



Thanks for taking the time to catch up with us this month. Here is an update from Scottie Barnes founder of www.ForgivenMinistry.org on the Whitwoth event we attended in March: *"Each One Day with God event brings the same comments, "Best Camp Ever" but I know that God reigns over the two-day events bringing blessings to each one we do. There were ten mothers, 5 Caregivers began a relationship with Jesus. Nine children and 2 clerks responded* 

to the invitation..." Thank you Scottie and Forgiven Ministry for 20 years of blessings!

Our Easter this year was a wonderful family time and celebration of the <u>Resurrection</u>. We had about half our family that were able to come to our house for a great time together. The families that live out of town weren't able to come for the weekend celebration.

For several months, we have been preparing for the big "Irish, Italian, Islenos" event in Chalmette, LA on Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>. This is our 5<sup>th</sup> year participating with Phil and Debbie Smith founders of <u>www.weecanknow.com</u> children's ministry and our "The Gospel Parade" float. First I want to thank all of you that donated money, Gospel items, Jesus Loves You



bracelets and tennis balls for us to write "Jesus Loves You" on for us to hand out. Kim and Trisha Mobley, our ministry and travel partners from Hamilton, GA came to help along with our Son Joe and his family of five. Phil and Debbie had their team, too. Between all of us, we handed out over 10,000 Gospel items about how to be "saved by grace" and that "Jesus Loves You!" Where else can you reach over 10,000 people in one day with Jesus and "The Good News?"



Here is a recap from Kim and Trisha Mobley pictured on the left: "*Kim and I feel so* honored and blessed to have been able to participate in the St Bernard Italian, Irish and Islenos parade this past weekend, along with Joe McDonald Ministry and Wee Can Know Ministry. Even though this wasn't our first parade, it was one that will be remembered in our hearts and minds for a long time. It was one of the larger parades we've participated in, and this was due to the distance of the parade (6 miles), number of floats, dance teams and the number of spectators. We had over 10,000 "Jesus Loves You" items to throw and

we were still able to connect with a lot of the recipients. One gentleman received a tennis ball with "Jesus Loves U!!" on it and he said, "That is the Truth!!" Another gentleman ran up to the float to get a "Jesus Loves You" bracelet and to let us know he had been baptized the previous weekend. These and other encounters are examples of God's goodness and made our hearts very happy. We only have one other thing to say... When is the next parade??"



Thank you Phil and Debbie Smith, pictured here, for allowing us to partner with you again this year for this amazing opportunity to share "*the good news*" and to "take the light into the dark places" where it is most needed over 10,000 times. (Six miles of people on both sides of the street) "*God's Word will not return void...*"

We will be in Carrabelle, FL this week for a Forgiven Ministry "One Day with God" in Franklin Correctional Facility. Please pray for journeys mercies for travelers.



We will be taking our travel trailer. I will do two 45 minute programs to present "The Gospel." Patti will be a family mentor. Pray that God gives the event favor with weather, fathers, children, caregivers, prison officials, equipment and annointing for all volunteers to be the "*hands and feet of Jesus*." We feel your prayers. Please keep them coming! www.JoeMcDonaldMinistry.org

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