



Mardi Gras Outreach 2022

Last year Mardi Gras was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, this year Mardi Gras was back with the largest crowds in many years. Carla and I spent the last two weeks of the Mardi Gras season in New Orleans doing street ministry. A 14 member mission team from our home church, Highland Park Baptist Church in Mount Airy, North Carolina, joined us for five days. The team did outreach at parades in New Orleans, Metairie, Kenner, Slidell, Houma, and Algiers all in Louisiana. Having a large group allowed us to position small teams of people along the entire length of the parade routes where we ministered. During the five days the team distributed over 63,000 gospel tracts, 1,200 Gospels of John, and 550 New Testaments. The team also had many opportunities to pray with and share their faith with people along the parade routes. The highlight of our mission may have been when one of our team members, John Nixon, was giving away his last tract of the night. The man asked John some questions about the tract and allowed him to present the Gospel. Right in the middle of a busy street of parade revelers, with tears in his eyes, the man prayed to receive Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. The man had come from Minnesota to Louisiana to celebrate Mardi Gras. The Lord sent a man from North Carolina to a busy, noisy parade route to meet him with a divine appointment. The Lord is truly still seeking and saving the lost of this world. Pray that many more of the seeds that were sown during Mardi Gras will bear spiritual fruit.





Ministering to Ukrainian Refugees

When Carla and I returned from doing ministry in Ukraine last fall, I knew the regional war in Ukraine that had been festering for eight years was about to become a full scale invasion. Russia was stationing tens of thousands of additional troops along the Ukraine border. I reached out to some of our ministry partners in Ukraine, Moldova, and Romania to encourage them to be ready to receive refugees if the full scale invasion happened. Although our ministry partners had church facilities, mission houses, and youth camps where refugees could be housed, they lacked resources to look after them if they took them in. I took a big step of faith and committed to help them look after any refugees they were willing to receive and house. Since the war broke out in February, we have been helping to house, heat, feed, clothe, and provide basic hygiene and medical care for between 120-150 refugees at three facilities in Romania and Moldova. We have also helped provide mattresses, washers, dryers, computers, internet, and generators for many of them. We are also helping displaced people inside Ukraine who are being housed by churches and Christian families in western Ukraine. Many of the people

we are helping are not Christians. I believe the Lord is going to use the difficult circumstances of this war to bring many people to saving faith in Jesus Christ.



Tanzania Crusades Continue

The Lord allowed Uttermost Evangelism to conduct four evangelistic crusades in Tanzania in the first quarter of 2022. During the four crusades 2,489 adults and youth gave their lives to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Thousands more heard the true Gospel message for the first time in their lives. We are partnering with dozens of evangelical churches to follow up with those who accepted Christ. Please join us in praying for those who were saved. Pray for us and our Tanzania ministry partners as we continue to plan crusades to saturate that country with the Gospel.



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