

The Evangelism Trail -July 4th, 2024, Edition

July greetings to you and yours! Pray each of you have a memory filled 4th of July with family and friends. It is hard to believe that it is July already. The days just seem to fly by. We look forward to a Forgiven Ministry "One Day with God" in Hondo, TX, West of San Antonio this month and a return trip to "The Mission of Hope" for our fatherhood training. This month is "The Power of the Father's Blessing."

I was looking at the rest of 2024 and looking back on the first 6 months of 2024. Here is a short report on what we have been up to the past six month and the results:

We have been to TX, GA two times, FL and here in AL. That was 3,487 miles of driving with 3,175 miles pulling our travel trailer or home on wheels.

We have had 256 men attend our fathers training at "The Mission of Hope." Each one of these men heard about God's plan for them as men and fathers.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ was presented in an easy to understand and powerul way to: 65 men and women inmates, 140 children, 402 adults that are volunteers, staff in different places and caregivers. Many lives have been changed as men, women and children have asked Jesus into their lives. Over 5,000 Jesus Loves You pieces handed out in the April "Irish, Italian, Islenos" Chalmette, LA Parade.

As many of you know, we had the memorial service for Patti's Mom, Norma Nodar also the month of June at Cottage Hill Baptist Church. Many thanks to those of you that sent our ministry a memorial contribution in her name.

We would appreciate your prayers for the upcoming trip to Hondo, TX. Our home on wheels needs a new axle and we are trying to get someone that has the equipment and knowledge to replace it before the 23rd of July. It is under warranty and will be sent to a service center that will take the time to help us. It will require a forklift to unload I would imagine. If we can't complete the change out, not sure what we might do.

Starting below and continuing on the next page is an article written by Jo Anne McKnight around 2012 for AL.COM. She mistated a few things about starting a medical clinic in Mexico, vs delivering donated medical equipment to them. I happened upon it recently while searching on Duck Duck Go for something. Take a little trip back a few years by reading it.



MOBILE, Alabama —" Joe McDonald is what he calls an "itinerant minister." During 2011, he was been in front of 3,000 children and 3,000 adults in four countries and eight or nine states. He has been to male and female prisons, schools, orphanages, churches and remote villages in Thailand, Mexico, Mongolia and the U.S.

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His mission is "to share the good news of Jesus Christ wherever God sends me." McDonald and his wife of 40 years, Patti, were always involved in ministry, he said. They have six children, and, McDonald said, "We wanted them involved and did a nursing home ministry when they were young."

As the children got older, McDonald became associated with the Christian Motorcycle Ministry and performed prison ministry on a weekly basis.

"That led to other things, and I soon realized that I was working as a volunteer with different organizations in leadership roles," he said.

His profession at the time was in real estate, and as the ministry became more a part of his life, he came to realize that he needed to turn in his license and "strike out on faith," he said.

He formed Joe McDonald Ministry Inc., a nonprofit, in 2003. The locations of his ministries have come about often by coincidence — or through the intervention of God.

Take the trip to Thailand. "I met someone in the airport" who told him of a need in the Far East, he said. And Mongolia: "I met a missionary in Louisiana, and God just sets these appointments and says, 'That's the door; I just opened it for you. I want you in Mongolia."

McDonald said that part of his ministry is evangelism and part is encouragement, mostly working with the missionaries already in Guatemala, Nicaragua, the Honduras or Haiti.

What he does, he said, is "go in with fun stuff, tell what Jesus can do for you in an entertaining way." He uses "Gospel Magic," some very precise bullwhip routines, a chicken dance and a puppet comedy routine.

Get to Know Joe McDonald Birthplace and hometown: Mobile **Family:** Wife Patti (40 years); six children; 11 grandchildren and one on the way **Occupation:** Minister

Much of his ministry is education. He asks those he partners with, "What do you need?" It may be volunteer, leadership or fundraising training.

Often, as in a prison ministry, his seminar will consist of training on how to be a father. In prison, he said, most of the inmates have no relationship with their fathers. The purpose of the "Becoming a Father" training is to break that cycle and to teach imprisoned fathers how to be a parent.

McDonald's ministry is not all evangelism, encouragement and education. Much of it is very tangible.

"We collect medical supplies for a year at a time," he said. "We just sent enough for a clinic in Honduras. We've opened a clinic in Mexico and sent wheelchairs and eyeglasses to Texas."

His ministry has worked with the Rotary Club and with World Water Partners to bring clean water to remote villages.

Joe McDonald Ministry Inc. partners with Forgiven Ministry, Hope International Ministries, Bill Glass CFL and other organizations and has the support of many churches, including his local affiliation, Luke 4:18.To learn more about the McDonald ministry or to make a tax-deductible donation, write to McDonald at P.O. Box 91275, Mobile, AL 36691 or log onto www.JoeMcDonald Ministry.org.-----

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