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My passion and heart's desire is to see people come to Christ and be saved. I love to preach to large crowds and see people respond to a public invitation. But I still love to share Christ one on one to individuals. One of my favorite Bible verses is John 15:16, **Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.**

On January 8 of this year I was preaching in a church in Port Arthur, Texas. After preaching in the morning service I came back to my hotel room. I wanted to rest before the evening service. My room needed to be cleaned so I asked the maid in the hall if she would clean my room now so I could rest. She came in to clean the room, leaving the door open. I sat on the couch and asked her when she was finished if I could ask her two personal questions. She said, "Sure." Her name was Mercedes.

When she was finished, she sat down on the couch. Question number one, "When you go to church, where do you go?" She said, "I don't go to church." I said, "Okay. Question number two, do you know for sure if you were to die that you would go to heaven?" She said, "No." I asked, "Would you like to know how to know you can go to heaven when you die?" She said, "I sure would." So I shared the plan of salvation from the Scripture. She called on the Lord in repentance and invited Christ to save her. She jumped on my neck and started jumping up and down. I thought I sure hope there is no camera in here taking a picture.

That night when I got to church I told the pastor about Mercedes being saved. I asked him to do follow up with her and he said he would.

Three weeks later I was preaching another revival in Beaumont, Texas. That pastor came to the service one night and I asked him how Mercedes was doing. I could tell he was embarrassed because he had not done the follow up. I came home on Thursday.

As Paul Harvey used to say, "Now The Rest Of The Story." On Friday night that pastor called me. He said, "Don, I need to ask you to forgive me. I forgot to do follow up with Mercedes. But this morning I went to the hotel where she where she worked. I asked the clerk at the front desk if there was a Mercedes that worked there. She said, 'Are you talking about that Mercedes that found Jesus?' He said, 'Yes.' She said, 'Everybody in this hotel knows that Mercedes found Jesus.' She said, 'We don't know what that man did to her in that room. We don't know if he baptized her or what. But, when she came out of that room everybody knew that Mercedes had found Jesus. All she wants to talk about is Jesus.' " Mercedes is that fruit that remains.

Let me encourage you to go find you a Mercedes and tell her about Jesus!!

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SCHEDULE

Apr 2	Rock Springs Baptist Church Easley SC	May 7-10	Temple Baptist Church - Tent Crusade Simpsonville SC
Apr 9 AM & PM	Abilene Baptist Church Augusta GA	May 14	Fairview Baptist Church Corryton TN
Apr 16-19	Nina Baptist Church White Pine TN	May 21-24	Gamaliel Baptist Church Gamaliel KY
Apr 23-26	Bellview Baptist Church Bible Conference Laurens SC	May 28 - June 10	Ethiopia Mission Trip
Apr 30 - May 3	East Heflin Baptist Church Heflin AL	June 10-14	Preaching in Sudan in refugee camps, crusades and street preaching

On May 28 we will be traveling to Ethiopia with a team of 12 people. This year we will be preaching on the street, in churches and crusades. Also there will be training of pastors, pastor's wives and witnessing/teaching in prisons. There are over 200 converts waiting to be baptized in a river. Last year we saw 10,581 precious people give their heart to Christ. We know we serve an awesome God and He can do more than we could ask or imagine. We are praying for over 15,000 souls!!

Will you please join us as we pray for safety for the team in traveling and in country, and as we pray for all the financial needs? THANKS!!