

Festival Banner



Partnering with Churches & Ministries
To reach the Unreached by taking the
GOSPEL beyond the church walls

"Tell me the story of Jesus ..."

*Write on my heart
every word;
Tell me the story most
precious, Sweetest that
ever was heard."*

These words written by Fanny Crosby in 1880 should lead us to stop and think; 'Is this the desire of my heart? Do I want to hear the story of Jesus more than anything else?'

The story of Jesus has been told since the day of His birth. Wise men and shepherds, lawyers and fishermen, all heard the story of Jesus. But they did more than hear. They told the story of Jesus as they told their story of what He was doing in their lives.

Through the years Across Festivals has heard many stories of what Jesus has done in the lives of those who have encountered Him through one of the events.. Here are just a couple stories of what God has done recently.

After the event in Kentucky a woman wrote these words: "Tears flowed as the evangelist gave his message...because I've been one who is afraid to step out for fear of making wrong choices, fear of being rejected, and lots of other fears that have sealed my mouth. God definitely was in this weekend. God says, "Do not be afraid, I am with you". I forget that often and let fear take over ... I am a life that was changed this weekend. I know many more were set free there under the tent. Tears are flowing again because I know God has and will continue to use my testimony to guide others through. That was my big revelation this weekend. I thank God He spoke through the evangelist to give me that message loud and clear. My burden to help others who hurt and are lost and those who do not know God is ever growing so much more every day."

A pastor in Sweetwater had this to say one night after the event there: "There just ain't no better feeling in the world than watching teenagers come to Jesus. Tonight, we had several! ... God has lit so many fires on this field this week, and I want more! The Bible says that the prayers of the righteous availeth much. Be steadfast and pray yourself slam to sleep! It is working, it is working. Hallelujah, IT IS WORKING!!!



*"Tell how the angels in
chorus, Sang as they
welcomed His birth,
"Glory to God
in the highest!
Peace and good tidings
to earth."*

YEAR-END GIFTS & Contribution Records

If you desire to make an end of year gift to this ministry please remember it must be **postmarked** by **Thursday, Dec. 31st** in order to be recorded as a 2020 tax-deductible gift. Donations are now accepted **ONLINE** at acrossfestivals.com as well as through the **USPS**. A record of all gifts made in 2020 to be used for tax purposes will be mailed to donors during the month of January 2021. The Across Festival office is always happy to serve you. Please do not hesitate to contact us if there is any question about your gift record.



PRAYER: The Strategy

"Prayer is not a substitute for action. It is an action for which there is no substitute."

- Greenville, AL event in March 2021
- Rescheduling of events because of Covid
- Budget needs
- Salvation of the lost
- Boldness for believers
- Prospective event in Maryland
- Prospective event in Delaware
- Upcoming Medical Mission trip to Haiti
- Safe travel for John
- Good health for John & Jeanette



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From the heart ...

Everybody has a God Story! My desire is that I will see what story God is writing of my life each day. After all, we are told in Hebrews 12 that He is the Author and Finisher of our Faith. I am so thankful that He never gave up on me and continues to pursue me every day. As you well know, and have heard over and over, 2020 has been a different year. But you know what, every year is different and COVID did not surprise our Lord one bit. Let me tell you my God Story!

The year 2019 ended with me in Emory Hospital for a lung resection to check out a suspicious spot in the upper left lobe that had been discovered through an advanced health screening I had in April 2019. December 30 I went into surgery where it was discovered that I had stage 2 nonsmoker cancer. Thus, my surgeon took out the whole upper left lobe which he had told me he would do if he found cancer. The next day he told me the most surprising thing! Within 30 minutes of removing the upper left lobe, the lower left lobe filled in the spot left vacant by the upper lobe. Isn't God creative! My God Story is of being in good health because God had convicted me heavily about my health earlier in the year and I began doing things to have better health. I have had complete healing and did not require any further treatments for which I am more than thankful! Thank You God!

In March, we all began a new March Madness that was not basketball. Every crusade that we were in the process of preparing was soon canceled. I was told by three of my doctors to go home until we could see what was happening. Did I tell you that I have doctors that love the Lord? Thank You God!

I obeyed my doctors and my great Across Festivals Ministry Board and headed home. What was I to do in quarantine? I began calling and texting pastors asking them how I might pray for them. What a privilege to intercede for so many! I began talking with pastors in Haiti asking how I could work with them from afar. God had a plan! He allowed my ministry partner, Ken, and myself to conduct eight weeks of discipleship training via Zoom. In July, my Mom became very ill and would need hospice care. When the hospice aide came for her first visit, I met her outside to tell her some about Mom. She told me about herself, and I asked her; "Where are you from?" She tells me she is from Auburn, but I say, "No, you live in Auburn, but you are not from there." She then tells me she is from Haiti. I said, "I know because your dialect gave you away." She was so excited that I had been going to Haiti for several years. By the way, she translated for Ken and me for our last zoom meetings with the pastors in Haiti, and will be going with us on a medical mission trip sometime. Thank You God!

And lastly, I really wanted to do some ministry somewhere in the fall, but everything had been cancelled. But God! ... Two pastors called, one from Sweet Water, AL and one from Mayfield, KY. They asked if I would consider helping them with outdoor events in each town. Planning began in August and we were in Sweet Water the first part of October, and Mayfield in the latter part of October. In both places we saw people come to the Lord and saw the church experiencing revival. God's People are a wonderful people! Thank You God!

I want to encourage to "fix your eyes on the Lord Jesus Christ!" He is still on His Throne and is still inviting you and me to join Him in what He is doing in this world. Who is writing your story? You, or Jesus? Please let Him be the Author and Finisher of your Faith! Thank You, God, for inviting us to join You!

In Christ Alone,

... John



ONE OF A THOUSAND

"Little becomes much when you place it in the Master's hands."



Please consider being One of A Thousand people giving just \$10 a month to help Across Festivals go to places that want us to come alongside them but do not have the financial means. You may mail a check (please designate 1/1000 on memo line and use envelope enclosed). Or, you may give online at acrossfestivals.com via the One of A Thousand link. To all who have already made this commitment we are very grateful and look forward to the things God will do through everyone's gifts.

Be sure to see photos, videos and more of the things God has done at various events on the Across Festivals Facebook page and on the website.

In Loving Memory

*A memorial gift has been given to
Across Festivals
In Memory of Mrs. Mabel Bush
by Betty Jean, Elaine,
and Emily Pharris*

THANK YOU ... to everyone who gave to the Haiti Truck fund. Gifts given totaled \$22,000!! The truck, under the supervision of Pastor Marc Cloveus, has been used to transport sick people, food to the hungry, church team members planting new churches and so much more. To God be the Glory for all He has done! And will continue to do.

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