

EVANGELISM OUTREACH



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Operation Back To The Future

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#OPERATION BACK TO THE FUTURE FALL - WINTER 2023 -2024

The Spring, Summer and Fall of 2023 and our Booklet #OPERATION BUMMER SUMMER was a bit of a SAGA about how I Sprained my back in March, had Pneumonia in April and then the Detroit Police kicked us off of the Sidewalks of the 4th Precinct in May, I felt like everything in our Ministry was unraveling.

Ironically after years of not having Churches on the Streets with us due to all the Serial Killers then the first night Pastor Mike Ragan brought a few of his men down with us on the very night that the Code Enforcement Ordinance Officer showed up and told us to pack up and leave the sidewalk.

On July 17th we held an AMAZING 47th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION and Clothing Drive at the Kingsley Inn in West Bloomfield Michigan. The event was extremely fancy for old Joe Dirtbag here but it was very memorable indeed and honoring my now 98-year-old Mother who is a genuine WW II Rosie the Riveter.

Summer gave way to Fall I worked on my health and strength far more than I ever told anyone and had several medical tests run on me, I have a few issues but was given a clean bill of health. So, I'll start this EVANGELISM OUTCRY BOOKLET where I basically left off. Thank God we had a Great Winter with milder weather as well.

“THE HILL”- BIKETOBERFEST October 2023 – DAYTONA

For decades now Miss Lisa and I have been going to both Daytona Beaches Bike Week and Biketoberfest Biker Rally, I have preached and she and I have passed out tract's countless times there and for the most part we have been either accepted or tolerated.

We have had to change tactics a bit because hundreds of Bikers began to put big dual speakers in their two huge saddle bags and the volume on each Motorcycle is like an ear-splitting rolling Rock concert, so I bought a Cube speaker to try to preach over top of it but at some point, it just all becomes just noise.

So, we simply moved a few blocks across A-1-A to a less noisy spot right at a place near where the side walk narrows, it perfect and then we branched out from there.



During these numerous trips to these Biker Rallies I have always been more into the Street Preaching to the Bikers where Miss Lisa has been much more wanting to continue our Homeless Outreach to the Homeless there in Daytona.

Over the years the Daytona's Law Enforcement has been ordered to get the Homeless Population away from the tourists on the Beach, the Homeless are there but they are involved in a bit of a Cat and Mouse game with Law Enforcement, and Several of the Homeless Outreaches have been chased off by the Police in Daytona.

There is a nearby City that has an area called "The Hill" that has an area intentionally set aside for Homeless and "vagrants". Lisa and I have done numerous nights feeding and clothing the Homeless there and also several times now in Downtown Jacksonville Florida on our trips South which I have given yet another of my nicknames #Operation Southern Souls.

We bought numerous Throw Blankets and food items and headed over to "The Hill" and it was both Heart Breaking and wild. At the first corner we got out at there was a woman sitting under some Bushes and Palm Trees and in a cheerful tone I said "Hello young Lady how are you doing tonight?" To which she answered bluntly, "Well I don't have any legs." I could feel all that upbeat stuff getting slapped out of me by a dose of the Street reality.

This little Lady's name is Vernioica and she is totally missing her legs from her hips down and she was sitting on the ground with her wheelchair nearby, her boyfriend was there too, as well as a few other Homeless men, Vernioica and Miss Lisa became fast friends but my weird little Bird Brain went into survival mode thinking, "Where do these folks go when it rains and thunderstorms hit... worse yet what do they do during Hurricanes?"

A few nights later we came back to that are and went to a Party Store that looks like a mixture of a Homeless hangout and a Drug corner. We pulled up and as soon as folks saw us handing stuff out it became a bit of a feeding frenzy. Right off the bat Miss Lisa and I looked at each other because we were shocked at the number of older Homeless adults who were missing legs and in wheelchairs in and around that parking lot.

THE HALLOWEENIES 2023- DAYTONA FLORIDA

The Halloween Season has changed immensely from a hundred years ago when it used to be for “Adults” then during the early Baby Boom it became more for kids, and has begun to change again more and more back towards being more for adults again. Until the recent economic decline, the decorating of Houses for Halloween was catching up to the decorating of Houses at Christmas time but there are more Halloween time seasonal stores than Christmas stores and outlets.

So “Devilment” is catching up to the time that most of the World has celebrated the Birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. There is a huge debate as to the actual time of the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ some emphatically believe it was April, others believe it was during September or November during the Feast of the Tabernacles. Others still hold to late December or early January during the “Birthing of the Lambs.” No matter who is actually right the most important thing is that the Lord Jesus Christ was born!

HALLOWEEN BUGS ME... but not for the same reasons as many of my brethren, I can remember Brother Laster Roloff was preaching at the Rochester Hills Baptist Church in 1972 Or 1973, we had just moved out of the old auditorium now called Nelms Hall, into the new larger auditorium where Brother Lester Roloff made a statement I'll not soon forget, he said “We are on the verge of a Revival of Witchcraft in America.”

Now at 63 years of age I've watched our culture change and things that would have never been talked about were sang about in a tongue in cheek manner to very out-front and blunt and even innocent acting “Pop Stars” hold Witchcraft Ceremonies on



stage in front of their young innocent adoring fans.

JEEPERS CREEPERS- Well back when we had our Youth Ministry Street Preaching group several of our little girls kept telling us about a “Scary Movie” they were all watching called “JEEPERS CREEPERS”. It was maybe a year later when I saw that terrifying flick that shocked me that parents would let their little girls or boys watch something so “Scary” and downright terrifying!

This Devil Gargoyle looking creature called Jeepers Creepers hunted down replacement body parts from human victims primarily teenagers and young people. It sniffed out its needed parts then killed them swallowing the parts in a hideous gulping sound.

Jeepers Creepers had a face that looks like a man, long hair like a woman, teeth like a Lion, and Bat like wings on a human body with reptile like scales... and little girls 6 – 9 year old girls were watching this stuff? Minus the body of a Horse this “Jeepers Creepers” Dude looks like one of the Locusts from Revelation 9:1-10. (Yet another Movie called “MIMIC” has a Horse size Bug snatching people... Hollywood just can’t leave it alone.

I just figured, Well why not! Since these kids and teens are allowed to see and know all this absolutely terrifying stuff already, they could easily handle the “Scary” stuff in the Bible. And for years every Fall I started teaching the kids and teens about the “Scary” stuff about the Devil, Hell, devils or “demons”, fallen angels, the “Blood Sucking Angels from Jupiter” or Vampires in the Bible, witchcraft, Baphomet. And I drew glow in the dark chalk drawings with spooky music to boot. We started our “BASH HALLOWEEN BASH” activities. Where I drove my Jeep “Kermit” and we beat up stuffed “devils” and Aliens with foam covered baseball bats and shot them with paint ball guns. BIG FUN! The second name for our “BASH HALLOWEEN BASH” activities I nicknamed our “SECOND ADVENT PARTIES” they were both “Fun” and very educational as we taught the kids and teens that the Lord Jesus and His forces will one day route the Devil and his forces at the Battle Armageddon, strong stuff but not...

as visually graphic as Hollywood putting out a human body part eating Monster
like Jeepers Creepers, the Underworld series or even the Twilight series that kids
were getting into.

threw myself into all this Anti- Devilment, Anti Things that Go Bump in the
Dark activities and preaching and teaching to the Kids and Teens but that spread.

All of my FUNNY, Fun radical anti-Devil stuff soon spilled over into my Street
reaching, I just figured “Hey Ya’ Weirdos IF Y’all want to be SCARED let me
CARE THE DEVIL OUT OF YOU BY TELLING YOU WHAT THE BIBLE
REALLY SAYS!”

FORWARD TO OCTOBER 31st 2023- Miss Lisa and I were driving up A-1-A
and we saw a bus filled with Illegal Immigrants checking into the Daytona Beach
Hilton formerly the famous “Adam’s Mark” which is prime real estate with charge
premium prices for its beautiful Ocean front rooms.

It was shocking to Miss Lisa and I that after
decades of working with and seeing some of the
most pitiful situations with American Homeless
people, even right there on the Board Walk
behind the Hilton that this is all happening, we
just don’t get it at all?

Halloweenfest was officially over and we were
waiting for Bible Believers Baptist Church’s
jubilee the following week, So Halloween day
Miss Lisa and I went fishing in two different
locations. When we got home later and I turned
on my phone and a bunch of my friends were
continuing their whining, whimpering and were
terrified about “HELLOWEEN!” I was exhausted, sunburnt and smelled like a
mixture of sweat and fish. But angered that so many of my friends were being...



...worse Chicken Livers and “Scaredy Cats” than my little Girls from our Youth Ministry and Street Preaching group years before were about Jeepers Creepers!

I washed up some, put on a Street Preaching Tee Shirt and went out to Scare the Devil out of a bunch of folks who were out “Getting their Halloween Vibe on!” I was surrounded by a mix of Bikers, young people and Immigrants, and I preached a “Scary” message TO SCARE THE DEVIL out of them, WHAT A BLAST!



JUBILEE- JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA

We attended the huge Jubilee meeting at the Bible Believers Baptist Church in Jacksonville Florida, it was a great meeting and it is AMAZING to see a Church that still preaches the Old Time religion, old fashioned music and has such a huge crowd of young people and young preachers and Bible College students attending their Bible Institute. Contrary to all the “God can’t do anything in the Laodicean Church Age talk, God is doing some huge things in this Lukewarm religious age that we live in.

THE ALLEY PEOPLE-

The Saturday after Thanksgiving I drove downtown to the Vietnam Veterans Chapter 9 Detroit which meeting in the huge Masonic Temple building in the old Cass Corridor neighborhood just north of Detroit's business district.

I was stunned by the bazar mixture of the Gothic Architecture of the huge Masonic Temple and the huge Christmas decorations inside after my delivery.

I drove back around to a crew of Homeless folks that I saw on my way down, between "The Avenue" and I-94, this group had a burn barrel one brand new big tent and an even larger hand-built tent made of blue tarps and other items. The homemade tent was like a huge Viking lodge or an American Indian lodge.

I was worried that their tents were so visible and that the white smoke going up from the barrel might get them in trouble, especially because their set up was in the alley right behind a very busy car repair garage, but after being kicked off of the sidewalks by the Detroit Police in the South West's 4th precinct back in May seeing these "Alley People" gave me new ideas about some of the things that we used to do going empty store front door, in back alleys, and abandoned houses and buildings, and for the first time since May I was suddenly really excited about our Detroit part of our Homeless Ministry again.

#OPERATION BACK TO THE FUTURE- LAKE ORION - DETROIT MICHIGAN

For the 4th year in a row Ken Popchock called me to tell me that he wanted me to meet him Christy McConnaughay Porter up at the Dollar General in Lake Orion Michigan to purchase supplies again for our Street Outreach.

After Ken, Christy and their friends purchased the items for us we went and had Burgers at a local restaurant. And NO JOKE I heard a familiar voice on the phone which said "Hey Brother Joe this is Danny from The Avenue, how are you doing?"

Danny who some folks gave the Street name "Pack Rat" is a great guy who really tries to help other Homeless folks on the Street as well as poor families in the area by taking the supplies we hand out "Squirrling" them away then faithfully handing them out.

Danny had not heard that the Police had shut us down and then he told me where he was staying, I was shocked because he was staying in a guard shack in a parking lot with others off of "The Avenue" about 3/4 a mile from where the Alley People were living.

Ken Popchock, Cristy, friends and the folks at the Dollar General filled our trailer again and I was excited to see if we could regather the folks on The Avenue that we had lost after being shut down by the Police.



BULLDOZED- DETROIT MICHIGAN

Miss Lisa and I were all excited and fired up to get down to the Alley People and we left and went down there and it just looked weird in that dark alley. We could not see any smoke or light from the burn barrel and we could not see the color of the new light-colored tent and the big Lodge looking make shift tent just looked weird!

I stepped out of the van as Miss Lisa was gathering some of the Chips and snacks from the back of the van, I walked down the alley and I thought, “MAN WHAT IN THE WORLD?” And I realized that the long homemade lodge tent was destroyed, crushed and piled up into what looked more like a Tee Pee. The new tent was a few yards away and it was also crushed and covered with debris.

It wasn't until I was walking back to the van that I felt and looked down and saw the huge tire tracks from some kind of back hoe or earth moving machine in the black dirt in the alley, Miss Lisa and I talked about it and realized that “Once Again” a business, the City, the Law or somebody had permanently “EVICTED” the Homeless men and women that were living in that back Alley.

“Wouldn't Ya Know it?” I said to Miss Lisa, here we have an entire trailer load of hygiene items, food items, hats, gloves and all sorts of other goods and the one Homeless crowd we wanted to help were forcefully driven out...

It reminded me of our days in our infamous “Tensile Town” in Lafayette Park where several of our tents had been moved to and no one cared until the leaves fell, and the tents and burn barrel became very obvious to the public view. And I do not know if these “Alley People” people had broken into the cars at the Automotive Garage or not, but without even looking into it I can assure you that there are numerous Codes and Ordinances from many days gone by that would stop these folks from to try to survive in the elements. And I really hope that whatever possessions the folks in that alley had they were able to take before they got BULLDOZED!

We went down to where Danny and his crew were staying in a guard shack, we gave them food and some of the items from Ken Popchock, Christy Mc Connaughay Porter and the Dollar General store. Kenny in his normal form immediately told us about a minivan down the road where there were 5 to 6 people in it.

We went down to that second lot and fed and clothed them and we were in shock for a second time that night, there were three men, two women one of them was extremely pregnant and a Pit Bull Dog too!



They were burning cans of Sterno heating oil and also Hand sanitizer inside the van to keep themselves warm and no Joke this same broken-down minivan was being used for Homeless housing years ago and I guess always was it was just shoved over into this muddy lot.

The folks in the van told us that the Police know that they are there as does the business next to this Lot, but this van having Homeless folks a pregnant Homeless woman and a Dog with her burning fuels inside with them and needles sitting in plain view are the things are things that nightmares are made of.

Our Doorway to Door way and vacant lot to lot was already growing just like we did years ago, thus #Back To The Future which I know was named after a Movie that I never saw but the name #BACKTOTHEFUTURE is very fitting nickname.

#BACKALLEYBLASTBLOWOUT- DETROIT

I'm always using named Operations, Goals, Nicknames and now named Hashtags # to inspire myself... For years now we have held huge parties during the Holiday Season for both the Homeless and numerous needy families, I nicknamed those parties "SIDEWALK CELEBRATIONS" and we have held dozens of them in The Uptown, Motel Hell, the Southwest Side at "The Avenue", "Death Valley" and in "Spanish Alley" but Ford Motor Company's 350 Million Dollar BEAUTIFUL renovation of Detroit's old Train Depot has changed everything on the Southwest Side of Detroit.

The Gordy Howe International Truckers Bridge construction which will turn Detroit into an even larger center of trucking and commerce, plus the unbelievable renovation and construction in Downtown Detroit and the Seven Cities area like Greek Town that are planned Entertainment Districts.

Recently as the many other "Woke" Cities across America have been destroying themselves with crime, the City of Detroit has been changing its reputation from terrible and believe it or not, Detroit has become a role model for the rest of America's Major Cities.

Since our little ministry with a HUGE OUTREACH has been kicked off of the Side Walks in South West Detroit but suddenly Danny had a private lot for us to feed and preach at, Danny contacted most of the old crowd from the Avenue. I went to the 5 folks in the Mini Van as well as folks we have met inside several vacant buildings on "The Avenue" and we changed the name from "#Sidewalk-Celebration" to "#BACKALLEYBLASTBLOWOUT"! That sounded pretty lively and we had a bunch of people show up for it with a bunch of stuff from Ken Popchock, Christy McConnoughhay Porter and the General Dollar Store in Lake Orion.



Ken Popchock & Crew!



Fri Dec/8/2023

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Both Brother Dale and Brother Joe here had the same idea of going back to Hart Plaza on the River Front but when we got there, we were in for a big shock. The entire downstairs area was blocked off to any foot traffic and the spot where our ministry had fed several for years was now completely blocked off, I'm talking like Jail House tight!

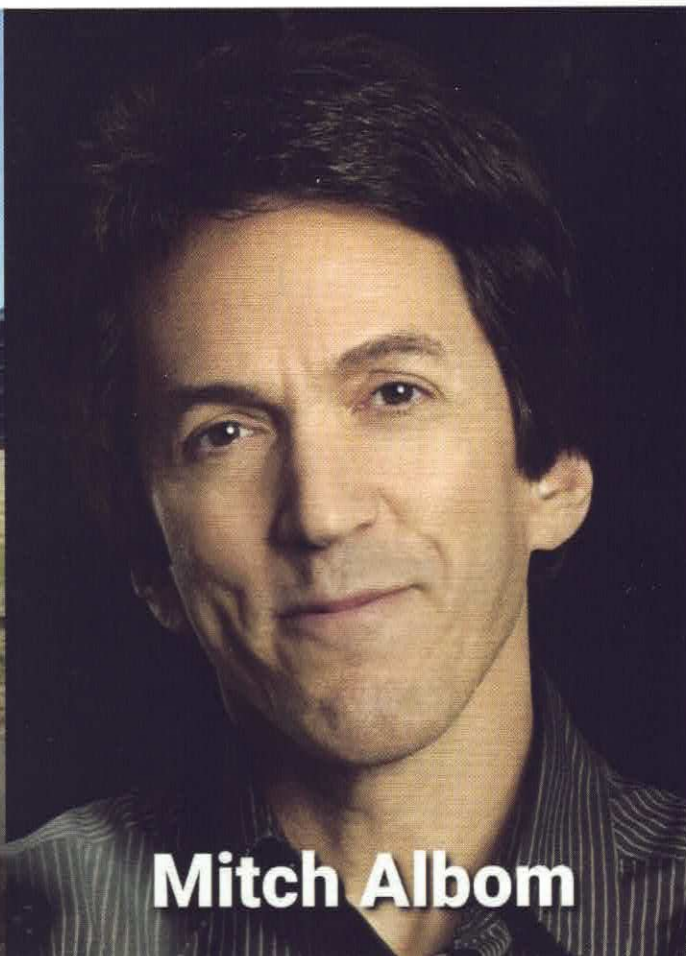
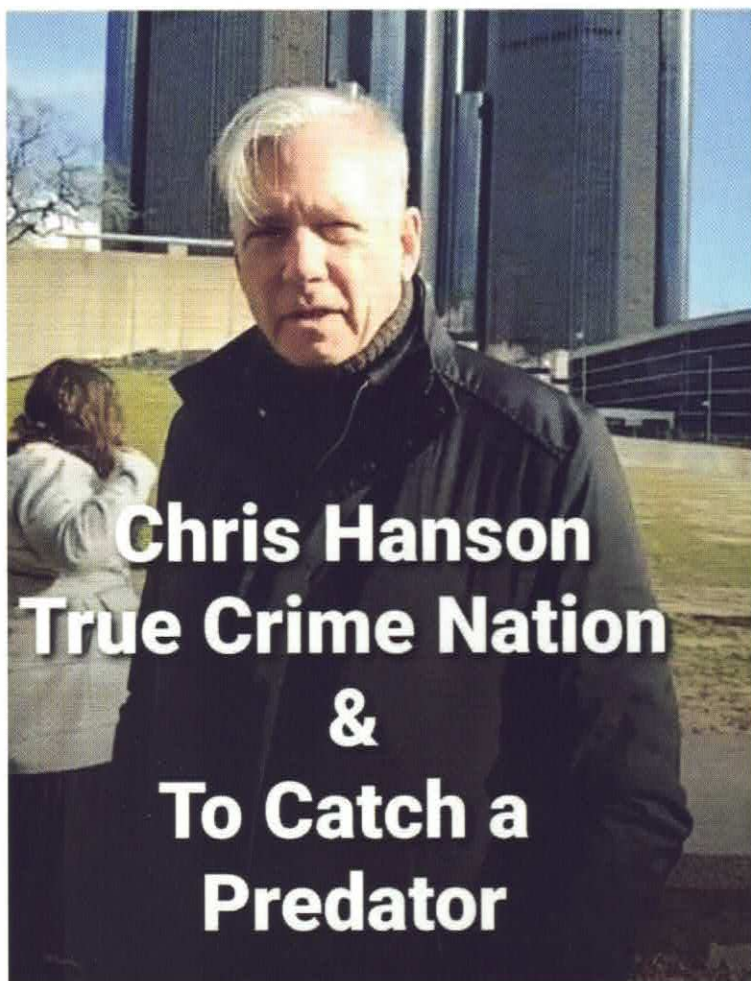
I can't say that Brother Joe here is to blame but I definitely brought a ton of attention over the years to the Homeless problems down there. Between 2014's "Camp Wet Vet" which became the Viral sensation "Tensile Town" where I first met the City Council folks. I vowed to never return to that spot so as to not cause Mayor Dugan, both City Council Presidents Brenda Jones or Mary Sheffield trouble. But we got an Acts 16:9 "Macedonian Call" from Samuel one of our old crew and when Brother Curt Hamilton and I went back down to both "The Cavern" and "The Pit" at Hart Plaza it was heartbreaking.

A Homeless woman caught her boyfriend's tent on fire which plunged everything in the big "Cavern" area into darkness, plus hundreds of Rats overran the place like never before eating the food that both the Homeless folks and groups that fed them left there. And the men even told us that they would hang the food on the walls but, then Squirrels would climb the walls chew the bags and what the Squirrels did not eat would fall to the Rats below. NO JOKE!

We watched in shock as one great big guy sleeping on a concrete bench his body was used as a Rodent Super Highway as he slept numerous Rats ran right across him! So, I went and bought several bags of Rat pellets and put them in the drains and trash cans. I called Detroit City Council Mary Sheffield's staff members told them this was a Bubonic Plague Outbreak waiting to happen.

A few years later Chris Hansen famous reporter of the show "TO CATCH A PREDATOR" started a new crime show and interviewed me about Detroit's infamous serial killer DeAngelo Martin there in Hart Plaza. Chris Hanson told us that his High School Graduation was held at the old beautiful Ford Theater which later fell vacant and housed our Homeless crew for a while. Then

...another of Detroit Celebrity the famous Sports Reporter, Radio personality and Author Mitch Albom got involved at a time when the Detroit News said there were around 30,000 Homeless people which is now down to about 5,000 now.



There was an undeniable amount of both shock and sadness in Chris Hansen's eyes as the Ford Theater was demolished, and how bad Hart Plaza looked that day and the numerous tents, a Homeless made "Lean To" shanty – tent and numerous sleeping bags that were on the ground.

I'm not sure if the interview ever made it on the show or not but it would not have been "Good Press" for Detroit which has made an AMAZING comeback.

We left downtown and went up to our beloved Uptown Transylvania – Area 51 our own little Sodom and Gomorrah, which is where we should have gone to begin with that day, and just as we started to unload the snow started to fall.

I preached and no joke Hoss who had just recently been called to preach preached his second sermon and his first on the Streets in that very wild area. We left went to our U-Haul units and dropped off the canned goods, BOOTS and the rest of the clothing.

THANK YOU TO DALE AND MIKEY DOTSON AND HOSS!

DOOR TO DOOR SOULWINNING HAS A DIFFERENT MEANING –
DETROIT MICHIGAN



We really did go back in time with part of our feeding, clothing and witnessing, once again I broke my promise to myself that I'd never go back down town to Hart Plaza and to Detroit's Business District after the nightmare that I caused by buying some tents for several Homeless Vets that became "Camp Wet Vet" that later became an internet viral sensation called "Tensile Town" when Camp Wet Vet moved from the Hart Plaza Mariners Church area down Jefferson to Lafayette Park.

Miss Lisa and I ran the same routes we used to run through Greek Town downtown and across Jefferson from Door Way to Door Way but instead of knocking on doors and witnessing to people living there we fed, clothed and put tons of blankets that were given to us by Dale Dotson, Mike Dotson and "Hoss".

My old Buddy Rabbit Burgess's famous quote came to mind, "The Game Never Changes Only the Players." As we put Blankets and BOOTS on people, we did not see a single old friend who used to sleep in those same doorways, or hang out in the same alleys and corners. The "Life Expectancy" for Homeless people and Addicts is not very long and I had no idea 47 years earlier how many people I would see die from Drugs and Booze and the Blood Bath of street violence.

I'm sure that some found housing, others may have gotten clean off of Dope and Booze but sadly most just didn't make it.

It was COLD that day and as Miss Lisa and I headed back towards home down one of Detroit's main Avenues the orange of the setting Sun reminded me of the weird spooky depressing Street song by Don Henley called Sunset Grille:

"Let's go down to the Sunset Grille, watch the working girls go by, watch basket people walk around and mumble stare out at the Auburn sky..."

Right before we left for the night we stopped by the Lot where the Mini Van with 5 people were sleeping in it including one a pregnant woman and a Pit Bull, unfortunately the Lot was too muddy to pull the van and trailer into it, so we risked having the Detroit Police "BOP" us for feeding and clothing on the sidewalk and soon we were rushed by between 20 – 30 Homeless people there.

This was much more like what we have been doing for years setting up and feeding people who come to us rather than doing the whole doorway to doorway thing and it was exciting to have a crowd there but it made us a bit "Jumpy" because of the possibility of having the Police show up, but they drove by without ever messing with us.



I have never watched the movie, “BACK TO THE FUTURE” but there is a weird mixture of sadness looking down into the faces of people sleeping in a Doorway and having seen and known the previous hundreds that used to sleep there in the exact same spots before these new Homeless folks showed up. But 9 years after basically leaving this area after the whole “Camp Wet Vet” & “Tensile Town” fiasco that I caused that embarrassed the Mayor and City Council, all of our old friends who were in those doorways are now gone.

But meeting all these new people Downtown and on the Avenue plus dozens of friends that we were ministering to for years before the Detroit Police shutting us down is actually EXCITING!

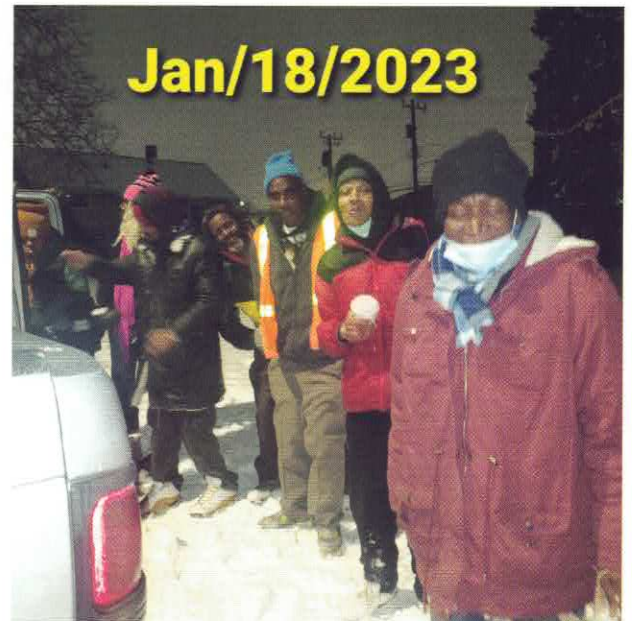
THE TRIFECTA – BOOT RUN- DETROIT MICHIGAN

I received word that my cousin Michael Hicks wife Laura had died and I was asked to do her funeral, the night before the funeral Miss Lisa and I went up to Rochester Michigan for the viewing and talked to Laura’s daughter who was heading up the arrangements.

Laura and Mike and the company she worked for S.S.O.E. in Troy Michigan have very generous to our ministry for years now around the Holiday Season.

On the way up to the viewing Miss Lisa and I stopped by Joe’s Army Navy Surplus store to pick up BOOTS and socks for “Squat House #1” for more of our crew in “The Uptown” or “Transylvania” as I nicknamed it because all of the Financial Blood was drained out of the area years before.

After Laura Hicks’s viewing Miss Lisa and I stopped right in front of “Squat House #1”, immediately we were rushed again by a big crew of people. That may have been the coldest night we had all year as we were handing out BOOTS and SOCKS.



We were in “Silver” our 2001 Dodge Pickup that I had just gotten back on the road after a transmission computer part repair. Miss Lisa was inside of the truck taking BOOT orders and looking for BOOTS in the back seat for people.

I was in back of the truck reaching in digging through the BOOTS looking for sizes and these were all men’s Snow BOOTS but they will fit women if you just adjust to the right sizes... THEN IT STARTED... I heard a DING on my phone, I paused long enough to look at my phone and once again it was an online “Friend” who had been badgering me for months after I began to design and post “Me Me’s” on Praying for America to have Revival in Churches and a Spiritual Awakening in our land in a new group I named “RIVIVALIST”.

Once again for the 50th -100th time she was linking my asking people to “Pray For Revival” as being a “TRUMPER”, I honestly tried to explain what the “Great Awakening” was in England and in New England to her but she just could not make the separation between the Spiritual and the Political.

I went back to work as I noticed that my thumb right hand was beginning to burn from the cold weather, that really made me feel even more sorry for our folks out here on the Streets!

Then old Kate showed up, until that very night we were not sure if Kate is just mentally off or if her whole whiney, teary eyed, fit throwing and even screaming thing is real or just a “Guilt Tripping” act that she puts on... but after that night both Miss Lisa and I found out her act is just a drama she puts on to get what she wants.

We had this huge lineup of people one line going to Miss Lisa’s passenger side door, the other to the back of the truck where I was, I think Kate chose the back of the truck so that she could “Show Out” for the whole group and the entire neighborhood!

She was screaming and hollering sounding like two Alley Cats fighting, She was yelling about “WHAT ABOUT ME?”, “I WAS NEXT IN LINE!” “I’M COLD AND IF I DON’T GET WHAT I NEED I’M LEAVING!”

#1 Problem was everything in the back seat and the back of the truck was either in boxes or BOOTS tied together by those thin elastic strings.

#2 Another problem was, I had to mentally try to figure out the size difference while I have 20 people patiently waiting and just ONE LUNATIC screaming trying to make it all about her making life miserable for everybody, and EVERYBODY but Miss Lisa and Brother Joe here knew all about these childish fit games she plays.

#3 Another problem and answer was Kate only about 30 feet from the front door of Squat House #1 where she was staying and most of the heat that was there, they have because of our ministry providing heaters for them so if Kate didn’t want to stay for BOOTS and SOCKS she could just go back inside of the House.

#4 Another problem was she was wanting to tell us how to “Run our Ministry” for us, She was thinking in terms of “I was next in line” which screamed at least 20 times, but I was getting multiple sizes from the crowd including her... BUT I WAS GOING BY BOOT SIZES AS I PULLED THEM OUT AND WAS NOT and I mean N-O-T GOING TO GO THROUGH 40 OR 50 PAIRS OF BOOTS TO FINE JUST ONE FOR HER!

#5 The BIGGEST problem was “Squat House #1” isn’t exactly “LEGAL” it belongs to one person... I think, the wiring isn’t exactly “LEGAL” and the water to it isn’t exactly “LEGAL” and most of the crowd staying there have had a few run ins with THE LAW shall we say and the last thing any of them need is to have a Woman outside screaming and SCREECHING like she’s in pain drawing in “THE HEAT” from the Police. And yes, our Ministry deals with “The Criminal Element”.

Then Kate did it she screamed “I SAID I’M NEXT I GOT MY CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS!” I learned a painful lesson from Keith King the former President of the Vietnam Vets Chapter 9 in Detroit. He emailed me about our old “Camp Vet” before it became infamous viral sensation known as “Tensile Town”, Keith who runs rehab facilities for Homeless Vets on the East Coast wrote “Brother Joe some Homeless people will become more aggressive as things go along, what you mean for SURVIVAL they will turn into CIVIL RIGHTS.”

When Kate said “I GOT MY CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS” I lost it! I yelled back at her in front of the whole crowd “THIS IS ABOUT CHARITY NOT CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS!” Then several of the folks in the crowd chimed in some cussing her out and others saying, BROTHER JOE DON’T GIVE HER ANYTHING!”

One of the leaders of Squat House #1 said “Girl one more word outta you and I’m telling Momma!” There are two Mamma’s there one the owner who is now in a Nursing facility the other “Mamma” is a male Trans Girl prostitute “Malibu” who really does not put up with any junk.

Kate did finally get both a pair of BOOTS and SOCKS too, Kate had taken all the joy out of an otherwise glorious night and I was exhausted from arguing with her!

THIRD TIMES A CHARM... IF I’M LYING I’M DYING- I took a picture of our crew and we got BOOTS to everybody and right before we left I heard my jacked up phone DING, I looked it the message and I had one of our regulars from the Southwest Side criticizing me saying, “This Preacher over here by our HOUSE (notice that he and his family have a HOUSE) said that you ought to give those BOOTS to anybody who needs them!”

I shot that picture and text back to him, “You mean people like these?” He texted me back and said, “I don’t know you would have to ask that Preacher.”

The BOOTS he was referring to was the load that we bought from Meijers at request of “Ma Ma Malibu” and were for the crowd in that house, the new load in the truck’s bed he had not even seen me post about because we had just got them about 3 hours before... and back in early November of 2023 our first BOOT RUN that we did was right TO HIS HOUSE... again he and his family are poor but they are NOT HOMELESS! He saw something newer and was willing to try to GUILT TRIP me into giving these newer BOOTS to him and his and to take them away from these dear folks, he’s just as selfish as Kate.

“WOW MISS LISA” – I said and showed Miss Lisa what he had written and what my Political Whacko “Friend” had demanded as we drove around the corner. We had spent hundreds of dollars on BOOTS that night for our “Uptown Crew”, went to a family member’s funeral viewing and I had to do the funeral the next morning, both Miss Lisa and my fingertips were on fire from the cold now and NO JOKE, I’d been guilt tripped three times that night!

#1 About text shamed about POLITICS, REVIVAL and the “TRUMPERS”?
Daniel 2:21

#2 Then literally screamed at for not doing things the way a selfish person wanted me to.

#3 Then again phone shamed again by someone that we have done everything for already but just obviously not good enough for him.

I have often made the statement... “ANOTHER DAY ANOTHER GUILT TRIP.” I despise “Guilt Trips” and I normally get very blunt and vocal with people when they try to guilt trip me in this ministry because at over 47 years in the ministry pushing myself like a Pack Animal and people who know me know I’ve served my generation! And if folks want to make dear old “Brother Joe” mad just try to guilt trip me.

Funny we worked spent and worked ourselves silly only to have folks “Dog us out” over Politics, Boots and Boots again, great night and the Devil was not happy we were taking care of people and tried to discourage us. Crazy thing about “The Ministry” is pretty much, If you “ain’t” in a fight you either are not doing it right or you will soon be in a fight... Be tough and keep fighting!

“THEY ARE GOING TO FIND ME IN A FIELD.” – DETROIT MICHIGAN

One of our Youth Ministry’s “Little Girls” who had to leave our old Street Preaching Youth Group had taken on some really bad “Habits” against everything Miss Lisa and I had taught her and against all that I had preached to her for years, She decided not to listen and “Flew the Coup” by both her choices and my orders.

“HEY BROTHER JOE” a voice yelled at us from the old Stardust Motel on “The Avenue” it was this little gal right after her departure. She was yelling from the second floor of the most notorious “Hooker Hotel” since the Cadillac Motel or the days of the old Cass Corridor.



“Danni” a pretty 30 something Gen X prostitute that was once part of the Seattle’s Gen X “Wearing Plaid and Singing Bad” Grunge Rock crowd who ended up a Heroin Junkie and somehow ended in the Victory Inn looked at Miss Lisa and I and said, “Do you know that girl?” We told Danni that she was once in our Youth Ministry and she said to us in front of the rest of our Youth Ministry kids, “Brother Joe you’d better get her outta here cuz’ these Pimps are going to eat her alive.”

Later that same year the Stardust Motel was busted and a few years later it reopened as even more infamous Victory Inn Motel which was later busted by Homeland Security for Human Trafficking... No Joke.

This same little gal popped up one night and she and another of our old Street Preaching Group girls helped me sing Warren Zevon's haunting song "Carmelita" as Warren described it "The most beautiful song about addiction ever written." Then we did not see her for years she reappeared on an online video where she got beat up by a girl about 3 times her size. It went "Viral" and it broke my heart because of how much we loved that little girl.

We saw her again at a funeral after this pretty teen girl had been "Set Up" and several other girls beat her so bad that her face was so swollen that she looked almost unrecognizable.

A decade has passed since our last youth service and we hear something every once in a while, from some of our "Kids" who are all adults now, some of what we hear is good but some is very bad.

This past Winter I started to get messages in the middle of the night from this young Lady, needless to say after over 47 years in "Hard Core" Street Ministry my sleep habits are not good at all. This young woman is now a single Mom and her addictions have now sent her into night terrors.

She has told both Miss Lisa and I that her biggest fear is "Dying on drugs like my Mom did and leaving my own daughter alone just like what happened to me." I'm really blunt with most addicts but this little gal does pull on my heart strings a bit more because she was one of our "Little Girls" in our Youth Ministry Street Preaching Group, She was a Fire Cracker and a handful but that just adds to the whole thing.field."

I have text messages, inbox and phone messages where this young woman has told us, "I'm scared Brother Joe, I'm scared!" And she hears voices and people outside and that she fears being burned alive."

She started to mess with Meth or Methylamphetamine which can cause permanent psychosis and she is like the verse Proverbs 28:1 - The wicked fleeth when no man persueth.

To have yet another of our beautiful girls tell me "You were right Brother Joe I should have listened to you." Honestly does me no good at all.

If the American public were aware that almost all the chemicals made for producing "Meth" and all the chemicals that are used in the production of Fentanyl are ALL created in one country who hates America, we would be in a Military War with them as they are in a Chemical war with us.

At the time of the writing of this article the young Lady who is the subject of this, has completed a first phase of her treatment and is now into a second longer phase of treatment that will help her get a job, housing and get her little girl back, please pray for her and take heed if Dope and Booze is a temptation that like I have preached for years now "ADDICTION IS A MONSTER!"

Please pray for her!





Oct/6/2023



Fri Oct/6/2023



Miss Lisa, Gib & Twyla Dirden

Sat October/7/2023



Walker Lake Baptist

Sun Oct/8/2023



Daytona Beach

**Oct 18 - 19
Daytona &
Jacksonville**



**Mary Sheffield's
Staff**

Tues Oct/10/2023



Oct/27/2023



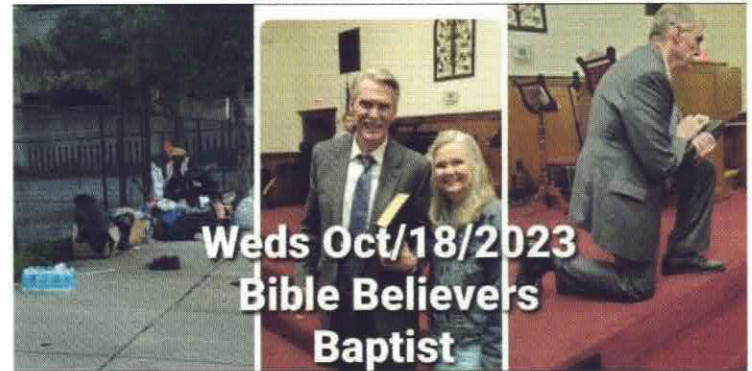
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City Council President
Mary Sheffield & staff**



**HALLOWEEN NIGHT 2023
DAYTONA BEACH**



**Weds Oct/18/2023
Jacksonville**



**Weds Oct/18/2023
Bible Believers
Baptist**



**Supplies from
Ken Popchock
Nov/27/2023**



**Ken Popchock &
Crew Nov/27/2023
Lake Orion Michigan**



**Ken Popchuck
Lake Orion Michigan
Nov/27/23**



**Fri Dec/1/2023
by the Van
S.W. DETROIT**



**Fri Dec/1/2023
Brother Billy
by the Van, Detroit**



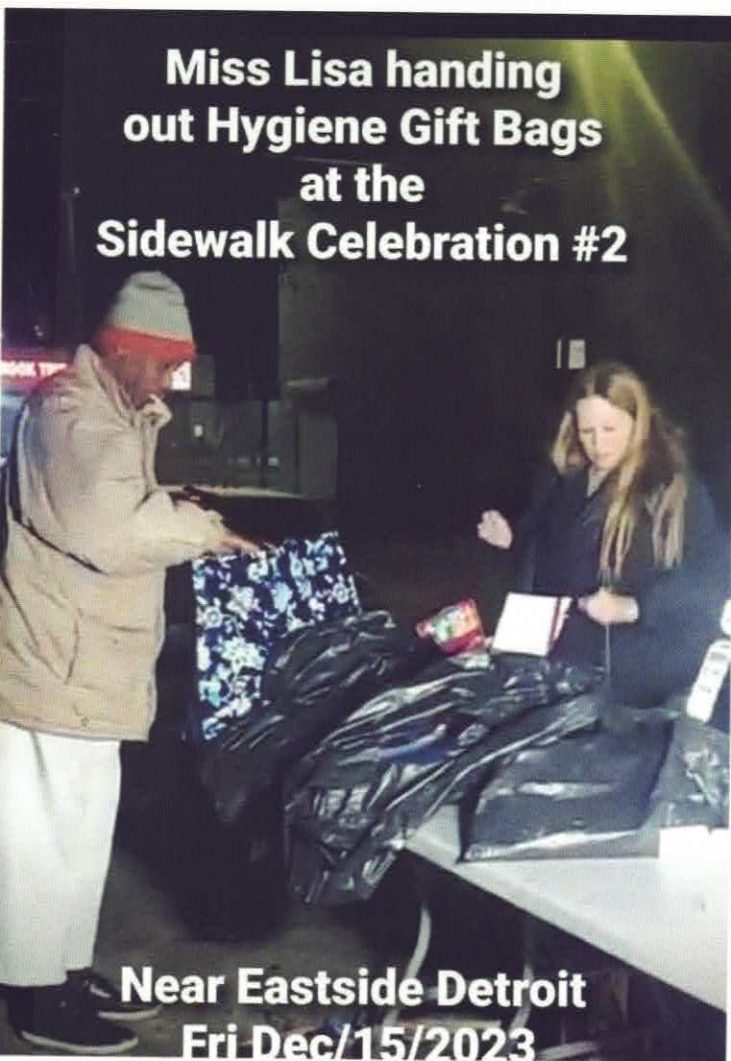
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Brother "Curty"
Danny's Lot 2023
S.W. Detroit**



Back Alley Blast Blow Out
Fri Dec/8/2023
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Danny's Lot
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Miss Lisa handing
out Hygiene Gift Bags
at the
Sidewalk Celebration #2

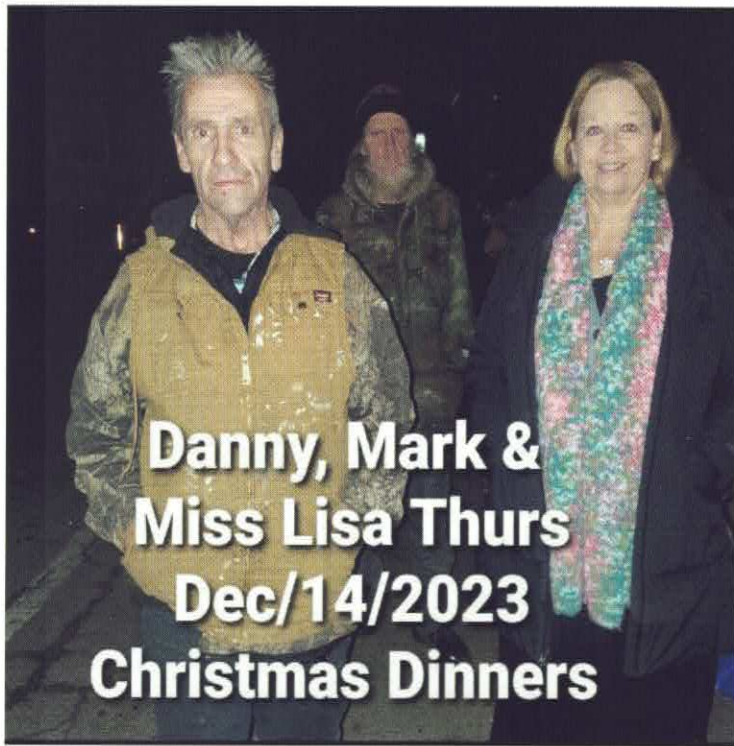
Near Eastside Detroit
Fri Dec/15/2023



Christmas Dinners
Dec/13/2023
Plymouth Michigan



Christmas Dinners
Grandma Lisa
Thurs Dec/14/2023



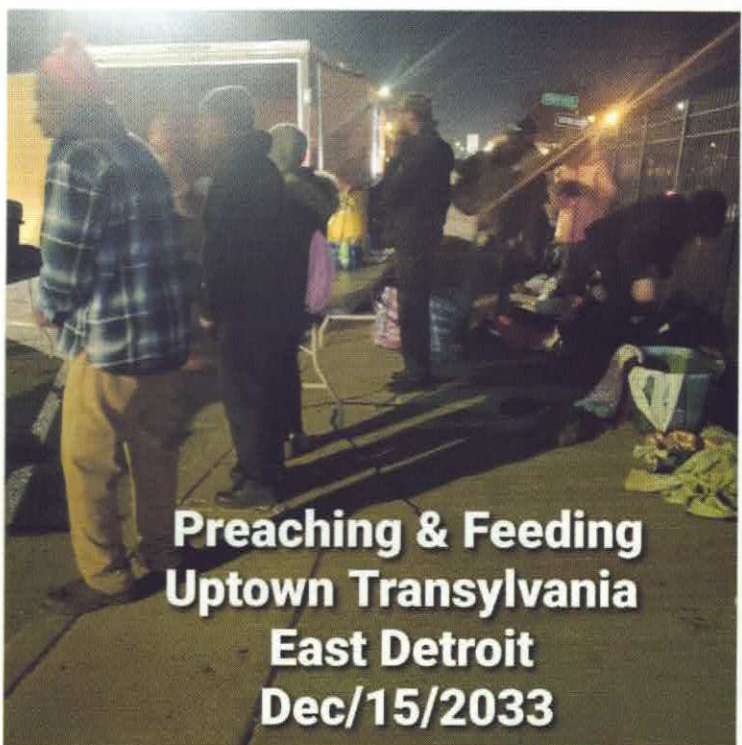
**Danny, Mark &
Miss Lisa Thurs
Dec/14/2023
Christmas Dinners**



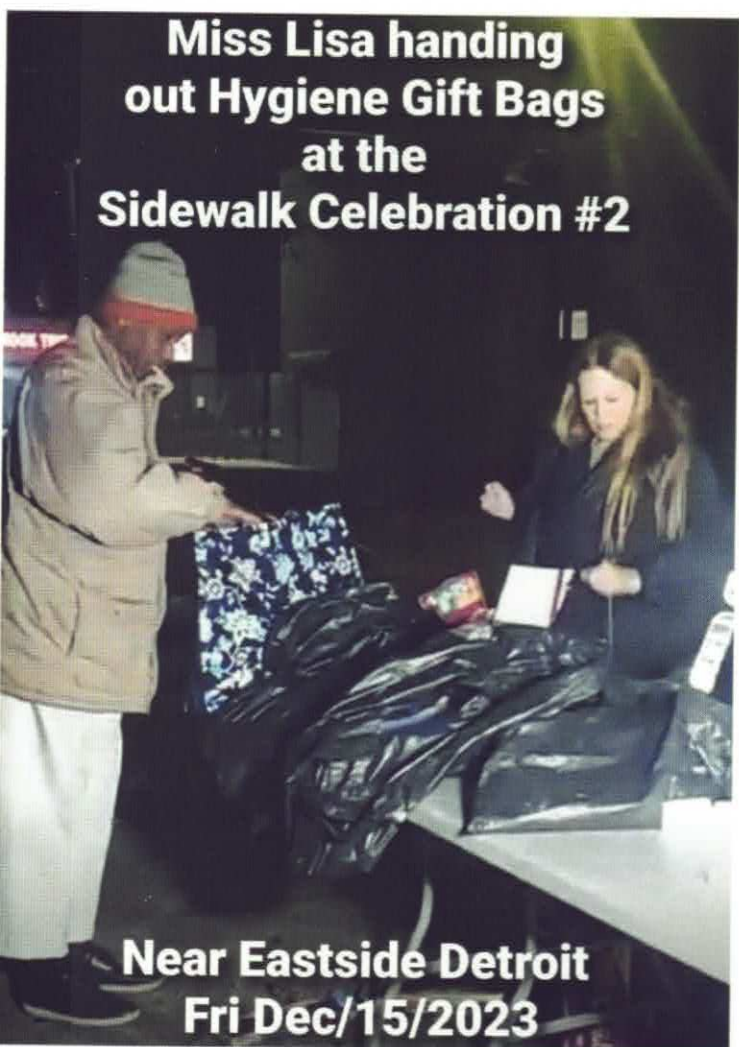
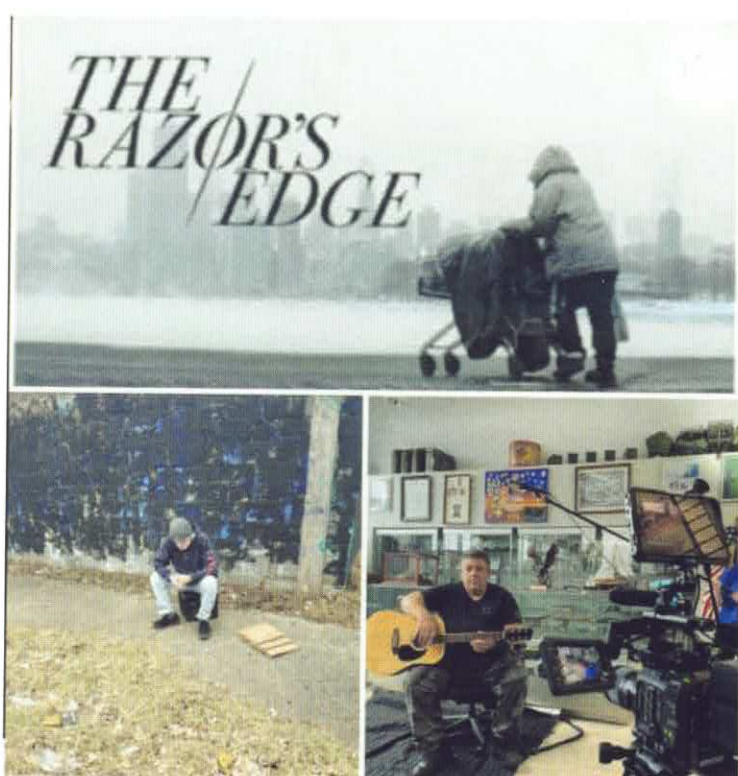
**David, Chrystal, Miss Lisa
Thurs Dec/14/2023
S.W. Detroit
Christmas Dinners**



**CLOTHING FOR
Fri Dec/15/2023's
SIDEWALK CELEBRATION
#2 OF 2023**



**Preaching & Feeding
Uptown Transylvania
East Detroit
Dec/15/2023**



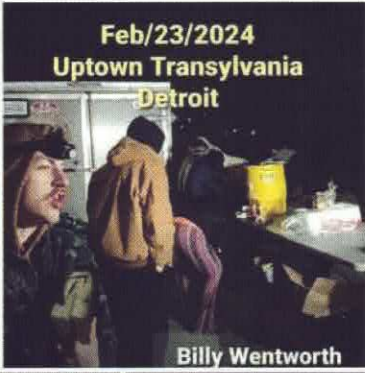






Twyla Dirden & friends
bought BOOTS for our
Detroit Street Outreach





BOOTS & BLANKETS DRIVE VFW 3323

**Jan
25th**



Rick O'Brien



**Aniah & Grandpa
Dan Watson**



Mike Smith



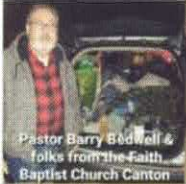
Billy Wentworth



**Boots from the
Faith Baptist Church
in Canton Michigan**



Bill Maldonado



**Pastor Barry Bedford &
folks from the Faith
Baptist Church Canton**



**Miss Lisa & Carly from
Famous Dave's**



James Gregg



Jan & Rick O'Brien



Miss Lisa Hicks



Taryn Dickson



**Curtene Shaw &
St. Matthew's
Lutheran Church**



**Rayma Gaglian
Hogan**



Karen Synowiec



**Dan Watson my
friend and helper**



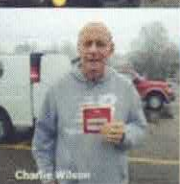
**Coradine Wilson
Barton & Hubby**



Michelle Carver



Rick Lopez



Charlie Wilson



**Kelly Wysocki-Bailey &
friend Alice**



Lisa Raut



**Sal & Miss Lisa
Fri Feb/9/2024**



**Street Preaching
& feeding Ministry
Fri Feb/9/2024**



Jan/25/2024



**My Mom's Boots
Jan/20/2024**



Jan/29/2024



Nov/28/2023 The Avenue



**Nov/28/2024
Danny's Lot
S.W. Detroit**



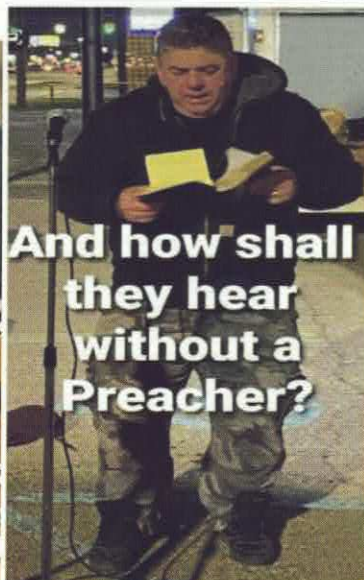
**Danny's Lot
Dec/29/2023
S.W. Detroit**



**Miss Lisa
& Little Pat
Fri Dec/1/2023**



**Jan/25/2024
Dr. John Han
& Brother J**



**And how shall
they hear
without a
Preacher?**



**Pastor Rich Zawadzki
Feb/2/2024**



Fri Feb/16/2024



Mon Feb/12/2024
Mailing Helpers
Fairhaven Baptist

Fairhaven Bap
Churches Ladies

Feb/12/2024



S.W. Detroit



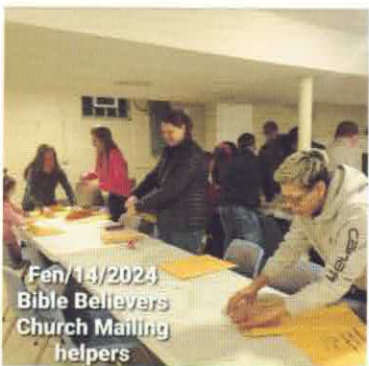
Fairhaven Baptist
Church Mailing
Feb/12/2024



Weds Dec/13/2023
Mike Sand
Christmas Dinner
donation Plymouth
Michigan



Mike Sand
& Brother Joe
Weds/13/2023



Fen/14/2024
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Church

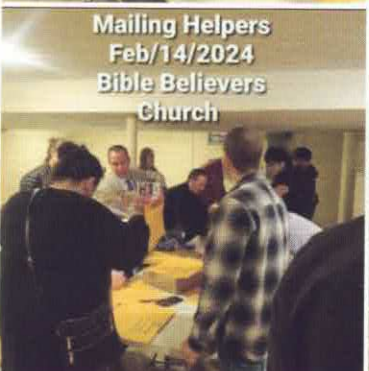


Christmas Dinner
Bags in our
Jeremiah Trailer
Weds Dec/13/2023



Christmas Dinners

Miss Lisa &
Grandma Bobbie
Thurs Dec/14/2023
N.W. Detroit



Mailing Helpers
Feb/14/2024
Bible Believers
Church



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Mom Hicks &
Miss Lisa
Mon Jan/1/2024

BIKETOBERFEST 2023



The Hill
Oct/27/2023



Oct/27/2023
"The Hill"



Miss Lisa & Miss Drena at
the Jubilee Jacksonville
Oct/29/2023

THE RAZOR'S EDGE

Brother Joe's song
Sidewalk Soldiers
was recorded for The
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BROTHER JOE
SINGING SIDEWALK
SOLDIERS AT THE
MICHIGAN VETERANS
FOUNDATION DETROIT



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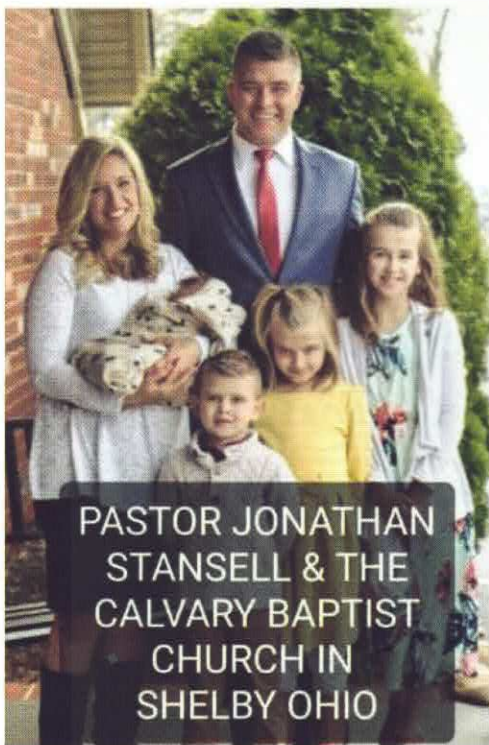
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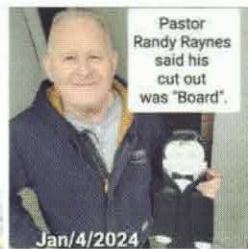
Brother Joe & Lisa
Hicks with Miss Drena
& Pastor David Peacock



Sis Drena Peacock &
Miss Lisa
Oct/21/2023
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**PASTOR JONATHAN
STANSELL & THE
CALVARY BAPTIST
CHURCH IN
SHELBY OHIO**



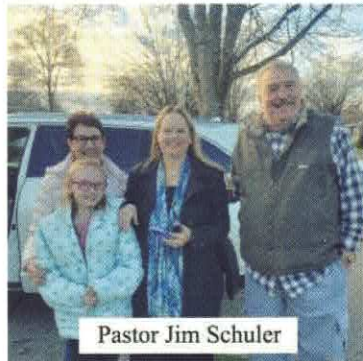
Pastor
Randy Raynes
said his
cut out
was "Board".



Bro. Ron Leggit
Feb/9/2024



Pastor Rich Zawadzki
Feb/2/2024



Pastor Jim Schuler



Miss Lisa & Pastor
Randy Raynes
Jan/4/2024
Mansfield Ohio



"God took
someone
ordinary
and made
them
extraordinary"

Pastor
Darin
Lee

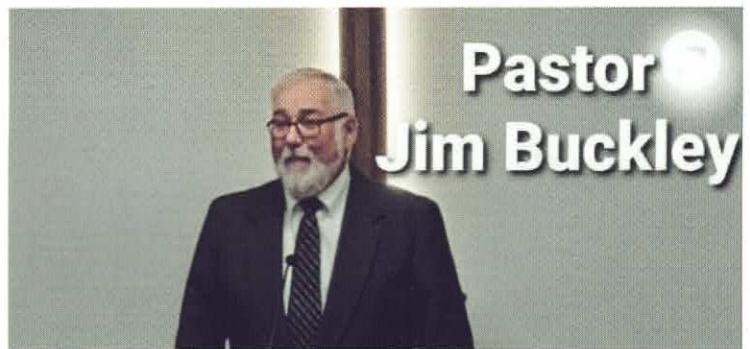
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TWYLA DIRDEN
BROTHER JOES
SISTER



Bro. Ron Leggit
Feb/9/2024



**Pastor
Jim Buckley**

Port Sanilac Baptist



**Feb/18/2024
Port Sanilac
Baptist Church**



**Street Preaching
& feeding Minstry**

Fri Feb/9/2024



**Hillary Clark,
Scarlet Clark
& Crew
Sat Dec/2023
Michigan 😊**



**Mom Whoopin'
Brother Joe
Sat Feb/24/2024**



S.W. Detroit



**Miss Lisa
Scarlet Clark
& Brother Joe**



**Miss Lisa & Josh
Shirkey who bought
Scarlet's Project
Truck
Sat Dec/16/2023
Garden City
Michigan**

**SIDEWALK
CELEBRATION # 1
S.W. Detroit**



**Sidewalk
Celebration #1
Fri Dec/8/2023**



**"Danny's Lot"
Fri Dec/8/2023
People listening to the**



**Danny's Lot
Fri Dec/8/2023
S.W. Detroit**



**Fri Dec/8/2023
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February 2023

**Brother C.T.
Townsend and**

"Eternity
is too
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to be
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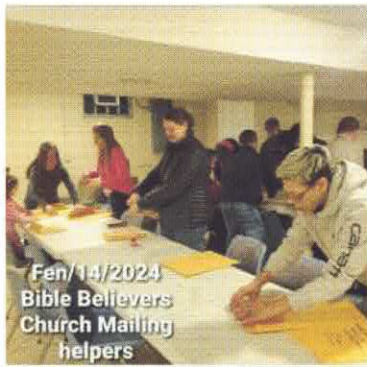
C.T.
TOWNSEND

**Becky & C.T.
Townsend
Feb/26/2024
Rossville Georgia**

Pastor Mike Norman

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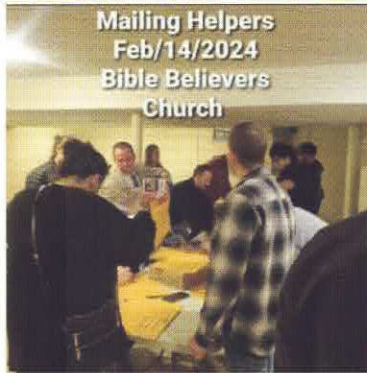
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Bible Believers
Church



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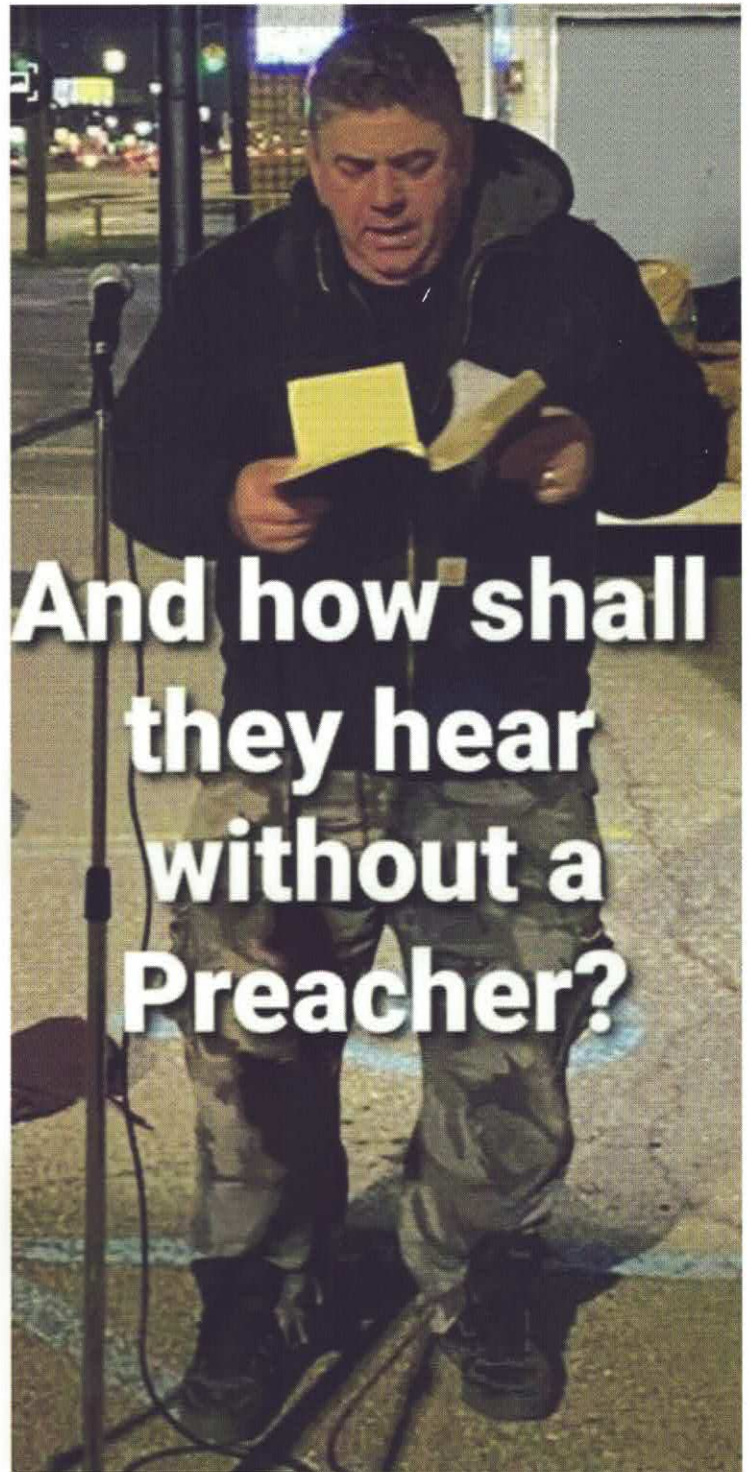


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