



Joe McDonald Ministry

Isaiah 6:8

The Evangelism Trail – January 2021



I pray each of you had a wonderful Christmas with your families. We were blessed to have all 6 kids and 16 Grandchildren together for the first time in 7 years. Though it was spread out over a period of 4 days, all of us were in Mobile at the same time! The food was great, and we had our annual hayride with Christmas singing. The present sharing was unlike we have ever had before. We reminded ourselves that “Jesus is the reason for the season”, but that we too are “the reason for the season,” He came for us, “not to condemn...to seek and to save...” Happy New Year!



We have been working annually with Casa de Pan in Honduras with their children’s feeding program. We were able to contribute again this year for their Christmas presents. The



pictures you see here are their aid to hurricane victims. We were also able to help them with another contribution. Honduras had two back-to-back major hurricanes this year that left the country and people devastated in many areas without anything. Casa de Pan quickly started with donations of many needed items as you



can see here. Everything was lost for thousands, so these items of food, clothing, cleaning, cooking, eating supplies were given to the people in the hardest hit areas. We will have more on this next month. If you feel like you would like to contribute to this ongoing effort for many months to come, just note “Honduras Hurricane” on your check. The pastor there said, “God bless you and thank you for the donations.” It may take years for them to recover from the damage.

Even though our donations for 2020 were down 23%, we were still able to tithe 15% of what was given us to help in areas like this. We can do that since we have never taken any salary or pay for the past 17 years. Even with the reduced income and Covid cancellations, we were given the chance to share The Gospel this year with about 500 kids and 200 adults. We continued with our monthly Fathers training at “The Mission of Hope.”

My phone rang and the caller ID said *Fred Wolfe*. To say I was a little surprised would be a huge understatement. What could this great Man of God full of the Holy Spirit possibly want with me? Nervously I answered since he was calling me!



After a little small talk and family updates he said something like: “...*Joe we (Luke 4:18 Fellowship) are having our first Missions Board meeting and I want you to come and make a presentation to the board. You will have 5 minutes....*” There may have been more said, however after he said that I do not remember much else. The years have passed since then, not long after that Brother Fred and the church ordained me at the Davidson High School auditorium. I have since been in places all over the world I never dreamed of visiting sharing “The Good News” to children and adults by the thousands. Brother Fred from that day forward has always supported me with a prayer and a word

of encouragement and a quick *how is it going, I know you are working for Jesus*. He is gone now and our hearts ache with the emptiness we feel at his passing. Since he left us to be with Jesus, I have wondered if Heaven has a time limit on celebrations with the new arrivals. I hope not since his celebration may continue for quite some time and the joy, he must be feeling seeing the thousands and thousands of lives, like mine he touched with such a great spiritual impact. We miss you and we promise to try not to disappoint you doing the work the way you taught us with the love for others you have shown so, so many of us all these years.



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