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COMMITMENT TO THRIVE

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It's the third quarter of the year and we have passed the half-way point in our goal to "**Thrive**" for the Lord in 2025, but this is often the time when "real life" hits us. We got off to a good start, believing our goal was admirable, desirable, and reachable. We recognized that following and serving the Lord does not happen through our own power, but in obedience to **His power** working in and **through** us to **thrive** through Him (FOCUS Jan-Mar).

We then were reminded that **following / serving** the Lord is what we are **saved / called** to do…our **purpose**, and to **thrive** in doing it for His glory (FOCUS Apr-Jun). But what keeps us moving forward mid-year when we're feeling the burn of fatigue, busyness, unexpected extra weights (and other waits) and more? **COMMITMENT!** As a child and young Christian, my father would often remind me that "faithfulness in daily Bible reading and prayer must be done **every day** whether you feel like it or not. It's not about feelings or convenience, it's a commitment." Honor your commitment to God the same as you do to others. **Thriving** for the Lord in obedience and consistency **requires** commitment. **Faith** is also a critical part of commitment. We **thrive** through His power and purpose, so we also must trust Him for everything we need to be consistent and faithful. Phil. 4:19 is a good reminder that "…my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." May the Lord encourage you and challenge you through this FOCUS to be **committed to thrive** in 2025.

U.S. MINISTRIES

Drive-In Park

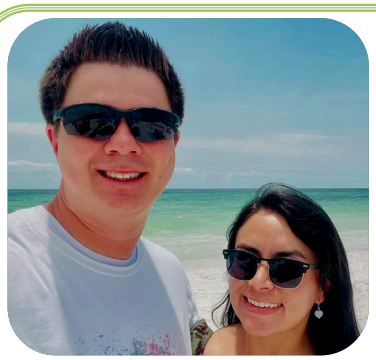
This time of the year is the busiest, best, and most beautiful at the park. The hot weather mixed with an, often quick, afternoon shower makes the grass grow and look good and means the 13 acres needs mowing every week, which also keeps everything looking good. Many guests come daily; some will often be walking the track already when we open up around 6:30; many others come and go throughout the day; several children's soccer teams rent practice times on different evenings. There are other special events, various pavilion rentals for birthday parties, disc golf, etc., and, of course, the Friday movie nights continue growing in popularity, attendance, and spiritual fruitfulness. We continue praying, promoting and patiently waiting for the Lord's leading and provision for the main building, which is vital for our growth in providing an actual Drive-In Ministries headquarters and multiplying and enhancing more ministry opportunities. It's a big faith endeavor for us, but an easy thing for the Lord. Please help us pray for His timing and provision. UPDATE: We now have the funds needed for a new jungle gym for the playground. We will get it ordered and up soon. Thanks for your special gifts.

Mobile Film Ministry

We are in full swing this summer for VBS, camps, church special events, community outreaches, weeknights and weekends. We do not charge a fee, but go strictly on a love offering basis. We only show faith-based movies that we, or the host ministry, have a public license for (list or info available upon request). If your church, Christian school, or Christian organization/ministry is interested in a movie outreach this summer or fall contact us at mdjones1321@gmail.com or 334-361-1660.

David Morrison Family

We have been visiting churches in our area and seeking new partnerships during this movie season and are encouraged to see an increase in attendance at our Drive-In Park movie nights—which means more people are seeing and hearing the Gospel! We also recently took a trip to western New York to one of our supporting churches and to reach the lost in that area. During our visit, we hosted three movie nights and were blessed with opportunities to connect with a few new donors. Our goal is to be fully funded by November 2025, so we can dedicate ourselves full-time to the ministry. We are needing $1800 more each month to reach that goal. If you're interested in learning more about how to partner with us, we'd love to talk with you! 334-300-3295 or david@driveinministries.com



Stephen and Erika Jones - Alabama

We partnered with local Hispanic churches to host their soccer tournament where the gospel was shared at Drive-In Park. They invited multiple teams from the area to compete. Following the tournament, our team showed the movie, "Unsung Hero" and many of the tournament attendees stayed for the movie. Out of 54 survey cards turned in, 13 indicated salvation decisions! We have an upcoming Spanish movie in Birmingham and we are hoping for a great turnout! Erika and I are traveling the last two weeks of July to visit her family in Colombia. While we are there, we will visit our ministry partner in Santa Marta. They have been doing movie nights once a month, and we are excited to experience one while we are there checking on their ministry needs. They are in need of a microphone ($100), popcorn machine ($750), and a new enclosed trailer for hauling movie equipment ($3,000). If God leads you, please give and be sure you designate your gift for Colombian Ministry Needs! Thank you for your prayers and support.

SPOTLIGHT - INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

By Mike Jones - President

A **large** part of the ministries of Drive-In is the **International Ministries** with seminaries, churches, and Christian ministries around the world. This includes our own DI international missionaries, the **Ionut Udrescu family** in Romania (who are Romanian but draw their ministry support from Drive-In). Our partner ministry, **Timisoara Baptist Bible Institute (TBBI)** is also in **Romania** - Rev. Doug Nispel. **Currently**, in addition to Romania, we have three partner ministries in **Nigeria**: **Faith Baptist Church** - Rev. Timothy Ojo, **(GOFAMINT)** Evangelist George Adeniyi, and **West Africa Theological Seminary (WATS)**. We have one partner in **India: New India Evangelistic Association (NIEA)**, with three Mobile Units in three different areas of the country. Our partner in **Colombia, S.A. is Bible Impact Church in Santa Marta -** Rev. Alfredo Medina. In **Haiti: The Association of Baptist Churches in Haiti** - Rev. Predestin Herard in Port-a-Prince. We partner with **Guatemala: Guatemala Bible Seminary**, and one partner in **Mexico: Banner of Faith Ministries** - Rev. Rick Shields. In total = Seven foreign countries, 10 partner ministries and 12 Mobile Units. **Plus**, we approved a new partner in **Cameroon West Africa: Gospel Baptist Church** - Rev. Shadrach Vegah, a year ago and are only about $20,000 away from purchasing the Mobile Unit for this ministry. **Please pray and give toward completing this purchase** to get this partnership up and running. Also, we are currently talking to and evaluating a potential new partner in **Lima, Peru**. Praise God, all these ministries combined account for several **thousands of souls saved every year through mobile movie evangelism with Drive-In. Please pray for and support these ministries.**

Ionut and Estera Udrescu - Romania

We are very excited to report that in May, Estera gave birth to our healthy son, Elias Andrei! We thank God for His great grace and blessings in our lives and family. We also both graduated University in June, Praise the Lord! This summer we and our team will be renovating our church courtyard and reaching outer villages and towns through Cinema on Wheels. Please pray for our family, as we learn and grow as parents and for the Cinema on Wheels mission, that hearts would be opened, lives changed, and the name of Jesus lifted high in every village we visit. Thank you for being a vital part of this journey through your prayers, support, and friendship.

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NIGERIA - Gospel Faith Mission International (GOFAMINT)

Evan. George Adeniyi – Report of movie meetings for Apr.-Jun. 2025 Meetings **13** Attendance **3238** Decisions **1069**
Note: "April 18 in Ibadan we preached the Gospel at Easter in an area of so many unbelievers by showing the "Passion of the Christ" film. A huge number of them gave their life to Christ as so many cried for their sin."

TBBI - ROMANIA

Doug Nispel (family) are American missionaries serving with TBBI in the evangelism film ministry CINEMA PE ROTI (Cinema in the Park). They have recently been joined by a TBBI graduate, Christi Carloaba, during this summer ministry. This will expand their outreach with the Mobile Unit and the newly acquired trailer/MU combo, doubling their efforts.

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