Joe McDonald Ministry
Isaiah 6:8

The Evangelism Trail –August 2026 Edition

Patti and I left **July 7th** for Taylorsville, NC for a Forgiven Ministry "One Day with God" camp at Alexander CI Max Prison. We returned from NC, (1400+ miles) then traveled to Hondo, TX **July 22nd,** (1400+ miles) for a Forgiven Ministry event at Ruben Torres Unit and by **August 9th** we had returned from Lamont, FL (600 miles) and a Forgiven Ministry "One Day with God" at the Jefferson Correctional Unit there. Each trip we camped in our travel trailer. We traveled with Kim and Trisha Mobley of Hamilton, GA for most of the time. In between TX and FL, we celebrated Patti's birthday at a local Mexican restaurant and I had the monthly "Mission of Hope" fathers training sesson with my son, Joe.

The Texas trip was such an interesting ministry event. On the left are James San Miguel and his wife, Elsie, their son James and James's girlfriend. I met James at the Connally Unit in Kenedy, TX in 2008 while he was serving time there. We have been friends since and he is a very talented jewler and designer as evidence of my beautitul belt buckles, key fobs and leather items he has made for me and other friends. Below is Pedro Lugo and his family. His son pictured here was saved at a "One Day with God" event in 2012 at the Stiles Unit in Beaumont, TX. while Pedro was serving time there. Rick Sheels, TX state director for Forgiven Ministry made this AI rendention of the **salvations** on Saturday at the Torres Unit "One Day with God!" The men in white are inmate dads, children of inmates, and the caregivers of the children. Both James and Pedro and their wives speak at these events to encourage the incarcerated men or women participating in the "One Day with God" event. On the left are some of the Torres team from TX, FL, AL, and GA that participated in the event.

Patti and I are enjoying all the travel and trailer towing with the truck the ministry was able to buy last year. Many of you helped us with the purchase. You can see why the larger vehicle is so wonderful when you look at what we have to haul to each of these events. The equipment on the ground goes to an off site location like a church for the caregivers program. These include PA, computer, projector, tables and legs, and visual aid program items. The dolly is what we take inside the prison for a much larger program. (sometime 50 kids, 35 dads or moms and 50-100 volunteers and dozens of officers.). These are the PA, PA stand and mics, tables and legs, two boxes of program items and a dolly to go sometime great distances into the prison. The new truck allows us to haul all these items, plus the dolly! Until we got this truck we had to haul all those items on it by hand for long distances to gain entrance into the program areas for inmates and children. So, again, **thank you!** The ministry paid for the truck and we have had many donations to reimburse the cost, but I want to give some newer donors the opportunity to give toward the cost, so let's get the remaining amount before the end of the year! We are close to 50% recovered of the total cost.

Now for some other prayer requests, we have been invited to do a Ministry Update at Tuscaloosa First Assembly (Patti's sister's church) in September, hopefully not on a Home Game weekend! Roll Tide!

We are having planning meetings for a trip to Romania in October with a group from CRU that invited us to participate. This will be Bible Clubs for college young people, something different, so we are excited to see what God will do!

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