawn Martin, Eddie Ukegbu, Rodney Orr, Justin Mikesell, Rick Sun, Jocelyn Sun & T'Shaundra Davis.



Day Leader John Rish reports the stats for their day of service at the State Fair of Texas 2016-10-15.

People that heard – 83, Already saved-128, Salvation/ Redication-20, Said No -28 & Healing-1



I had an awesome experience...I prayed with Barbara and many others who were not interested in putting down Information on card. Jeff Clark

Learned a great deal about sharing my faith by next year I will be front and center helping lead people to Christ. Heather Clark

Had a great time learning and seeing people come to faith and love in Christ. Savannah Clark

While were sharing the gospel with a man who seemed very interested in hearing the gospel, his two friends ran up and pulled him away from hearing the gospel. We felt it was the devil trying to keep him from hearing about Christ. My students at Dallas Theological Seminary are greatly impacted by this opportunity to share the Gospel. Thanks!

Rodney Orr



I had a great time today. One of the 1<sup>st</sup> fair goers I met was Margaret and her father. Her father walked off and I engaged her in a conversation. She said her father raised her an atheist and she remained one. Although Margaret did not accept Christ, she listened and got many of her questions and misconceptions cleared up. I could see it in her eyes. She allowed me to pray for it and I believed a seed was planted that will continue to grow. Carlos walked by and I got him to promise to come back and he did. When he came back, he spoke to John Perez and he gave his life to Christ. I believe lots of seeds were planted and watered and I know God's word does not go out without accomplishing his purpose.

April Willrich

I am so encouraged by this ministry and would love to continue to be involved and what the Lord is doing.

Justin Mikesell

I praise God for giving me such an amazing opportunity to serve the Lord by witnessing to the people who are in need of hearing the hope of salvation. The experience I had to stand outside the booth, to hold the sign, to be looked down by people to be rejected and to be mocked reminds me of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. He as the Son of God and King of Kings, came to serve, not to be served. He came to bring the hope of salvation by emptying Himself of God's comfort urges me to keep going to witness and share with the strangers who God created and love. A couple of people I talked to have affirmed that they know the Lord and believe they have faith in the Lord. A few guys expressed that they need to get back to church and rebuild the relationship with Jesus. Thank you for the precious opportunity that you've given to us and for serving our Lord with all we have at the State Fair. May God be the glory to bring more people into the Kingdom of God. Ric Sun:

Witnessing for my Savior is always an amazing experience. God is so good and always on time. What stands out most at this wonderful event is the children and youth. I am always blessed by how much they know about the Lord and their certainty that they will spend eternity with their Savior. One young man told me that he would give me his eyes because God would guide him if he no longer had eyes. This young man was a true witness. I thanked God for sending this young man to witness to me. God is always good and always on time! T'Shaunda Davis

What I experienced today was amazing. God showed me so many different things. I got to meet wonderful people. I got to see and feel people coming to Christ. It was a wonderful experience that I learned to day. I thank God for bringing me here today. Keyshawn Martin

It was so wonderful to witness to people from all walks of life today at the Texas State Fair. We were able to share the Gospel and pray for the children of God that believed in Christ. Our most memorable experience will be the family that accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior. John Perez also prayed the Aaronie over them. It was such an anointed moment. God has given us a command to share the good news to all the ends of the earth and there is no greater feeling or reward to see a life changed. It was an honor to meet all the great brothers and sisters in Christ that shared this opportunity with me today. May the Lord bless everyone that stepped forward to hear about our Lord and Savior. Also, may He continue to strengthen this ministry and meet every need for years to come. Shalom. Mildred Binford



There was a young man who came up to the booth with his family and heard the Gospel preached by one of the other Gospel presenters and gave his life to Jesus. Eddie Ukegbu

God was here. He was working new beginnings unto Salvation. There are not words to describe it/ I cried many times being a witness to God's work. John Perez

I was touched by the way the Holy Spirit was bringing in the folks from all walks of life. Many were Christian and we pray for them with any major needs they had. There was also a spirit of unity with everyone and the Holy Spirit was filling our booth with power to speak boldly the Gospel of Christ. I even led people to the Lord in English and Spanish. I feel truly blessed to a member of John Rish's team. Patty Ruiz, Partner of the Fellowship, the New Centurions Chapter of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship in America.

It was another great day at the State Fair of Texas. The hope of the word to all the world Jesus. Thanks to Rex for all He and anyone else who provided the opportunity to save the lost today. Great job by John Rish, our Day Leader of the booth! The volunteers were outstanding and all did a great job. Two of them stayed all day! My favorite moment was when a whole family prayed out loud to receive Christ and by praying the Blessing on them and feeling the presence of God, feeling the booth gloriously all day. Thank you Jesus. Ruben Ruiz, Scribe of the New Centurions Chapter of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship in America.

Always a great experience testifying, training, mentoring, coaching, encouraging, and praying for others. Brought a few to Christ, reaffirmed many, and said prayers over almost all. The biggest concern I have is the follow-up after the event for dealership. The Group of believers here have been a joy to work with, their enthusiasm, joy and faith are refreshing. Kevin Strait, Treasurer of the New Centurions Chapter of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship in America.

This was a wonderful Texas State Fair Evangelistic outreach for Full Gospel in America and for our New Centurions Chapter. We had wonderful volunteers. Some came with a little fear, and overcame it and called people to the booth ministered to told the story and brought people into the Kingdom. Then there were those who had worked with us before and were pros. Then there were some of them that stayed the whole day. Praise God for each and every one of them that served on Saturday. John R Rish, President/ FR of the New Centurions Chapter of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship in America.

**Day 17 – Sunday October 16, 2016**

Those who served:

**Shift # 1 Leader:** Josh Massey

**Gospel Presenters:** Matt Roop, Aaron Smith, Joshua Massey Jr., Brandon Johnson & Cooper Stewart.

**Shift # 2 Leader:** Brad Cozart

**Gospel Presenters:** April Willrich, Ron Markham & Rex Whitton



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**Day 18 – Monday October 17, 2016**

Those who served:

**Shift # 1 Leader:** Russell Wood

**Gospel Presenters:** Homer Miller, Jeff Meier, Lougho Dorsainvil & Clair Manternach



**Shift # 2 Leader:** Eddie Ukegbu

**Gospel Presenters:** Patrick Foss, Rex Whitton & Ron Markham



**Day 19 – Tuesday October 18, 2016**

Those who served:

**Shift # 1 Leader:** Will Thomas

**Gospel Presenters:** Scott Lane, Bryan Larson, Nelson McKinney, Gil Stricklin & DanTruitt.



Will—What a wonderful day at the Fair last Tuesday, October 18, 2016. Thanks for giving me the privilege of joining you that day. The sun was bright and the temperature was hot ...and yet God was at work in the lives of people. I thought you would be interested in seeing the four people I am following up on. I am praying for them, and I will write them words of encouragement periodically. Again, thanks for allowing me to be part of that special day...with warm Christian friendship...Gilford A. (Gil) Stricklin, Sr.

Thank you, Will for organizing our participation. It was a wonderful day. Brothers, I greatly enjoyed being with you all in this gospel ministry. I can't think of a better way to spend a day than sharing the gospel with brothers in Christ like you. Looking forward to next year. Dan Truitt



**Shift # 2 Leader:** Connie Hudson

**Gospel Presenters:** Tim Schwankl Jr., Rachel Schwankl, Julie Earl, Patrick Foss & Janice Spurgin.



Tuesday, a 63 year old man told me reincarnation was the most likely thing that would happen to him. After I told David of how we can be saved through the perfect righteousness of Christ alone I asked him, since reincarnation teaches you just have to keep improving your flawed life in each reincarnation, how many lives would it take for him to become perfect? He said "I don't know, maybe 6 or 7." So I asked him "how can an imperfect flawed life + an imperfect flawed life equal a perfected life?" I told him he'll never make it and while reincarnation is a process of trying (in vain) to reach perfection, resurrection is a perfected state! The Bible teaches resurrection not reincarnation (John 5:28-29; 1 Cor 15; Acts 24:15; Rev 20:4-15; Heb. 9:27; Job 14:5-12). I left him with that and told him that's what I wanted him really to try and square in his mind. Patrick Foss



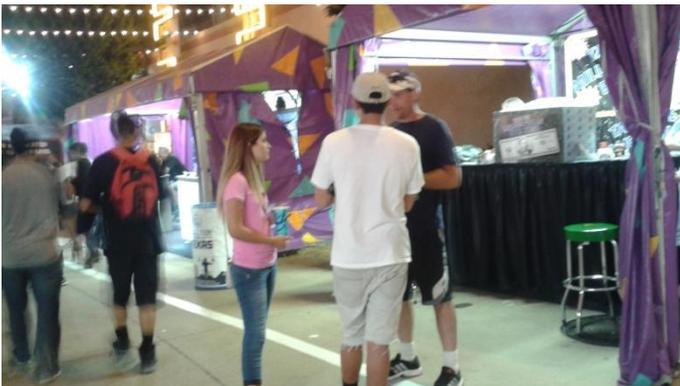
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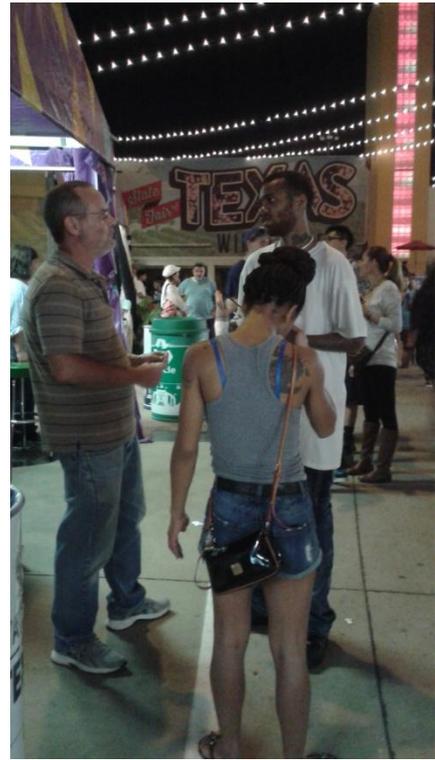
Thank you again for organizing the outreach. I mostly asked people passing the booth if they needed prayer for healing or anything else. I loved speaking healing truths over so many people, explaining that healing was paid for on the cross, and praying for healing with them. Several said they felt better, but they or their families were all in a rush to move on so I wasn't really sure what the instant healings were. Others we agreed for in prayer weren't actually at the Fair with them so they stood in proxy as we spoke to cancers, mental disorders and other illnesses. Those results we will get to hear about in heaven!

I had one lady who I was explaining the gospel to, but her proclaimed Christian Baptist friend was in a hurry, so I asked him to lead her to Jesus. I had a number of others who were already believers, so I encouraged them in their faith and prayed for them when possible.

I was incredibly impressed with Rex and his heart for people and Jesus! He really is at a place of great breakthrough in relationships, personal victory and in his business I believe. Neat man!

Thank you, my awesome friend!  
Julie Earl





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Those who served:

Shift # 1 Leader: Jeff Meier

Gospel Presenters: Kristy Hall, Neil Leary, Clair Manthernach & Avery Salone.



I was the day leader on October 11<sup>th</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup>, this is my 12<sup>th</sup> year of working the fair. I think this is one of the most fruitful years yet. We have been hearing about a great revival outpouring coming to America, and I believe we are starting to see the first drops of the deluge. Over all, there was a great hunger to hear the word of God, and many divine appointments. I neglected to keep the exact amount of prayers for salvation, but there were many.

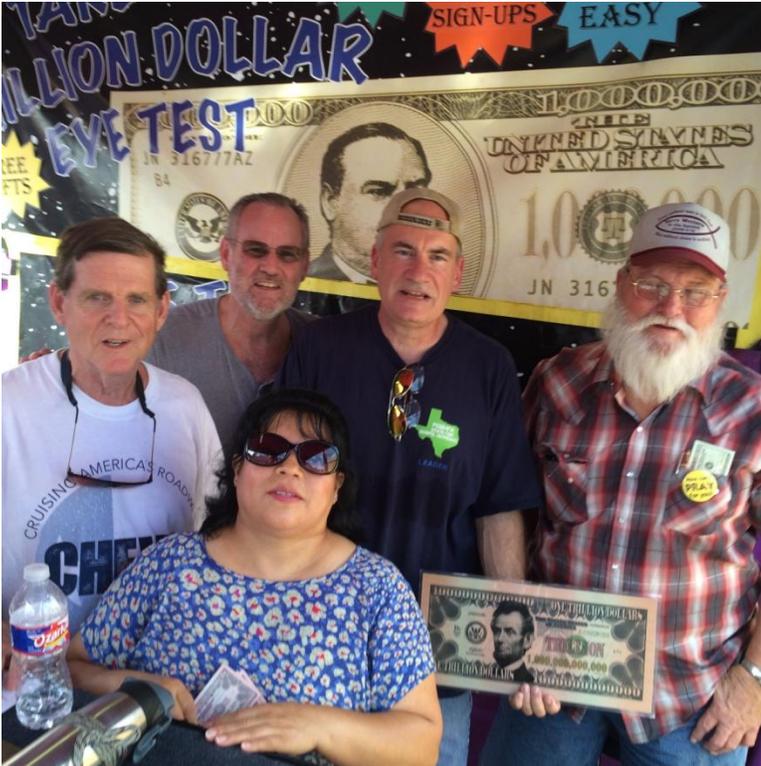
The spiritual warfare was more than in years past, but the angelic activity was the greatest yet. I am hesitant to go into greater detail than this, but it was awesome! I believe we need to learn how to work with our angels, and to ask the Lord to teach us in this area.

I think the unity in the booth was much better this year, and we worked as a unified team (I really prayed for this). A friend of mine was finally able to come and work the booth, and loved it! He plans on coming next year, so don't give up asking your friends and relatives for help. Jeff Meier



**Shift # 2 Leader:** Carl Breidenich

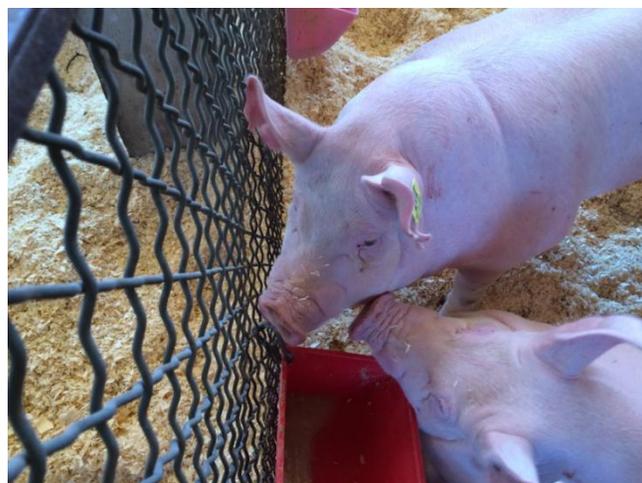
**Gospel Presenters:** Patrick Foss, Terry Western, Vanessa Lavallais, Dietra Hamilton, Ron Markham & Esther Taylor.



Thank you so much for allowing me to be a Day leader and blessing me with such a great crew of presenters: Terry, Ron, Patrick and Esther. It is a blessing to see so many come to Christ. Ron talked to a homo-sexual pair and one gave his life over to Christ! praise God. I talked to a lost person who gave me so many reasons why he does not believe that Jesus is God. I pray the Holy Spirit has planted seeds because he had his wife and a small child there. I hurt for him and his family more than any homeless person I have been blessed to minister to. Because even though is well off in earthy goods, I am afraid of his spiritual walk. Carl Breidenich 2nd Shift leader Wednesday October 19th,

It's been a blessing that we are able to share the Good News of Jesus Christ freely with people. Thank you for the opportunity that I could help. Esther Taylor

Rex, the experience was great, we shared in the opportunity lifting up the name of Jesus. God bless. Vanessa Lavallais



**Day 21 – Thursday October 20, 2016**

Those who served:

**Shift # 1 Leader:** Rex Whitton

**Gospel Presenters:** Will Thomas, Nelson McKinney, Debra Brown, Esther Taylor & Elizabeth Schuller.



This was my last and most powerful day. Over the course of four days, I shared the gospel with 25 people, sometimes in groups and sometimes one-on-one. Several came to faith in Christ, but the two most powerful were my last ones.

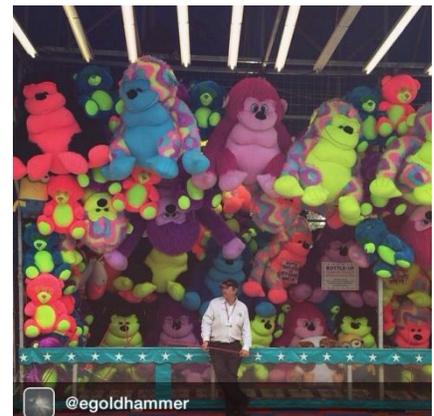
On this last day, I was about to leave and Walter walked up to the booth with his friend Manuel. Walter was 80 years old, had never been inside a church and had never read the Bible. He had no idea what the main message of the Bible. Walter was lost, and he knew it. As we confirmed together his guilt before God for his sins, he recognized and agreed with God that he was deserving of condemnation. And as I explained what Jesus did so that Walter may believe and be saved, Walter struggled with the idea that even though he hadn't been to church his whole life, he could go to heaven. I explained the story of the thief on the cross who would spend eternity in paradise with Jesus. As I explained, Walter understood and believed. He prayed, repenting of his sin and depending on Jesus alone for salvation. I confirmed that Walter understood he was now a child of God, though nearly double my age... we were brothers in Christ. Walter received a Bible and some follow up materials, walking away encouraged.

Right after that, Anisa, an employee at Parkland Hospital came up to take the 'eye test'. She was depending on being a good person to get to heaven when she died. But as we talked, she understood from scripture that her goodness couldn't not make up for the sin in her life. She came to understand who Jesus was and what he did for Anisa. As she was visibly moved, I gently asked her if she would like to profess her faith in Jesus as her savior, and she did. We prayed together as entered into new life in Jesus. Praise God for the work he is doing in the hearts of many and the laborers at the State Fair of Texas! Will Thomas



Shift # 2 Leader: Bob Chisholm

Gospel Presenters: Patrick Foss, Art DeLeon, Ben Lowery, & Kyle Wisdom



**Day 22 – Friday October 21, 2016**

Those who served:

**Shift # 1 Leader:** Chris Snodgrass & Scott Snodgrass

**Gospel Presenters:** Ann Henson, Neil Leary, Ron Markham, Lougho Dorsainvil, Jackie Lee, Jayvan Bright, Doretha Rooks, Jiniya Harris, Maria Garner & Shaniya Branch.



**Shift # 2 Leader:** Brian Wofford

**Gospel Presenters:** Rick Moore, Dovie Moore, Chip Wolfe, Kim Wolfe, Russ Meyer, Bob Castellano, Eddie Ukegbu, Kevin Kusunoki & Emily Kusunoki.



Hey Rex,

Once again, our team really enjoyed the time spent serving at the FGBMFA booth. I believe we prayed with 7-8 people to receive the Lord this year!! Wow!! Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve our Lord at this event. It's been a real blessing each year. Everyone in our group expressed how much joy they received by serving. We look forward to serving again next year.

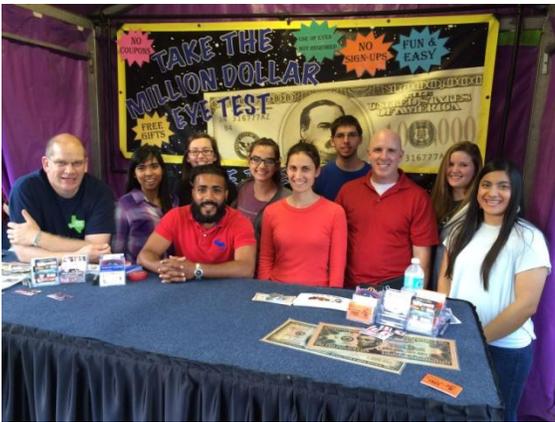
In Jesus,  
Brian Wofford

**Day 23 – Saturday October 22, 2016**

Those who served:

**Day Leaders:** Carl Kalbfleisch

**Gospel Presenters:** Andy Kennedy, Ash Price, Braylon Thompson, Scott Thompson , Craig Boswell, **Shawn Psarris**, Susan Lawson, Faith Neds, Gary Lively, Keith Neds, Jim Wolfe, 23 GFA students & Tony Barraclough.



Carl and I had a great time sharing the Gospel at the State Fair Of Texas Gospel Outreach on Saturday. My son and Gary Lively came from Louisiana Jim Wolfe and Ash Price came from the Texarkana area. Craig come out to be with us, too. I met Keith Neds who witnesses with us. Students from the Gospel for Asia joined us in shifts throughout the day, helping us pass out over 5,000 tracts and taking people through the million dollar eye test. We had many conversations that had some thinking and some walk away when they found out we were talking about "religion". One woman told me that she was Jewish and walked away. A lesbian said that she was going

to fly when I asked how she was going to Heaven. Maggie, Trey, and their friend listened to us as we took them through the law and explain the Gospel. Here are a few other names of those who I talked with: two young women named Hunter, Amber, Allison, DJ, Mer, and John. This is the 4th year that I have went to this outreach. Please pray the seeds that were planted. Scott Thompson



**Day 24 – Sunday October 23, 2016**

Those who served:

**Day Leaders:** April Willrich

**Gospel Presenters:** Eddie Ukegbu, Christina Watson, Greg Simpson, Misty Hodges, Mike Spencer, Pat Atabansi, Rosie Nielsen, Debra Brown, Esther Taylor, Ron Markham, Carnel Clark, Denise (Smith) Lane, Sean Parkerberry, Sharmisa Garner, Tabitha Young, Tatyana Brent, Tina Montoya, T'Shaundra Davis, Velda Hunter, & James Simmons.



Well it was another great year at the fair. Hard to believe it's been seven years for me and I still love this outreach. I think this outreach has really given me the confidence to proclaim the Gospel and the Holy Spirit has given me new boldness every year. Of course, I still learn each year from the amazing people that I serve with. On Sunday, October 23, we had another great day with too many to number but 70 salvations. We were charged to go out and proclaim it like it was our last day and we did. Even as we proclaimed the Gospel, it always humbles me to have so many others come and pray for us. It was two great days of giving and receiving. April Willrich

I met a young man on Sunday, Jose Ramirez who said he didn't believe anymore. He said he used to go to church and had gotten his mom to go but he no longer went. Whereas he once encouraged her to go now she was trying to get him to return. As we continued to talk he did believe in Christ. He was really blind in his left eye and said he had prayed and God didn't heal him. He asked me if I believed that God could heal him. I said yes. He had some questions about the Bible and we talked about some things. I asked him if he wanted to pray the prayer of salvation and he said yes. I then prayed for healing for his natural eye and his spiritual eyes to be opened to the things of God. April Willrich



One more story this evening was a man Eddie and Carnell brought up to the booth. He was an middle aged man who wanted to know what the hook was. Did we want a donation to a church.? I told him no we were not collecting anything this was about a free gift God had for him. That seemed to amaze him and it also opened his heart to continue hearing Eddie. Eddie started out reading the salvation prayer and having the man repeat it, but the man teared up and had to stop and wipe his eyes. He then started reading the salvation prayer with his own eagerness. He and his family had strayed away from church in order to make money on Sundays. He said he justified it by saying he needed to get his children things, but he knew they should be back in church and

getting fed the Word and around other believers. It was a touching encounter that I just happened to witness.

April Willrich

God's ways are certainly higher than our ways and his thoughts are higher than ours also. We should not be surprised when God answers our prayers beyond what we expect, but he did it again! When we started the day and opened with prayer we were encouraged to share the gospel as if it were the last time we would ever share it. This was exactly what God had put on my heart. This might be my sixth year to serve at the booth. I cannot recall a time when the good news was received so readily. No doubt this was due to the fervent prayers that were being lifted up. Rosie Nielsen



We opened the booth at 10:00 am and by 10:20 am a family received the gift of salvation. Salvador and Maria brought their two sons and three daughters to the booth. It was awesome to see this family become part of the family of God. The sons and the two older daughters were of school age, so while their mom was filling out the form, I charged them to obey their parents and to listen to and obey their teachers also. It was such a sweet time. Rosie Nielsen

Chris and Corina, a young couple with a toddler, also received Jesus as their Savior. Please let me say that I was so proud of the fathers that brought their families to the fair and to our booth, and prayed to receive Jesus as their Savior. Strong Christian fathers will make for stronger families. Let us pray that Salvador, Chris and Miguel (who came later in the day) will be the spiritual leaders that their families need. Rosie Nielsen



Lots of young people attend the fair. A young man, Keenan and his friend, Vanessa, came together to the booth. Keenan explained that he had already had an experience with Jesus, but realized he had a lot to do to grow in his faith. Praying with his friend, Vanessa to receive Jesus as her savior was a good start. I reminded him to find a good church to attend while he is at school in Tyler and to check up on Vanessa. Keenan accepted the responsibility of helping her. Vanessa filled out the form and in the comment section wrote: "Thank you." And she drew a cute little heart next to it.

Rosie Nielsen



Cynthia, Rocio and Kyle all came together to the booth. They listened as I spoke and each young person went into a pensive mood as they heard the words. After I told them that it is God, the Holy Spirit, who moves in our hearts to accept the gift of salvation, I asked them if they wanted to pray and I looked at Kyle first. He said, "I'm for it.", but I didn't exactly understand him. Then Rocio said she would and finally, Cynthia, the shy one, said she wanted to also. I looked at Kyle again and he repeated that he was for it. It took me a couple seconds to realize that meant "yes, yes, yes". They all wanted to pray and ask Jesus to be their Savior. They all seemed so young, but they all said they were 21. We had a good laugh about me thinking they were just teenagers. I told them that the angels rejoice when just one person is saved, so in their case it was a party times three! They really liked that and went off to enjoy the rest of the fair. Rosie Nielsen



There was a young father who came to the booth with his toddler son in a stroller. Since he had to go past other gospel presenters to get to me, I thought okay this one is surely ready to be born into the Kingdom. He listened attentively and agreed with everything that was presented to him. But, he said he wasn't ready. Since he agreed with what I had said, I repeated the offer. He again said he needed more time. I told him that I had been where he was at one time also and I didn't want to pressure him, but felt that I should ask a third and last time. He still wasn't ready to take the next step. I showed him "The Million Dollar Eye Test" booklet and asked him to promise me that he would read and think about it when he had time. He said he would and he took the three items that our day leader, April, had prepared for him. I am always disappointed when someone comes so close, but does not accept Christ. April reminded me that I had planted a seed within him. I said it was more like a seedling and we both laughed. I know it is my task to share the Gospel, but only the Holy Spirit can give the listener faith. We can trust that God will lead him in his journey to knowing Jesus as Lord. Rosie Nielsen



One of the most amazing things that I could not wait to share about was a woman named Teresa. This woman peeked her head around the front row of gospel presenters, looked me in the eye and said she had to know what this was all about. As I started to give her the test and she realized what it was actually about, she interrupted me. She said that she had been brought up as a Catholic, but that she had walked away and lived as an atheist for seven years because she had been hurt and bitter. She had also looked into most of the other major religions, but lately she had felt that something inside was telling her to look at Christianity again. She wanted me to continue, but she also said she had lots of questions. While she was speaking, I felt what must be a father's compassion for a lost child. The Holy Spirit brought forth the words that this woman needed to hear. When she was ready to pray and ask Jesus to be her Savior, I asked April to join us. Teresa did receive Jesus and she said she felt like crying, but for a happy reason. April and I took some time to answer some of her questions. As she got ready to go, she said, "I guess I'll have to enjoy the fair by myself since my boyfriend and I broke up." April jumped right in and said, "Oh, you are NEVER alone!" She said, "I am a woman alone, but I'm never alone, alone. Jesus is ALWAYS with me and he will be with you also!" Teresa agreed and she gathered her things and went off to enjoy the fair not alone, but with Jesus. [Rosie Nielsen](#)



Cancer affects many families and in the afternoon Miguel and Mirna brought their children, Miguel Jr., Marco and Mialani to the booth. This family was receptive to the gospel and everyone listened attentively. Since Mirna was wearing a pink cancer ribbon shirt and hat, I asked if she was a cancer survivor. With much conviction she answered, "I am a cancer fighter!" All of them prayed to receive Jesus as their Savior. What a delight it was to hear all of their voices joined in prayer! I assured Mirna that I would continue to pray that the Lord would give her all the time that she needed to be with her children. She seemed to really appreciate that. This affected me greatly because just last week, a friend was told that she has ovarian cancer and it appears to be advanced. I pray that my friend will have the fighting spirit that Mirna has to deal with the challenge that is before her. [Rosie Nielsen](#)

The Lord seems to always do something awesome right before my shift is over. This time was no exception. As a large group was passing by, a teenage girl made eye contact with me. Though she continued to move forward with the group she did not look away. When they were almost past our tent, she stopped and came over to where I was standing. I asked if she was sure she could stay since her family was with a group and they had all continued on their way. Her name was Giselle and she stood her ground, so I started to give her the test in English. Soon her parents came back and they wanted to take the test also, but it had to be in Spanish. I looked at Giselle and she nodded her head for Spanish. Her mother appeared to be a Christian already. Her father said he went to church and was not very receptive. I asked them for just “dos minutos” to share with their daughter. The father said “okay” and the mother was all excited. Giselle listened attentively. When I said that God offered to repair the father/ son relationship that had been broken by sin and that he would be with her throughout her life to comfort and guide her, her mother interrupted. Her mom, named Rosario, said, “Giselle, you’re going to need that next week.” Her mother pointed to the young girl’s outfit. She was wearing running pants and a zip up sports jacket. Earlier I had noticed the young girl’s lovely brown skin, her very high cheek bones, and her dark eyes that seemed to be thinking deeply. I had seen the wind blowing the small strands of hair that had escaped her ponytail and thought how young and innocent this precious child appeared, but I had not looked at her clothes. I was able to finish the presentation and Giselle prayed and asked Jesus to be her Savior. It is nice to know that her mom will be there to encourage and help her. When they arrived at the booth, they were mother and daughter. Now, they are also sisters in the Lord. In a few years when Giselle is all grown up, I pray that they will also be friends.

Rosie Nielsen



I wish I could tell you all of the details of everything that happened. There was a teen girl, Araceli, who is already a Christian. Her mother, Virginia, heard the gospel, but was not ready to move forward. She took the “Million Dollar Eye Test” booklet and promised to read it. There was a little boy about 8 years old who planted himself in front of me and wanted to take the test. He had heard about Jesus at an after school gospel club. His mom was rightly proud of him. There was a grandfather who allowed his grandson to stop and “earn” the million dollar bill he wanted. The little boy was joined by his younger brother and sister and they all passed with flying colors. I said, “Good job, Grandpa!”, but he was probably already beaming with pride in those little ones.

Rosie Nielsen

When I left the booth yesterday, I forgot my little clipboard with the paper that I made notes on to help me remember some details. But I don’t need any help to remember how wonderfully God answered our prayers. It is always a pleasure to serve with the other members of the State Fair Gospel team. Eddie was there again this year sharing the gospel faithfully like he did last year. No doubt he and the others have many stories to share too. April was a great team leader and she appreciated your prayers also. Thank you again for supporting me in this mission. I am still in awe of the incredibly wonderful God we serve. Rosie Nielsen

Rex,  
Thank you for allowing me to serve at the booth this year.  
And thank you for all you do to keep this ministry going.  
May the Lord reward you greatly for your service.

Rosie Nielsen