Joe McDonald Ministry
Isaiah 6:8

The Evangelism Trail –September 2026 Edition

September and football season has arrived and the anticipation of cooler weather, soon. Patti and I were able to stay home a couple of weeks, though we were busy. Football season means Saturday with kids and grandchildren watching games and usually with chicken wings during the Alabama games. During that time we still were at the "Mission of Hope" addiction recovery for our monthly father's training, blessed to fill in for a very famous and well known bible teacher for his Sunday School Class at our church. (I can't remember to say Life Group,) and held a BOD meeting. We finalized our travel plans for the trip to Romania to work with CRU, formerly Campus Crusade for Christ, leaving October 6th-19th. Caught up on some long overdue home chores off the June "todo" list! We leave for Tuscaloosa on the 12th (this weekend) to visit and speak at one of our two supporting churches, Tuscaloosa First Assembly, the home church of Patti's Sister Karen and husband Jim. They have been a faithful supporter nearly 20 years as is our church Luke 4:18 Fellowship, and so many of you, too.

Last month was an update about the *newer* ministry truck that is a year old this month and how it has made a huge difference in all the travel we have, including 3500 miles in one month in July and part of August. It pulls our travel trailer well, is large enough to to carry all our program equipment and emergency road side equipment. It takes away so much of the stress of long travel with a newer, larger and more dependable vehicle. We gave our supporters the chance to donate to the cost last year and the response was amazing. In a short time we received over 40% of the cost of the new truck. Some have asked about a chance to help us recover some additional truck cost from last year. We welcome that and have made it somewhat easier with a "Venmo" account that was requested. Here is the QR code that gives all the information needed to donate with your phone or computer.

Our son Joe and I will be at the "Mission of Hope" addiction recovery on Friday the 18th of this month for our father's training, "The Power of the Father's Legacy."

As soon as we return from Romania, we will begin preparing for the upcoming Christmas Parades the first two weeks of of December. A Sunday School Class at our church has offered to help us prepare for the parades. Since we will be short on time, if you want to donate some of the items and spiritual items we hand out, let us know. We will be buying Ramen Noodles to attach a gospel tract, tennis balls to write "Jesus Loves You" on, and "Jesus Loves You" bracelets, certain candy to go in plastic bags with a bracelet and tract and other items. In two Christmans parades and the big parade in Chalmette, LA where we partner with Phil and Debbie Smith of "Wee Can Know" ministry, **we hand out over 20,000 Salvation and Gospel items! Sometimes it is hard for us to realize we have put in the hands of 20,000 people, young and old, how Jesus loves them and how to accept Him as their Lord and Savior! To God be the Glory!**

As we travel and do different ministry events, and even campgrounds, we give away the two books Patti wrote. We have donated 100+ in some of the prisons we go to. If your church or organization would like to have a book *Signing* or help with the promotion of her two books, *The Gospel Parade* and *Hell is Forever: The Way of Escape*, we can schedule that. *The Gospel Parade* is for children ages birth to 7 years old and the *Hell is Forever: The Way of Escape* for teens and adults. Both with a clear and easy to understand way to Salvation. You can get your copy (ies) now by visiting professionalmom.com.

The next *"The Evangelism Trail"* will be upon our return from Romania. Please keep us and the others with us in your prayers. We love you and so appreciate each of you. Joe and Patti

"4 But as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who tests our hearts." 1 Thessalonians 2:4

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