



MARDI GRAS

Mission Team Joins Mardi Gras Outreach

Three days after returning from three weeks of crusades in Tanzania, I boarded a plane to New Orleans, LA, to lead our eighth year of outreach at Mardi Gras. I have to confess that the street ministry during Mardi Gras stretches me more than any other ministry we do. There is something about filling your pockets with Gospel tracts, going out on a crowded street in a large American city, and systematically approaching and engaging one stranger after another with the Gospel, that is horrifying and humbling at the same time. The amazing thing is that I have spent many hours and days doing this type of ministry and have placed tens of thousands of tracts in people's hands. I have experienced every possible response and reaction that you can imagine. However, as much as I have come to love doing this, I still do it with a level of fear and trembling. This year I was joined by a mission team from Doty Chapel Baptist Church in Shannon, MS. The pastor and team leader, Rev. Steve Paul, also serves as the President of the Board of Directors for Uttermost Evangelism. I was honored to partner with this church and these mission team members to lift up the name of Jesus Christ. Every member of the mission team did a tremendous job and distributed many thousands of Gospel tracts.





Betty Jane Pardue aka “Granny Bets”

I remember the day I met my future mother-in-law. Carla and I had already been dating for a year, but her parents had been in Tanzania serving as extended volunteer missionaries with the then International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. On that day, Carla and I traveled with the Baptist Student Union from Campbell University to Ridgecrest Conference Center for a conference. Carla's parents had just finished their service in Tanzania and were back in the USA. They met us at Ridgecrest and I met “Granny” for the first time. Granny spent her life doing missions. She led missions and missions programs both at her church and at the associational level of her denomination, participated in mission trips nationally and internationally, and never missed an opportunity to support missions and missionaries. That was never more true than in her support for my and Carla's mission ministry. Granny supported us during our years in Romania and through the ministry of Uttermost Evangelism by prayer, encouragement, personal involvement, and help. Even as she aged and declined in health, she enjoyed helping Carla with any project she was working on around the office. Granny died on the day I was scheduled to fly back from three weeks of crusades in

Tanzania, the country in which she had served. Please pray for us as we have lost a mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, and faithful mission partner in God's Great Commission.



Prayer Requests

June 1-4

Crusade

Nyehunge, Tanzania

June 8-11

Crusade

Kakola, Tanzania

June 23-25

GraceFest

Grace Baptist Church

Targu Mures, Romania

June 26-July 9

Volleyball Championship

Evangelistic Outreach

Singerei, Moldova

Hungary Legacy Conference

Carla and I recently traveled to Szepalma, Hungary, to participate in a conference hosted by Mentoring Ministry Europe, which is led by Marius Chiciudean, who also serves as Uttermost Evangelism's European Outreach Coordinator. Participants came from 14 different countries throughout Eastern Europe, Western Europe, Eurasia, and the Balkans. I was able to teach the participants practical biblical principles on how to live in such a way as to leave a lasting godly legacy with their lives and ministries. We knew and have partnered in the past with some of the conference participants and made new connections, which we pray will result in new mission partners for the future.

