DRIVE-IN MINISTRIES FOCUS

HEART TO THRIVE

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Purpose, position, responsibility, commitment, and reward are all good and valid reasons to **thrive** in our walk and service with the Lord, but there is another that embodies these and more… **HEART**! Heart (**Love**) is one of the greatest motivators there is in any area of our life. Heart takes all the reasons mentioned above and enhances them by adding "**passion**", a personal and emotional attachment that becomes a driving force. Two labor expressions I remember through the years are "Put your back into it", referring to physical and mental will-power and effort, and "Put your heart into it," meaning your desire and passion. Heart can take you **further** than physical and mental willpower can. Scripture addresses this repeatedly: Your heart reveals what's **most important** to you, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (and vice-versa), Matt.6:21. Paul stressed that no matter how difficult serving the Lord may become, we must never **lose heart** for Him or our service to Him, 2Cor. 4:16-18. Rom. 12:11 "Never be lacking in **zeal**, but keep your spiritual **fervor**, serving the Lord." Colossians 3:23, "Whatever you do, **work heartily, as for the Lord** and not for men." As Christians, we are commanded to "**Love the Lord our God** with **all** our heart, soul, mind and strength." I believe, if we do this, we will **gladly (passionately)** serve Him with **all** that **we are, all we have and will be**. Serving the Lord is not a job or a particular vocation, it is a **life**. 1 Cor. 6:19-20 reminds us that we are not our own, we were bought with a price (redeemed by His blood and given eternal life) and belong to Him. I am often reminded of the old chorus, "After all He's done for me, after all He's done for me, how can I do less than give Him my **best**, after all He's done for me." May the Lord encourage and challenge you as your read this FOCUS.

U.S. MINISTRIES

Drive-In Park

continues to grow in awareness, ministry, and development. The daily attendance and activity by the public reflects it is becoming more and more known to the city of Prattville and surrounding communities, and apparently on Google, as we have seen many travelers this summer take advantage of a nice park close to the interstate for a picnic / break from their journeys. Remember, there is always a witness, whether we are there or not, through the Scripture signs posted at the pavilions, soccer field, walking track, etc.. We've also seen an increase in groups using the park for events, games, soccer practices, party rentals, even the Department of Corrections regularly brings their officer trainees out for training at the park. Ministry is growing as well. Our movie season at the park is almost over and it's been very good with over 2700 attending and many decisions recorded so far. Development continues gradually with more activities and equipment and much anticipation and prayer for the main building to become a reality before long. Please continue to pray for the Lord to provide in miraculous ways.

Jim Morgan - Alabama

God is still using me here in Alabama! Each month I show an indoor Christian movie to the people where I live. Mike Jones came to show a movie outside at least 2 times! Now we are showing Season 5 of The Chosen every week! I am still communicating with Romanian friends, especially Tony in Bucharest and Andrey in Sibiu. The Lord has allowed me to have a Bible sent to Andrey, and he is reading the book of John! Andrey needs Jesus. I expect to go to Romania next May, 2026! Thank you for your prayers for so many years! God Bless you! jimatdriveinpark@gmail.com

David Morrison Family

Our movie season is nearing the end of the season. We have been very busy and over **400+** people have indicated that they have accepted Christ at the movie nights. We have also been blessed to be able to work on our support raising while doing that full-time, but our full-time status is questionable without additional support. Please pray for us to be able to reach new people to discuss the ministry and our financial goals. We are reminded that the money we have is not ours, but it's all the Lord's and He gives us a portion. We are praying that people would look to the Lord and ask Him to lead where He wants His money used. We would love to meet with you. If you want to know about the ministry or how to join our support team, please contact us at 334-300-3295 or david@driveinministries.com

Stephen and Erika Jones - Alabama

In early June we found out we are expecting our first child, and we just revealed that it's a boy! We can't be more excited as we anticipate the arrival of our firstborn around Feb 1. We visited Eri's family in Colombia in July to share the exciting news, and they are elated anticipating their first grandbaby. Please pray for her parents as they seek visitor's visas to come for the birth. While in Colombia, we visited our DIM partner and helped with a movie night, got to share a fruitful time with their team, and reinforced our relationship with the pastor. August 15 we bought a house in Millbrook, AL and are thrilled to finally have our own house again since moving back to the U.S. We continue dedicating our time to the park and Hispanic ministry, serving each week at the park movie nights, and doing Spanish movies with partner churches. We need more monthly financial supporters to come alongside us to be able to continue the work God has called us to do. Will you support us? Please contact me for more info or questions: stephen@driveinministries.com

SPOTLIGHT - FUTURE MISSIONARIES

By Mike Jones - President

A quick check with Google will tell you that the numbers of career missionaries has been **declining** for decades in the U.S. This truth is evident for several reasons. As our world, country, and cultures continue to change, largely due to the rapid changes in technology, there is constant pressure and opportunity for everyone, including Christians and ministries, to adapt to electronic automation and other means for speed, convenience, and efficiency. Will we be sending out AI's (robots) to do missions and ministry soon? There are good ways technology can assist and advance ministries, but there will always be a **need** for **physical personal** contact, and **long-term** commitments. More and more churches are emphasizing and targeting local missions, which is good, but often can become more about church projects and programs than evangelism and discipleship. Churches and people seem more ready to support **short** projects with **immediate** results, than long term investments into ministries and missionaries committed to serve for life. Mission organizations like Drive-In are established with a vision to serve the Lord until Jesus returns. There is a **need**, **place** and **purpose** for **short term** missionaries, but most missionaries see their call as **open-ended for life.** Unfortunately, I don't believe many churches today are emphasizing this, encouraging their members to consider it, nor committing long term support for them. This pool of missionaries, because of neglect, is **drying up**. **Take note** of this in your church, **pray** about it yourself, and **talk to others** about it. Many newer career missionaries in many organizations are **struggling to raise support** to **get** to their field and **stay** on the field. God has given us a fruitful, growing ministry of evangelism at Drive-In and we need **more career missionaries** (Park Director and others, now), however, we have two of our current missionary families that are struggling to raise enough monthly support to continue on the home field, the **Morrisons** and the **Stephen Joneses**. Please **consider** these needs, **share** it with others, and **pray** for more missionaries for this ministry. Thank You

INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

NIGERIA - Gospel Faith Mission International (GOFAMINT)

Evangelist George Adeniyi Mobile Ministry Report July – September - **10** Meetings, **1,229** Attendance, **246** Decisions. **Praise the Lord!**

Bible Impact Church, Pastor Alfredo Medina – Santa Marta, Colombia

The people of Santa Marta are a hardhearted people as we have experienced over the many years of planting and growing our church. Our team of volunteers consists of around twenty people. We are doing movie nights once a month and pass out 100 invitations before each movie. The number of attendees varies between 30-60. Some locations show more interest in the Gospel than others, and we have had four people visit our church because of the movies. One of those four has confessed Christ as Savior! We rejoice in this and continue faithfully doing God's work. Please pray for softened hearts as we continue spreading the gospel in our city!

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Ionut and Estera Udrescu - Romania

A fruitful summer of movie ministry is finished now as it is too cold at night for people to come. Praise the Lord for good ministry. The Mobile Unit van is getting old and experienced chronic engine problems during the summer. Some major repairs or replacements will be needed before next summer. Please pray for wisdom and provision for the right solutions. ionutest1907@gmail.com

TBBI - ROMANIA

Doug and Lisa Nispel, missionaries from PA, who have been directing the mobile movie evangelism ministry for the last several years, recently had to leave the ministry and return to the States due to some serious family issues that needed their attention. They had a very good summer ministry and even added a second movie team, but now don't know when or if they will be able to return. Please pray for their family and for the school as they appoint a replacement for Doug.

End of Year Giving

Extra gifts to the ministry toward the end of the year bless us to help finish well financially and bless the giver with extra tax credit. You can give monetarily, trusts, gifts-in-kind-vehicles, equipment, etc. If you have an extra vehicle you don't need (working or not) we would be glad to have it!

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