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## MAY NEWSLETTER

### The Evangelist / The Work of An Evangelist

God has called me to be an evangelist. The word "evangelist" occurs three times in the New Testament. It comes from the word "evangelizo" which means "announce good news." The first time is in Acts 21:8 referring to Philip. "On the next day we who were Paul's companions departed and came to Caesarea, and entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him." The next time is in Ephesians 4:11 referring to Christ's gift to the church. "And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers." Then the third time is in II Timothy 4:5, telling Timothy to do the work of an evangelist. "But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry."

Just as God gives to the church pastors/teachers who are endued with power to guide, instruct, and feed the flock with the Word of God, the same verse says God gives to the church the evangelists who have been endued with power to announce the Good News, in particular to the unsaved. According to the Word of God, God expects the church to use evangelists as much as He expects the church to have pastors. God has given special men to the church as evangelists. Not every preacher has the same gifts but every preacher should share the same burden of preaching the saving message of the Gospel.

I am so thankful for the many doors God opens for me to preach the Gospel. Thus far this year I have seen over 1,000 people trust in Christ for salvation in the places where I have preached. In the last few weeks, there has been an unusual power in the services with many being saved. But, not only in the church services, but in personal soul winning God has allowed me to lead many to Christ. This past Monday morning at an IHOP in Knoxville, Tennessee I had asked my waitress, Amanda, if she knew if she died would she be with God in heaven. She said no, she did not know that. She sat down at the table and I shared the Gospel with her. *Then Amanda wept her way to Christ.* Since that time, I got her connected with a local church to get her involved with a church. That is my call as an evangelist.

But every Christian is to do the work of an evangelist. That is what Paul is telling Timothy in II Timothy 4:5. You may never stand to preach in a crusade or in a revival, but every Christian can tell a lost person how to be saved. Last week at the Macedonia Baptist Church in Ranburne, Alabama on Wednesday night I saw a couple in that church do this work of an evangelist. On the way to the revival, while at a local restaurant they invited a young couple they just met in the restaurant to the revival and the young couple came with them. When I gave the invitation, the young man came forward and trusted Christ. That couple did the work of an evangelist!!

God has called me to be an evangelist but every one of us can do the work of an evangelist!

PLEASE PRAY FOR ME as I prepare to go to Ethiopia June 10 - 26. I will be doing street preaching, preaching in churches, and preaching in crusades! Pray for safety and for the anointing of God.

### Schedule:

May 3	Fairview Baptist Church,	Corryton TN
May 17	Mt. Hermon Baptist Church	Savannah, TN
May 24	Temple Baptist Church	Simpsonville SC
May 31 - June 5	Mountain View Baptist Church	Sevierville TN
June 10-26	Ethiopia Mission Trip	
June 28	Shiloh Baptist Church	Kingston TN
July 5	First Baptist Church	Millington TN
July 12	Carrollton Baptist Church	Carrollton MS
July 19	Blue Springs Baptist Church	Rutledge TN
July 26	Yellow Creek Baptist Church	Clarksville TN
Aug 3	Grace Baptist Church	Tullahoma TN
Aug 9-12	Good Hope Baptist Church	Adamsville TN
Aug 16	North Lanier Baptist Church	Lanier GA
Aug 23	Laurel Bluff Baptist Church	Kingston TN