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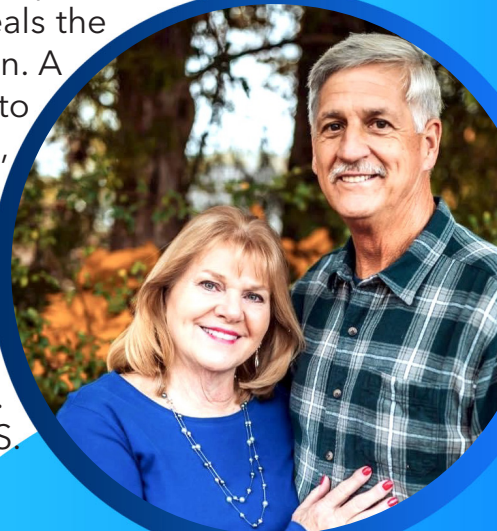
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DRIVE-IN MINISTRIES FOCUS

Ask, Seek, Knock...The Friend and Father of More (In 2024)

In Matthew 7 and Luke 11, we have the classic sermon on the mount scripture of Jesus' lesson on **prayer** to "everyone" to "Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you." It is important and helpful to know that in the original Greek language, these three verbs are written in a present imperative tense, meaning to keep on asking, keep on seeking, keep on knocking. The meaning and message of this is also revealed in the illustrative parables, before and after. The one before is about going to a "friend" for help to provide for someone else, the one after, a son going to his father for help. Both describe personal relationships that imply help is **available** and **receivable**. **Persistent** asking, seeking, and knocking reveals the degree of desire/need of the person and will ultimately get attention. A friend will eventually respond favorably to a friend as will a father to his child. Then Jesus says if earthly friends and fathers respond well, "how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him". The Holy Spirit is the Person of the Trinity who gives and applies the good will of God into our lives. Since Jesus is the One who commands us to pray (ask, seek, knock) and promises good answers, we should not hesitate, but rather diligently persist, for ourselves and for others. Drive-In needs these kinds of **pray-ers**. May the Lord encourage and challenge you as you read this FOCUS.



Drive-In Park

God continues to bless the park in **2024 Greater than Before**. The newly expanded movie site is quickly filling up with **more** cars and people and we are seeking the Lord for how to expand **more** and to help us improve some playground equipment and possibly expand the area or add more equipment in other areas. Having **more** people at the park means **more** people being saved at the movies, and engaged personally by scripture signs, tracts, and staff / volunteers. The park continues to build a good testimony in the tri-county area, and we hear regular comments about its beauty, cleanliness,

management, and atmosphere. We continue to **seek** the Lord for funding and a builder to begin construction on the main building.

Mobile Ministry - We have already scheduled **more** mobile meetings out of our home base than last year and are **asking** the Lord for **more**. The 2014 van donated last year is a great blessing, giving us more MU's to go **more** places. It is equipped and already in service.

Caleb and Katie Goodwin - Alabama

Movie night season is in full swing at Drive-In Park! We praise God for the many people He has brought out to the movie nights thus far to hear the Gospel. Over the course of five movie nights, we have had a total of 85 people indicate that they have made a decision for Christ! We are thankful for the local churches who have sponsored most of our movie season this year. The partnership of these churches is a blessing both to our ministry and to the new believers that are connected with them. Our family is also excited to share that we are expecting our third baby in October! We praise the Lord for how He is growing our family. Our family continues the support raising process. We only need an additional \$1,400 monthly to go full-time as park directors. Our prayer is that God will provide partners to join our monthly support team.



Jim Morgan - Alabama

Many times in my life I have been very closely attached to different people. I would have gladly laid down my life for my mother and father, but they are with Jesus today. My sister is next as well as my nephew, his wife, daughter, and son. Jesus did the same for us when he gave his life on the cross 2000 years ago. This just blows my mind that He would do it, even 2000 years before I was born! I need some friends who are not Christians, they are so important to bring to Jesus. Lord, give me non-Christian friends and use me to love them, teach them about Jesus, and give my life for them!

The Morrisons: David, Dana, April, and William

Prayer is the way we talk with God. We use prayer for many different things: giving thanks for our meals, physical healing of a friend, or some extra money to get a new car. The Bible gives us certain instructions when it comes to prayer. Philippians 4:6 tells us to let our requests be known to God. He wants us to ask, not because he does not know, but because he wants us to come to Him with all our heart.

James 4:3 tells us to pray with a right heart. We are human and are sinners by nature so coming to God with a right heart is important. John 16:24 says that we should ask in Jesus' name. Dana and I have been praying and asking for God's help with our raising of support. As of mid April, we are near 30% of our monthly support goal. Specifically, we are praying for God to send us a team that we can go to for advice and help, as well as a team that will be financial partners with us. There are many ways that you are helping us, but the most important is through prayer.



Spotlight **Stephen & Erika Jones - Alabama**

We're excited to share what God is doing in our lives. We're confident that God's plan for us in Colombia was completed. As you might recall, we were working with Pastor Eder from Bogotá to plant a church in Ambalema. However, the Lord has called him away from that to dedicate his time to Renacer Baptist Church in Bogotá. Since I don't have a calling to pastor, the people we've been discipling are now in the hands of a pastor who is much closer to them and who has a heart and love for the people of that region. We are amazed how God led us to Pastor Alex and his family. From early on, they understood our struggle and our burden for the people we were working with,

and they wanted to go with us to meet them and will continue God's work there. Only He could have orchestrated that outcome! Glory to God!

We are happy the Lord called us back to Drive-In U.S. I was offered the positions of Hispanic Ministry Director and Facilities Director.

As Hispanic Ministry Director, I'll be Drive-In's contact for our international ministry partners in Spanish-speaking countries to improve our bond with these partners for continued ministry.

I'll also coordinate with Spanish-speaking pastors in our area to reach the Hispanic population. We want to have Spanish events and movies at Drive-In Park. The Facilities Director position means I'm responsible for maintaining, improving, and expanding the Park for continued use in sharing the gospel. I will also be helping with maintenance on mobile units and other ministry equipment among other things. With our return to the States, we are realizing that our financial budget for Colombia is not

adequate for cost of living in the U.S. As such, we have

to begin raising more monthly support to meet our

new need. We pray that each of you will consider and pray about supporting Erika and I financially; and perhaps you know of someone else who might be interested in supporting God's work. If financial support isn't something you can do at this time, we would love for you to pray for us. While finances are important, the prayer we receive is even more important to us. Pray for this new step in God's plan for our lives, for us to quickly raise our needed support, for our engagement with the Hispanic community, for the Lord to continue blessing the weekly movie nights at Drive-In Park, and the development of the park for more evangelism. Please contact me at stephenpj10@aol.com with any questions or comments. Thank you for partnering with us at Drive-In Ministries!

International Ministries

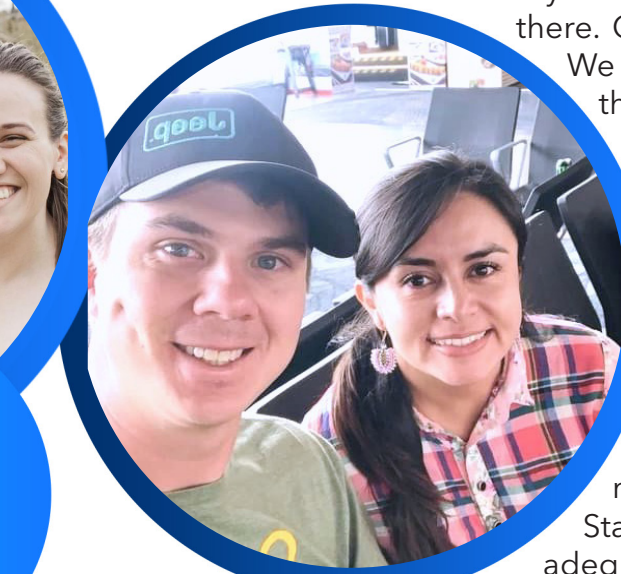
Ionut and Estera Udrescu - Romania

We greet with great joy all those who pray and support our mission in Romania.

We are very blessed to have you by our side. We serve the Lord with great passion!

We are currently involved in the following activities: Pastoral service of the Church, working with young people and adolescents, evangelism work through the Cinema on Wheels mission, and admin-

istration work (arrangement of spaces for activities, collection of funds, and others). Serving in this area of southern Romania is a great challenge, because the level of malice and opposition of the people is very high. The resources, both human (very few get involved with us) and material/financial are very limited. Almost all the Baptist Churches in Romania know our needs, but more than the promise for prayer, we don't get any other answer. Prayer requests: For our spiritual and physical health, financial resources in the work we do, and more people to get involved with us.





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International Ministries Continued: NIGERIA

GOFAMINT (Gospel Faith Mission International) - Bro. George Adeniyi is still in urgent need of a new Mobile Unit and equipment. He is most worthy of all we can do to help. A new Mobile unit package is approx. \$50,000. Please pray and help as God enables. Their report for Jan-Mar - **14 meetings, 2292 attending, 258 decisions.**

WATS (West Africa Theological Seminary) - Report for Jan- Mar. - **15 meetings, 2193 attendance, 234 decisions.**

Safe Harbor - Faith Baptist - Annual report of 2023 - **50+ meetings, 1500+ professions of faith.**

Memorials

Gifts were given in memory of **Matred Perdue** and **Kathy Leach** by Mike and AnnaMae Jones.

A gift was given in memory of **C. Kent Chapman** by his son, Kevin Chapman.

A gift was given in memory of **Stephen Thrash** by his wife, Lisa Eggers, and daughters, Madison and Nina.

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