



Joe McDonald Ministry

*Isaiah 6:8*

*The Evangelism Trail –March 2023*



March winds are blowing today! I have some good news and some bad news. **First the good news!** We have been overwhelmed with the generosity of donations for the April 1<sup>st</sup> “Irish, Italian, Islenos” parade in Chalmette, LA. Ministry partners, supporters and friends have donated 800 tennis balls, (Jesus Loves You written on 500 so far) 1500 tracts, almost 2,000 “Jesus Loves You” bracelets, hundreds of Ramen noodles and bags and bags of candy to put in plastic bags with the bracelets and tracts. The Ramens



will have a tract attached, too. We are getting the “Gospel Parade” float ready and have added two 7’ tall feather banners on the rear that say: “*Hope Has a Name*” on one and the other one “*His Name is Jesus*” with gold writing on a navy blue banner. We look forward to being with Phil and Debbie Smith of “*Wee Can Know*” ministry. Our Sunday School class has offered to help us place bracelets, candy and tracts in small plastic bags. We will pray over all of the throws and tracts; hopefully leading many to faith in Christ!

Patti and I were in St Gabriel, LA at Hunt Correctional Center for a Forgiven Ministry “One Day with God” the end of February. We had 13 dads, 23 children and several caregivers attend. The kids spent the day with their dads in the prison and caregivers were encouraged at Anchor Church near the prison. Many children, fathers and caregivers lives were changed. It was a sweet time for me personally. Louisiana was where I participated in my first “One Day with God” in 2004. In addition to that my mentor, board member and long time friend Dr Rod Smith was able to attend for the first time since his stroke almost 6 years ago. Nothing like spending time sharing the “Good News” of Jesus with children, fathers, caregivers and old friends. Please pray for Founder Scottie Barnes’ health that she can begin to travel again and point families to restoration and reconciliation with Jesus!



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**Now for the somewhat bad news.** Stephen and Erika Jones, *Drive-In Ministries* missionaries in Ambalema, Colombia SA called and invited us to travel there to help out with Easter programs for youth where they are building a church. Unfortunately we had a schedule conflict and couldn’t make the trip. We were sorry to miss this exciting opportunity to be with these amazing young people to share Jesus with their youth.

If that wasn’t bad enough, Pastor Greg Phillips of *Rising Star Ministries*, another mentor, contacted me and ask that I travel to the Philippeans for two weeks in March. He will be there speaking, doing programs and telling the youth and adults about Jesus. At one event they expect 30,000 people. Once again conflicts won’t allow the trip this time around and I had to decline. We will go out of the country this year when God sends us!

Busy times ahead. We’ll be back at “The Mission of Hope” this month for our fatherhood training and back to Carrebelle, FL for another “One Day with God” in April. Thank you again for your prayers and support!

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