

**General Topics :: GANG LEADER Needs PRAYER****GANG LEADER Needs PRAYER - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2006/11/27 15:37****GANG LEADER Needs PRAYER**

NOTE: Below is an urgent prayer request from two young men who minister powerfully in the slums of Detroit. Their names are Josef and Patrick, and - like the young people from California - they had a big impact at the recent gathering in Pittsburgh. They will speak at another gathering in Michigan in a couple of weeks - but in the meantime they have an URGENT PRAYER REQUEST concerning a gang they have been ministering to:

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-by Josef Urban & Patrick Ersig.

Here in Detroit, we recently saw a chief gang leader come to the Lord and get filled with the Holy Ghost.

He was sent last week to our preaching spot to "spy us out" and ended up getting hit with the Spirit of God and repented of all of his sin and gave his life to Jesus.

Well, he has been doing AWESOME, he's got a definite anointing on him now, with the gift of word of knowledge (he can supernaturally quote all kinds of Scripture that he's never known).

Tomorrow, he is planning on bringing out a crew from one of Detroit's gangs to hear us preach and consider what we say. There is a very good chance they may come to the Lord. He is able to gather groups of gang members that we cannot.

PLEASE LIFT THIS up in PRAYER!!! PRAY for the CONVICTION OF THE HOLY GHOST TO GO FORTH and for a MIGHTY ANOINTING to be PRESENT WITH US!!!

Update - Update:

I received a voice mail this morning from the leader and he did NOT sound good. He said that there was a big gang fight last night and it sounds like he got beat down pretty bad for deciding to follow Jesus. He sounded like he was really hurting, but he said he is staying strong lifting up "the blood stained banner of Jesus as a good soldier and warrior of the cross" He asked for prayer. I assume the altercation was with the militant Muslim gang called Allahu Akbar. Please pray that God renders them powerless....

LAST UPDATE (-Sun night, ie. last night)

This whole original plan has been thrown for a big loop. Nothing has gone as planned...

The gang leader brother (we'll call him "Jack") came back with us to Patrick's place yesterday to hang out with us and spend the night. Everything was going awesome - eating, fellowshiping, talking about the things of God. We all got so fired up that we decided to head back down to the city to feed the homeless and preach the Word. "Jack" wanted us to stop by his park to scope things out, and when we got there, the police had the area taped off. There were two people dead. "Jack" got out, and ended up getting picked up by the police overnight for trying to go through to the crime scene.

"Jack" was waiting for us at the preaching spot today. The air was tense. There were some serious gangsters perched out round about the place with the orders to take out anybody that messed with us, and there were others as well that weren't on their side. It wasn't good at all to say the least. We left after about 10 minutes and "Jack" came with us.

After some discussion, we realized that the Enemy is trying to draw us into some gang war situations and ruin us, to make it short. It's pretty serious down there. Long story short, we laid it down for "Jack" that he has to count the cost and can't be affiliated with these gangsters and Christ at the same time. He said he's coming out for good, but not alone, he's bringing others with him.

Just now, Jack called us and we went down to meet him. He had a prostitute with him that wanted to "get out" and follow Jesus now, but there were some complications with her pimp as well making it hard to come out, so Jack is her protector, and he's torn between "turning the other cheek" and fighting to protect these ladies from their pimp gangs - PRAY! We picked them up, got the dear lady something to eat, and brought them back to the house and got her some clothes. The prostitute repented of her sin, and got an impartation of the Holy Ghost with the peace and joy of Christ - totally transformed. Patrick and them just left to drop them back off on the streets in Detroit.

Also, Jack's got a whole crew, I'm not sure, maybe about 13 or so people, that Patrick is going to preach to tomorrow down at a local mission center - at least that seems to be the plan right now. Jack wants him to preach the Word, lay it all down about following Christ and counting the cost, and pray for them all. It looks like the opportunity we've been waiting for.

The devil's been throwing his monkey wrench in this thing BIG TIME, but the Lord is going to work it all out for good. Oh, to see the hope and joy on that ex-prostitute's face about 15 minutes ago, it's priceless!!! PRAY PRAY PRAY for this WHOLE SITUATION!!!

PLEASE KEEP PRAYING. DON'T GIVE UP. This is SERIOUS.

**Re: GANG LEADER Needs PRAYER, on: 2006/11/27 16:36**

Wow... pretty cool stuff.

And people say street preaching isnt effective...?

Krispy

**Re: - posted by Compton (), on: 2006/11/27 19:44**

Amen Krispy...and also the effectiveness of prayer!

Thanks for including us in the prayer end of this mission. What an honor.

MC

**Re: - posted by RevivalArmy (), on: 2006/11/27 20:57**

Here is the most recent update - Thank you for posting this brother Greg, and thank you all for your prayer support:

UPDATE:

The meeting tonight was cancelled due to some complications on "Jack"s end. He was up for a very long period of time and fell into exhaustion and needed rest, so he had to postpone the meeting with his crew at the mission center.

We are looking at meeting them tommorow to preach. That's the plans now - subject to change - pray the Lord works it out according to His perfect will and that He plucks all of these burning brands from the fires of sin and death.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY THAT THIS WHOLE THING WORKS OUT AND THAT WE GET TO PREACH THE UNCOMPROMISED GOSPEL HOT AND STRONG TO THIS GROUP OF GANGSTERS AND PROSTITUTES AND THAT NOTHING GETS CANCELLED OUT UNDERNEATH US CONCERNING IT BUT THAT THE LORD HAS HIS MIGHTY AND PERFECT WAY.

**Re: - posted by dohzman (), on: 2006/11/28 0:19**

Might I suggest you open up channels of communication with teen challenge and be ready to shuffle individuals off to different locations for spiritual help. This removes them from thier environment and will greatly help in thier being brought to a knowledge of Jesus in a more seditary environment. The "pace" or hustle of the streets is way to addictive for most. They will recieve Christ temporarily but never really leave thier friends, much like what Lot's wife did. That's why the cross preached is soooo important, "If any man will be my disciple, let him.....follow me", it's only to the degree in which you can move these folks out of thier environment, that you'll have any perment success. Once they're rooted and grounded in Christ they will of course come back and can be a moving force for God's glory. If you need the phone #'s for Cleveland (mens) or Columbus(womens) or any of the others, let me know and I'll get them to you.