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The past three weeks has been a whirlwind of prison ministry, driving and see God's blessings as men, women and young people in three states asked Jesus into their lives and were able to forgive others and forgive their selves.

The last weekend in May, Dr Rod Smith, his wife Vivian and I were at the RID (regimented inmate discipline) unit in Leakesville, MS. for youth offenders. We had about 160 young men in for the program, and had over 40 make life-changing decisions that day.

I left for Taylorsville, NC near Hickory on Wed the 30th. I had the honor of being the MC for the Dedication of the Forgiven Ministry Adams Center for the families of inmates traveling to and from Alexander Max Security Prison. There were over 300 people that attended the two-day dedication ceremony. The first day the center opened, there were over 100 people that stopped by for a rest and refreshments as many had driven many hours and miles for visitation at the prison with loved one. That building is the vision God had given Scottie Barnes for inmate families.

While there in Taylorsville, Dwayne "Soul Man" Morris, a professional Rodeo Clown and I did three programs at one youth prison and we did a night program at one Men's med security prison. We did a program at the Men's Max security prison, too. Over 100 people made decisions to allow Jesus control of their lives. In that 100 people were 21 youth, both boys and girls that will be changed forever. They also were able to forgive people in their past and also to forgiven their selves for what they had done.

I drove from there to Central City, Kentucky for a "Great Dads" seminar, "Day of Hope" and "One Day with God" with Forgiven Ministry, Inc. We took 40 kids into the prison to spend the day with their 24 Dad's. We even had the Muslim Imam of the prison as one of the Dad's. He stood up in the morning when I had the Dads alone before the kids came in to express appreciation for the love and encouragement he was shown last year when Forgiven Ministry and the last "One Day with God" event was there and his children didn't show up.

The event was powerful and God did His great work as inmates, caregivers and others made life-changing decisions. Using "Gospel Magic with a Message" to show how satan tricks you into believing things is a great way to share God's Word with adults and youth. The bullwhip routine about poor choices always has a big impact on audiences.

Thanks to one of our families that support us, we will leave the June 23rd for Guatemala to attend language school. Patti will be with me for two weeks. I'll be working a prison event in Guatemala City the end of July and looking at setting up an event in Honduras while there. I plan to do some programs for youth and orphanages, too. I come home on July 30th, then a quick trip to Ohio for a "One Day with God" with Forgiven Ministry, Inc. Then I leave on August 17th for Mongolia to work in the prisons there. I will also be looking at setting up a trip there for the Bill Glass Champions for Life in the future. I'll be home the first week in September.

God is really moving and I encourage any of you that are interested to get on board and not miss the blessings. You are all so special to this ministry with you financial and prayer support.

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