

The Encourager

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Ministries Update...

By
Dave Kistler

As I write, I am seated on a Continental Express Jet bound for Portland, Oregon via Houston, Texas. Betsy and I have just returned from taking Rachael back to college in Cleveland, Ohio. This past week has been a whirlwind of activity, as well as emotions. There is the excitement of a daughter beginning her sophomore year and all the opportunities that brings, balanced by the ever deepening realization that she is a young woman with an ever broadening life of her own. As John the apostle said, "I have no greater joy than to know that my children walk in truth." We, as parents, experience overwhelming joy with each right decision that our children make and thank our Wonderful Lord for the privilege we have to launch our children into the world to be bright lights in an increasingly dark place.

This year has allowed us to see hundreds saved in local church meetings and crusades, as well as to participate in some outstanding outreach events. Permit me to share a few highlights with you. In May, we held meetings for the third time, at Sewell Valley Baptist Church in Rainelle, WV, now pastored by dear friend and H.O.P.E. board member, Milton Ker. Sewell Valley is one of the outstanding churches in America. It was my privilege to preach twice a day at this fine ministry (morning at the school and evening at the church). We were accompanied all week by the outstanding music of our ministry partners, the Daybreak Quartet. The meetings were filled each night and over 20 came to know Christ as Savior. That week, the Lord impressed Pastor Ker and some of his men to discuss with us the possibility of an area-wide tent crusade in 2008. Already, they are making plans for what should be an incredible outreach in that part of the state. Since Brother Ker is a former

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evangelist, he knows very well what it takes for a successful crusade effort. The entire H.O.P.E. team will be part of that event.

The following week, we traveled north to Elkhorn, Wisconsin for an area-wide tent crusade sponsored by the Independent Baptist churches of southern Wisconsin. For the first time ever, the meetings featured services specifically geared for the deaf and Spanish. The highlight of the week was Wednesday evening, which was designated as youth night. Over 400 public high school teens filled the tent to listen to the testimony of former IBF world heavy-weight champion Chris Byrd and a message from God's Word. I have never seen teens listen so intently as I preached. Many decisions were made for Christ that evening, mostly by strapping senior high fellows. Though I had never met Chris Byrd prior to the crusade, I was more than impressed with him and his dear wife Tracy. They are the real deal and love both the Lord and people. We plan to involve this fine couple in future H.O.P.E. events. Friday evening featured six huge inflatable games for kids, free bar-b-que for everyone, and was designated as family night.

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We had the largest attendance of the week that night. Again, many decisions were made for our Savior. It is always a joy to see pastors work together for the cause of the gospel. The pastors and churches that supported the effort are fine men and followed, with great attention, the leadership of Pastor Steve Hollenbeck. Everything was first class and done worthy of our Savior. Thank you, Brother Steve, for allowing us the privilege of laboring with you for the sake of the kingdom.

In June, we held our annual team meeting at our home in Connelly Springs. Our H.O.P.E. team and many of our board members were in attendance as we praised God for the past year and planned for events in the coming years. At that meeting, we introduced my good friend Ron Brindisi, and the newest venture that the Lord has opened to us. We will be partnering with Ron to reach the racing community (fans, drivers, and their families) with the gospel. Beginning in 2007, Lord willing, Ron will drive a pro-stock style car painted and decaled with H.O.P.E. ministries colors and logo, on the IHRA drag race circuit. We will also be available with gospel tracts and related ministry material at all events Ron enters. Ron, myself, or other H.O.P.E. staff will be available to speak at the church services conducted at all these events.

While Ron is an outstanding driver with much experience, he is an even finer Christian friend, and shares my passion for getting the gospel out through any venue possible. Over 200 million fans watched just NASCAR events last season. This does not even take into account drag racing, open wheel racing, motorcycle racing and related events. To me, it is a "no-brainer" that we must take advantage of this incredible open door. I know that many of you are die hard race fans. If you would like to have a part in supporting this endeavor or would like to know how you might serve at an IHRA event near you, please contact us at 828-302-2060.

July 4th is one of my favorite times of the year. This year, it was extra special, in that H.O.P.E. Ministries was invited to do the annual

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Fourth of July Celebration in Valdese, NC. Over 2000 people enjoyed the singing of our family, Jose' Young and the Daybreak Quartet. Senator Jim Jacumin, who plans this event each year, commented to me that "this is the finest music this town has ever heard." Throughout the afternoon, the gospel was shared in song and word to a grateful and eager crowd. We have been invited back next year to do the same thing. Please pray for this and other related venues that are continuing to come open. It is my desire, like never before, to get the gospel into the "highways and hedges" where lost people congregate.

We are now just over eight months away from our third Washington, DC Crusade. The dates for that event are June 10 - 15, 2007. Many of you have signed up to come when we were in your church this past year. I urge you to make your plans now to assist in what proves to be the largest event we've ever done in DC. The week prior to the crusade, we have been invited back into the Pentagon for a crusade. These days will be June 6 - 7. It is very aggressive, financially, emotionally and spiritually, to attempt to do two events in DC back-to-back. However, we have no doubt that these are Divinely ordained opportunities. The financial commitment will be great. I ask your earnest prayer for how the Lord might have you help us.

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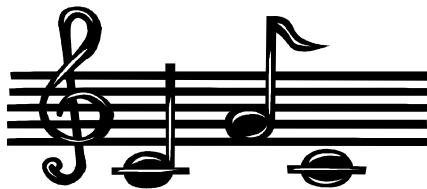
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As in the past, we greatly need your financial partnership. If you desire to help with one, or both of the crusades in DC (Pentagon and National Mall), you may send your contributions to:

H.O.P.E. Ministries International
P.O. Box 11415
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Please designate to which event you are contributing. More than anything, we need your consistent prayers for God's leadership, protection, and power as we move out into new territory for Him.

Dave Kistler



Betsy's Notes

Metamorphosis is a good word to describe the lives of the Kistler family this last year. We had to deal with many changes in our lives.... some easy and others very difficult. But all-in-all, as I look back on this year, I am humbly reminded that we have a Great God who has guided us, protected us and provided for us.

As you know, Rachael began her freshman year in August '05 at the Cleveland Institute of Music. It was God who opened the door for her to have this awesome opportunity. "Difficult" doesn't come close to describing the separation process. I will never forget the day that we took her to Cleveland and had to say goodbye to our "baby". But the Lord was so faithful to protect and help Rachael during this time. was certainly a growing time for all of us. We could feel the strength of the Lord through the intercessory prayer of our friends and family in our behalf. Presently, Rachael is attending the Chautauqua Music Festival in Chautauqua, NY (June 24-Aug. 14). She will perform with the student orchestra, as well as study with two world-renowned teachers. Please continue to pray for

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God's spiritual protection for Rachael, as well as the ability to learn and progress in her violin development. She plans to return to the Cleveland Institute in the fall.

Nathan is now becoming a man! He is 16 years old and driving (as well as shaving!) He has continued to grow musically, learning new chords on his guitar, writing new songs on the piano, as well as recording a new CD titled "Give Me Jesus" The next time you see Nathan, he will probably have his cell phone up to his ear keeping in touch with friends across the country. (He has always had the gift of gab). Nathan continues to keep busy with school; he is a rising junior now.

Our baby Hannah just turned 14 years old this week. A big change in Hannah's life are the new braces on her teeth. She has adjusted to them well, though. Hannah continues to progress with her piano playing, as well as her violin. She also loves to draw and sketch cartoon characters. She is now a rising freshman in high school. Hannah continues to have a sweet spirit and is so conscientious about her work. She is a joy!

Butterscotch, our 22 lb cat, is now 10 years old and more sassy than ever. He has enjoyed his vacation at home, watching the many bird nests in the trees and bushes around our home. He is slowing down a bit and doesn't tolerate the traveling too well, but he does go with us on the shorter trips.

John, Matthew, Luke, Leah and Chocolate are behaving much better. We haven't had to buy any more goats in the last two years. I think our doggies are mellowing and are getting wiser and more content to stay at home.

We do have one more addition to our ministry team-- a 5 lb black dwarf rabbit named Bono. Rachael adopted him while she was in Cleveland this last spring. Rachael calls him "the devil" because when he doesn't have plenty of food in his bowl or his cage isn't as clean as he likes it, he will bite on the side of the wire cage and shake it as hard and as fast as he can. He's worse than a 2 year old!

Dave and I just celebrated our 21st wedding anniversary and we're more in love than ever. These changes in our lives have been difficult, but the Lord has given us the grace to accept them. In fact, our love has grown deeper because we have been on our knees in prayer together more than ever. (You do that when you have teenagers!) It is a joy for us to serve the Lord together in this ministry that God has given us.

Dave is looking forward to many exciting ministry opportunities in the next couple of years. It never

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ceases to amaze us how the Lord has brought such godly, capable people to minister with. We look forward to seeing the Lord do mighty things in the lives of our family, our H.O.P.E. family and the hundreds of pastors with whom we are privileged to minister.

FOR THE GOSPEL'S SAKE

By
Dave Kistler

Every God-called preacher of the gospel has a certificate of license, certificate of ordination, or both, hanging on his study wall. Each of those certificates note that the preacher, whose name is written on that certificate, is called into the "gospel ministry." While many other things are involved in the ministry, the chief aspect of any preacher's ministry is the proclamation of the gospel. Paul sensed the same compulsion when he exclaimed, "Woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel." (I Cor. 9:16) The apostle understood clearly that his primary task was centered in, and driven by, the gospel. In I Corinthians 9, Paul notes his responsibility three times. In chapter 9, verse 12, he states that he endured all things "lest (he) should hinder the gospel of Christ." In verse 18, he mentions his desire not to "abuse (his) power in the gospel." Again, in verse 23, he sums up his life by saying, "and this I do for the gospel's sake." Without doubt, Paul's life was consumed by the gospel. The entirety of Paul's life and lifestyle was to advance the gospel that he so dearly loved, and that had changed his life. All of chapter 9 is Paul explaining why he lived as he did in light of his responsibility to the gospel.

For the gospel's sake, Paul lived a lifestyle of INTEGRITY. In verses 1-11, Paul asks thirteen rhetorical questions to make the ultimate point in verse 11, that he could, and perhaps should, take financial remuneration for his work in the gospel. In verse 9, he uses the law of Moses to illustrate that an ox was not muzzled when treading out corn. Oxen were allowed to eat freely as they worked. In the same way, those who preach the gospel are to live of it (verse 14). However, Paul took no remuneration, but labored with his own hands in tent making so that no one could accuse him of improper motives. That is, he refused what was rightfully his so that the gospel was not discredited. To Paul, INTEGRITY in the gospel was more important than financial gain. I recently received

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a call from a distressed brother in Christ, had just resigned, for two months of severance pay. My dear friend correctly worded it when he said, "Can you believe the arrogance of a preacher who would sue God?!" It goes without saying that the gospel is not what's important to this preacher; otherwise, he would sacrifice his personal finances for the sake of his own integrity and that of the gospel. Years ago, I was asked if I would continue to go to churches where I could not "make it" financially. My reply was then, and is now, a resounding "Yes!" I have learned that God makes up the difference later. For that reason, we have never asked for a penny to go to a church. Our Wonderful Lord has graciously and miraculously provided, and always will.

In verses 19-22, Paul states that, for the gospel's sake, he lived a lifestyle of ADAPTABILITY. These verses are often misunderstood and misapplied. By saying, "to the Jews, I became as a Jew...to the weak, I became weak...I am made all things to all men...", Paul did not mean that he was willing to compromise the truth to gain an audience. His statements are not dealing with the CONTENT of his message, but rather his APPROACH to his audience. "To the Jews, I became as a Jew." That is, he attempted to get inside the head (and ultimately the heart) of a Jew so that he could effectively preach the gospel to them. Note Paul's preaching to a Jewish audience verses his approach in Acts 17, which was an entirely gentile audience. In Acts 17, he begins with creation as his starting point. Prior to even mentioning Jesus, he stresses that there is a God who made all that we see. Pagan men must understand, first, that a Holy God created all that is. To a Jewish audience, he attempts to persuade his listeners that Jesus is the promised Messiah. He approached the two audiences differently. "I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means (literally--by every legitimate method) save some." Paul was merely stating that we must understand WHO it is to whom we are preaching. I have emphatically learned this vital truth. I have attempted to immerse myself in military culture that I may understand what makes those dear men and women tick, so that I can most effectively minister to them. The reality of this was poignantly driven home to me last summer during our Pentagon Outreach. At the conclusion of one of our crusade services, a Sgt. Major asked me if I had ever thought about becoming a chaplain. I responded, "I have, but why are you asking?" He said, "You'd make a great chaplain, 'cause its obvious that you love the troops." I said, "But, I've never served in the military." He replied, "Its true, you haven't, and that's what makes your love all the more powerful! You don't love us

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"vocationally", you love us by choice." He was appreciating that I had taken the time to try to understand the military mind, and evidently have done so enough to earn that compliment. May we understand that today's culture is not the same as the 1950's and '60's. We are ministering to a world that is almost totally devoid of any knowledge of God. We must get inside of their head, understand what make them tick, and present the gospel to them utilizing "contact points" that will allow us to penetrate their world. In the next several months, we will begin a new DVD project, designed to target the racing world with the gospel. In order to know HOW to most effectively reach that segment of society, I have tried to immerse myself in the racing culture. I will preach the same message, as far as content, but I must understand the best approach to that audience. If Paul were saying it today, he'd, no doubt, say it this way. "To the MILITARY, I became as one in the MILITARY, that I might gain those in the MILITARY. To the RACER, I became as a RACER, that I might gain those in the RACING COMMUNITY, etc."

Lastly, for the gospel's sake, Paul lived a lifestyle of DISCIPLINE. In verse 25, he says, "And every man that striveth for the mastery is TEMPERATE (self-disciplined) in all things." He continues to use athletic analogies throughout the remainder of the chapter. The point is, an athlete is DISCIPLINED for the purpose of winning a temporal award. That, for which we are living and running, is eternal. Paul said that he keeps his body under (under submission) and disciplines it so that he not be a castaway (literally--"disapproved" or "disqualified"). Will Rogers once said that, "Tact is the ability to make a point, without making an enemy." I, by no means, want to make any unnecessary enemies. But, the church is full of members who live sloppy, undisciplined lives. A good number of years ago, I took my wife to hear a well-known and extremely overweight preacher. As he expounded on the evils of smoking, drinking and related vices, I thought, "And what about committing suicide with a knife and fork?" The fact is, discipline must govern every aspect of our lives. We must be disciplined with our time, talents, treasures and temple (body). Learn to say "No!" to your body and its wants. Discipline yourself and exercise, especially when you don't feel like it. There is no virtue in letting yourself go. In the Old Testament, the temple was not to become an object of worship. However, it was to be treated with great care and respect. Our body is God's temple. May we treat it with the respect it is due. By God's grace, I want to live as long and healthy a life as I can. Discipline can aid some of God's choice servants in allowing them to be productive well into their 80's, 90's and beyond.

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The gospel has ramifications that go far beyond the day we were saved. The gospel has, and should have, a profound effect on the rest of our lives. May we be as passionate as was Paul about the gospel, and may we live life as he lived it: a life of INTEGRITY, ADAPTABILITY and DISCIPLINE, all for the gospel's sake.



Hannah's Happenings

I have had a lot of fun this year, so far. It has been a great year in school as well. Spelling I liked a lot, but the rest of the subjects I really didn't like. For the last few weeks, we have had some vacation time at home. It's really nice to relax after traveling so much. All of our dogs are doing great, as is Butterscotch, our cat. We have a new furry addition to our family in the form of a rabbit named Bono. He is a black, dwarf rabbit that Rachael got free at a pet store in Cleveland. He is hilarious to watch. He eats lettuce, apples, carrots and other items. While Rachael is in Chautauqua, New York at music festival, I have the responsibility of caring for Bono. He will go on the road with us in a few weeks. Our first meeting after our vacation break will be in Texas, where we'll minister at Cornerstone Baptist Church. That week, I'll get to see my grandparents which I always look forward to. From there we will travel west to Oregon. I am excited about going out west because I will get to see most of my friends at churches and our camp. Well, gotta close for now. I hope everyone has a great summer. God Bless!

Hannah



Nathan's Notes

Well, it's been a while since I've talked to everyone. Let's see, I've been really busy, as always. The Lord has done some great things this year, though. We have been in some local church meetings and some tent crusades as well. My favorite meeting this year was the tent crusade we had in Delavan, Wisconsin. The meetings went well, and I also had the opportunity to meet the former heavy-weight boxing champion of the world Chris Byrd. Chris is a wonderful Christian as well as a great fighter who promotes Jesus everywhere he goes. I enjoyed my time with him very much. Now I'm home for about four weeks before heading out to Oregon for the rest of the summer (and I can't wait). I also am going back to England in December for the first time in seven years. It will be great to go back and see my friends that I haven't seen in a long time. Well, I can't wait to see you all if the Lord tarries. Please keep me in your prayers.

Love – Nathan



Ron Brindisi

H.O.P.E. Ministries International Launches Unique Ministry:

Racing to Give HOPE

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In April of this year, I invited Evangelist Dave Kistler to IHRA's Spring National Drag Racing Championships in Rockingham, North Carolina. Because of my past racing experience and contacts in the racing world, I had offered to assist H.O.P.E. Ministries with a new gospel DVD presentation targeting the racing community. Little did I know, but this short afternoon of fellowship and relaxation was really a Divine appointment. Throughout the afternoon, God began to captivate my thoughts and impress on me a greater vision, that of a "cutting edge" outreach to both racers and fans. Even though I sensed this growing burden, I said nothing to Brother Kistler. I could not sleep for the next several days, as the Lord continued to work in my heart. The Lord clearly impressed me to call Brother Kistler, but I just could not do it, as Satan fought to keep me from picking up the phone. Finally, I called and blurted out, "Dave, I don't know how to say this, but have you ever thought about have a H.O.P.E. sponsored race car?" I did not know it, but Dave and his wife had also been praying for several days about the possibility of a motorsports ministry. I will never forget that moment, as I realized that God had been working on Dave's end and mine to do a supernatural thing. In fact, He has been working for years to bring us to this very moment.

As far as we know, this will be the first primary Christian ministry funded race car in all of IHRA Drag Racing on a national level. Because the car will have "Racing To Give HOPE" and H.O.P.E. Ministries logos on it, the opportunities to minister the gospel will be incredible. People are hungry. They are looking for hope and finding none in this world. For example, at a recent church service held at one track, over one-hundred people showed up to hear the gospel message of hope. When the future of one track was in question and was rumored to be closing, one racer's first question was, "Where are we going to have church?", NOT "Where are we going to race?"

Motorsports is the fastest growing spectator sport in the U.S. The fans are extremely "brand loyal." They will research who is supporting the racer. This gives H.O.P.E. Ministries an unprecedented ministry platform. As the driver, I will have entrance into children's hospitals, race chapels, schools and related venues that others would find difficult, if not impossible. Like any effective missionary endeavor, success involves the total saturation of the messenger in the culture of the recipient. I can remember when churches, endeavoring to fulfill the Great Commission, would have a float in the local parade or a booth at the county fair, endeavoring to meet people where they are. Church groups do this on the mission field, visiting sporting events and community festivals to

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pass out tracts and Bibles. WHY NOT HERE IN OUR JERUSALEM? Drag racing is unique, in that fans have direct access to the team pit areas. Every race, my "door to door" witnessing will come directly to me.

I earnestly desire your prayers that God would continue to open doors and bring in all the needed elements. The car is currently under construction. The Lord has already provided the motor and other key components. If you wish to help in some way, financially or otherwise, please contact H.O.P.E. Ministries at 828-302-2060. I am excited and honored to represent the Lord under the expanding umbrella of H.O.P.E. Ministries International.

Ron Brindisi

Men – Means – Methods

By Dave Kistler

“For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called. But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise.” (I Cor. 1:26-27)

Recently I was brought to laughter when reading and contemplating the Lord’s comment to Gideon in Judges 6:12. “And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him and said unto him, The Lord is with thee, thou mighty man of valour.” God pays this compliment to a man who’s hiding behind a winepress for fear of being discovered by the Midianites. Without doubt, God saw something in Gideon, at this time, that no one else, including Gideon, knew he possessed. The choice of Gideon was a “foolish” thing from man’s perspective. But, God’s economy is not like ours. He chooses and uses different vessels than most of us would select. In fact, God’s ways are often un-orthodox in nature. I want to draw your attention to three aspects on the un-orthodox way in which God often works.

First, God often uses un-orthodox MEN. In I Sam. 22:2, God led David to select men who were “in distress (depressed)...in debt and ...discontented (restless)...” I know of very few pastors or corporate presidents who would have chosen this “rag-tag” crew. Yet, David, the man after God’s own heart, looked beyond where these men were, to what they could be. Is it any wonder that they served their leader with such sacrificial dedication. Years ago, I heard of a school teacher who was given a most “behaviorally challenged” class of high-school students. At the end

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of first semester, the entire class had excelled beyond anyone’s widest expectations. When asked how she’d done it, the teacher responded that “anyone could teach such an intellectually elite group.” When asked why she considered them so gifted, the teacher said that she’d seen their IQ numbers listed beside their names on her class roll. The principal tersely responded, “those numbers weren’t their IQ’s, but rather their locker numbers. Because the teacher saw the potential rather than the problems, the students rose to her vision for them. Likewise, David’s men rose to the level of his expectation for them.

Second, God often uses un-orthodox MEANS. Who could deny that reducing your fighting force from 32,000 to 300 is a bit un-orthodox? Yet, God stated clearly to Gideon His reason for culling down the size of the army. He said, “lest Israel vaunt themselves against me saying, mine own hand hath saved me.” While I’m in degrading talent or giftedness, God is more interested in integrity and faithfulness. He’ll use any and all who, in honesty and dedication, have made themselves available to Him, gifted or not.

Third, God often uses un-orthodox METHODS. What laughter must have erupted as Gideon’s 300 armed themselves to the teeth with pitchers, lamps and trumpets. Yet, through these, God gave great victory. The longer I live and serve in the ministry, the more firmly I become convinced that “tradition” may well be the greatest enemy that Christianity has. Jesus, Himself, often broke with tradition in His ministry. His doing so raised the ire of the religious elite of His day. While “tradition-breaking” must never be the goal, in itself, there will be times that we will have to break with the norm to do the will of God. Jesus’ talking with a woman at a well in Samaria broke with the tradition of His day. His disciple plucking ears of corn on the Sabbath broke with tradition, as well. Praise God that He often uses the un-orthodox, otherwise, many of us would never have the opportunity of service we now enjoy. Rather than living in dreaded fear of the un-orthodox, may we embrace it, knowing that He often uses such MEN, MEANS and METHODS.

Dave Kistler

**It takes evangelistic
unction to make orthodoxy
function.**

Bob Jones, Sr.



"On the Road Again with the Kistlers"
by Janet Saunders

What could be more exciting than a week of revival services at your local church? Answer: Forty-two weeks of revival meetings in forty-two different churches in over fourteen states and one church in Canada.

What does the Lord say to a former businessman and his school-teacher wife of thirty years when they ask "Lord, what can we do together for You?" Answer: "Go along- side the Kistler family and help as you are needed.

This past January (2006) Bill and I began our third year "on the road" with Dave, Betsy, Nathan and Hannah (Rachael is now away attending college). What is it really like to travel with an evangelist and his family across the United States? Funny that you should ask! First let me say that the Kistlers are a joy to be with. They are down-to-earth, heavenly-minded, well-balanced, incredibly talented, sweet people with a terrific sense of humor. We have endured many long days and nights of traveling, sometimes as much as fifteen hours a day to get to our next destination. We have had various types of car/trailer problems along the way, through many kinds of weather. But through it all, the Lord has been so good to us.

Our trips usually start on Saturday mornings, when we hit the road anywhere between 7 and 9 am (depending on how far we have to travel in one day). When we arrive at the church, Bill and Dave unload the sound equipment, hook up the trailers (so we ladies can get our homes-away-from-home in order)

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and begin setting up the sound system inside the church. After that there is just enough time to have a quick bite to eat and then it's off to sleep! Sunday mornings we do a Sunday School service for the adults in the main auditorium and then the regular morning service begins. Betsy, Nathan, and Hannah provide the special music, followed by Brother Dave's message. After church we typically have lunch with the pastor and his family. We return to our trailers for a brief respite and then go into the church to practice music for the evening service. I have heard many of Bro. Dave's messages countless times, but I never tire of hearing him preach God's word so powerfully. It is a thrill to see so many souls saved and lives changed every week!

Our weekdays are spent doing home schooling. I work with Hannah, and Betsy teaches Nathan. Dave also does a Christian Worldview course with Nathan in the afternoon. The Kistler "kids" spend much of the day doing schoolwork and practicing their musical instruments with Betsy. Bro. Dave and Bill keep very busy with planning the meetings, taking care of the administrative parts of the ministry and holding special chapels (if we are at a church with a Christian school.)

In the evenings we have services each night. Betsy and I conduct a special program for the children ages 4-9 during the preaching time. We have had as many as 80+ children at one time in attendance (the average is about 15-25.) It is always exciting to see children saved or receive assurance of their salvation. They are a blessing to work with.

If I had to pick one aspect of working with the Kistlers that I value the most it would be the friendship that we have developed with them over the past three years. We have become like family. Our hearts have been closely knit with theirs. Their example of Christian service and sacrifice has helped us immeasurably in our walk with the Lord, has deepened our appreciation for those in fulltime ministries, and has greatly increased our burden to reach the lost for Christ.

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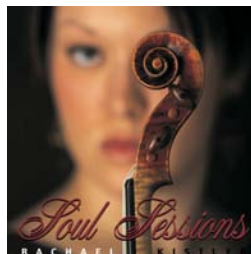
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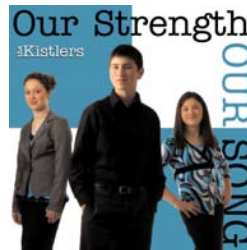
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Our Strength, Our Song
Released March 2005

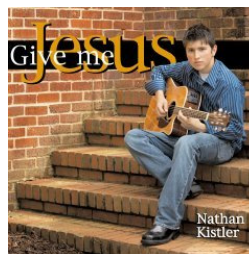


Includes the following songs:

'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus
Mary Did You Know
Our Savior's Love
Were It Not For Grace
I Worship You
His Strength Is Perfect
How Beautiful
To Rescue A Sinner Like Me
Near The Cross
God Bless America

Nathan Kistler Solo CD
Give Me Jesus
Released July 2006

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Includes the following songs:

Completely Free
Strength of the Lord
I Must Tell Jesus
Your Grace Still Amazes Me
Mary, Did You Know?
Via Dolorosa
Ten Thousand Angels
I'm Free
O Bless the Lord
Give Me Jesus



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Partner With Us in Washington, DC

As many of you are aware, HOPE Ministries has been invited back to the Pentagon next summer. In addition, we will be privileged to conduct our third National Mall crusade the week following our Pentagon event. Those two weeks are as follows:

Pentagon Outreach--June 6 - 7, 2007
Crusade on the National Mall--June 10 - 15, 2007

We are thrilled with the opportunity of doing these two events back to back, as the impact on the city of Washington, DC can be incredible. We anticipate the Lord doing great things through the proclamation of His word. Already, we have approximately 900 people who have signed up to come to DC to assist with the crusade.

In the past, it has required a significant expenditure of effort and funds to plan and conduct just one event in DC. While we are thoroughly convinced that this is the will of God, we also know that spending two weeks in DC is an extremely aggressive endeavor. With evangelistic outreaches in the city spanning two weeks, we desperately need your prayers and financial support. In 2004, our second Washington crusade cost just over \$24,000. Last summer's Pentagon Outreach cost approximately \$10,000. With more people coming this time, and with the additional things we would like to do, we anticipate the cost being at least \$35,000 for the combined meetings. That figure will cover the bare minimum expenses. I ask your serious and prayerful consideration as to what the Lord might have you do to help us with these costs. Additional funds over and above the minimum will mean a much greater impact. The Lord has always wonderfully provided and I know that He will again. If you would like to assist us in spreading the gospel in our nation's capital, you may send your gifts to:

H.O.P.E. Ministries International
P.O. Box 11415
Hickory, NC 28603

Please designate your gift to either "Washington DC Crusade", or "Pentagon Outreach." Thank you for your prayers and gracious consideration of these needs.

Dave Kistler

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Washington DC 2007 Registration Form

Please print, complete and return this form (mail or fax) to:
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 P.O. Box 11415 * Hickory, NC 28603
 1-828-327-9015
FAX # 828-324-8921

Your Contact Information

Title: (Please Circle)	Layman—Pastor--Youth Pastor--Worship Leader		
Name: _____ Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____ Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____ Home Church: _____			
I am interested in helping in the following areas: (Please Circle or Fill in All that Apply)	Security	Usher	Counselor
	Youth	EMT	Choir
	Tract Distribution	Spanish Translator	Setup Tent, Decorating, Chairs
	Take Down Chairs, Tent	Fold/Stuff Handouts	Information Center
I am able and willing to play the following instruments:	_____ _____		
I will be on site ready to help on the following days: (Please Circle)	Thur 6/7/07 (Tent Set-up)	Sun 6/10/07	Mon 6/11/07
	Tue 6/12/07	Wed 6/13/07	Thur 6/14/07
	Fri 6/15/07	Sat 6/16/07 (Tent Take-Down)	
My youth group will be on site ready to help on the following days: (Please Circle)	Thur 6/7/07 (Tent Set-Up)	Sun 6/10/07	Mon 6/11/07
	Tue 6/12/07	Wed 6/13/07	Thur 6/14/07
	Fri 6/15/07	Sat 6/16/07	
How I came to know God Personally:	_____ _____ _____ _____		

Thank You!

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Kistler Prayer Journal

Intercede For Us

- God's power and anointing over every meeting in 2007
- Safety for the Kistlers and Saunders over thousands of miles of travel
- Physical and Spiritual Protection for Rachael as well as for a successful fall semester
- Pray for power on future Crusades

England Evangelistic Outreach Nov 29 – Dec 3, 2007

Pentagon Outreach June 6 – 7, 2007

3rd Washington, DC Crusade June 10 – 15, 2007

Clayton, GA Tent Crusade June 24 – 29, 2007

July 4th Celebration in Valdese, NC July 4, 2007

Caribbean Crusade - February 2008

Rejoice With Us

- More than 250 saved so far this year
- Safety over the tens of thousands of miles traveled
- Successful summer music camp for Rachael in Chautauqua, NY
- Full schedule of meetings into 2009 and beyond
- Open doors for presenting the gospel in public marketplace venues