



Joe McDonald Ministry

*Isaiah 6:8*

### The Evangelism Trail – April 2020



Granddaughter Mallory  
chalk art

We have been so busy at home that we haven't noticed much change to our "social distancing" except we can't go to church and worship like we are used to doing. As mentioned last month, we made it home from Guatemala the day before this all came about. As of this week, if over 60 years old there, you can't leave your place of residence! Here is a great picture of the 400+ kids at the program two days before schools were closed. Glory to God!



Robinson School, Chimaltenango,  
Guatemala. March 12, 2020

As this ongoing saga continues into the second month, I was thinking about Heaven vs Hell. The past 30 or so days for many seem like four forevers since things were normal. Imagine for a moment *eternity* spent somewhere! I was thinking about **Luke chapter 16: 19-25**. It's the story of "The Rich Man and Lazarus." I won't list it here, but I encourage you to read and think about it. One point in the story is in verse 22: "...the begger died and was carried by *angels* to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried..." It is comforting to know that God sends *angels* to gather us up to Heaven and into His presence. We don't face death and eternity alone. Not so the case with the rich man. In verse 23 it says: "23 And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. 24 "Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.'"

There is just no way to imagine an *eternity* in a place like that. Not only tormented in the flames forever but being able to see the people in the arms of Jesus, with no suffering, while their suffering continues, forever! *Eternity*, not 30 or 45 days.

Our Easter was different this year since we couldn't have all the children gathered here at one time. So Patti had the idea to have them come in small groups and they did, In fact we celebrated Easter on three different occasions. We had our neighbors Nicole and Joey's family on Sunday, Sarah and her family on Tuesday and Andrea and her family here on Thursday. It was all outside with great weather and less than 10 people each time. Lots of family picture shares on Face Book of your families and I enjoyed seeing them. Check ours out at either Patti or my Face Book page.



By the way a reminder to go to Face Book and look up *Joe McDonald Ministry Inc* and "like" it and see all the interesting things that are on there weekly.

The main reason the "social distancing" has gone by so quickly is because we have been busy constructing "The Gospel



Parade" float during February and March and some of April. We had our maiden voyage up and down our street and driveway with some of the kids and grandkids on Palm Sunday. We were supposed to be with Phil and Debbie Smith of "Wee Can Know" ministry in Chalmet, LA for the annual Italian, Irish, Islanos parade the first week in April. Like so many things it has been postponed. We are ready to participate in any parade complete with the Gospel message, music and spiritual



hand outs. Please let us know when the summer, Thanksgiving and Christmas parades are scheduled so we can sign up! If you want to participate with us, let us know and we'll make room for you to ride along.

Stay healthy out there and know I am praying for many of you daily. *Mission of Hope* is still allowing us to teach a fathering course monthly to a limited number of residents. Give God the Glory! Love and prayers. Joe and Patti

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