



## Mardi Gras Outreach 2020

This year's Mardi Gras Outreach in New Orleans got off to a very difficult start. Carla and I had arrived early to have a couple of days of meetings and fellowship with the Uttermost board members who traveled from North Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas to join us on the campus of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. However, the day the board members arrived, I was feeling really sick. I made it through the meetings, but by the time the board left to return home, Carla and I both were feeling terrible. We decided to visit a local urgent care where we were both diagnosed with the flu. The only thing more miserable than having the flu at home is dealing with it while confined to a hotel room. It took several days, but we finally started feeling better although we remained very weak. The Lord gave us the strength to do street ministry for the remaining days of Mardi Gras. I was amazed that in our weakened condition the Lord allowed us to distribute over 17,000 Gospel tracts. We also had some wonderful one on one opportunities to share the Gospel in more detail. In 2 Corinthians 12:9 the Lord told Paul, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in weakness." We experienced the reality of this truth in a profound way during our Mardi Gras Outreach. We echo the apostle Paul's response in 2 Corinthians 12:10 when he wrote, "Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."





## Bugaya, Uganda Crusade

Our most recent crusade was held in Bugaya, Uganda. The place is as remote as the name sounds. It is the type of area I had in mind when the Lord laid the name Uttermos Evangelism on my heart. It was a two hour drive from where I was staying to the crusade ground. The journey started on a nice paved road which quickly turned to gravel and then just to red clay. The last miles were on a muddy path between vast sugar cane fields, traversed only by people walking or the tractors that farmed the sugar cane plantation. All the houses near the crusade ground were simple, small, round, mud huts with grass roofs. Most Americans cannot imagine, much less understand, the level of poverty the people in this area endure. We had four wonderful evenings of crusade services, and the Lord miraculously held off from the crusade grounds the rain which surrounded us night after night. During the crusade 438 adults and youth gave their lives to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. On the last night of the crusade as I was preparing to leave, the local pastors association summoned me back to the platform where they presented me with a thank you gift of two live chickens. The crowd applauded, and the pastors smiled and wanted to take pictures with me. As I

drove to my lodging place that night, I was well aware that most of the people at the crusade were so poor they could eat meat only for special occasions. I have been given some generous love offerings during my ministry, but none have touched me more deeply than those two live chickens.



## Social Media Evangelism

During the Covid-19 pandemic, we started a social media evangelistic outreach campaign, collaborating with many of our ministry partners from around the world. We are producing short videos which encourage people during this time of pandemic and which share a clear presentation of the Gospel. As of the end of April, we have produced videos in ten languages currently being promoted in over 30 countries. These videos have been viewed over two million times so far. Please pray for this project as we expand the number of languages and countries.



### Prayer Requests for Social Media Outreach

Pray that Facebook will approve the videos as we attempt to post them.

Pray that Facebook will let the videos run without interference.

Pray that many lost people will click on the videos and watch them from beginning to end.

Pray that Gospel seeds will be sown in people's hearts that don't know the Gospel.

Pray that many people will call on the name of Jesus in faith and repentance and be saved.

Pray that the name of Jesus will be lifted up and glorified.