



### **Men With A Mission 2005 in Review**

On November 4 - 5, we were privileged to host our 9th "Men With A Mission" conference. By all accounts, this was the best conference yet. We began Friday evening with a dynamic service featuring special music by the Engleside Ringers (a ten-time national champion hand bell choir) from Alexandria, Virginia. Additional special musicians were the Daybreak Quartet, Jose' Young and Nathan Kistler. Our guest speaker for the evening was Major Alan Pommaville, Deputy Chaplain at the Pentagon. His message was outstanding and right on target. Prior to the Major's message, HOPE Ministries presented a beautiful print of the Statue of Liberty surrounded by the words, "Home of the free...because of the brave." An additional brass plate was attached with the inscription:

*"Presented to the Pentagon Chaplains Office, in deep appreciation for your unflinching commitment to the advancement of freedom and the gospel."*



Major Pommaville, accepting for the Chaplains Office, was overcome with gratitude and stated that the picture "would hang in a place of honor in the Pentagon." The Friday evening service was packed with friends of HOPE Ministries as well as many visitors.

On Saturday, we were treated to outstanding messages by Major Pommaville, Paul Hatfield, Charles Harrell, Doug Allen, Bill Saunders and Jeff Gammons. Each message was directed by the Lord and dealt with the topics of salvation, sanctification

and service. I never ask the men to speak on any particular topic. Every conference, we allow the Lord to direct each man and it is amazing how the Lord puts everything together. At the end of the conference, we allow time for the men to testify regarding what God has done in their life throughout the day. Each testimony was challenging and poignant. I praise the Lord for 5 men who were saved and approximately 40 who yielded to serve the Lord full-time.

It thrills my heart to see God challenge and change men, calling them to greater degrees of surrender to Him. One man's comment to me at the conclusion of this year's conference sums it up best. He stated, "I have been saved for 42 years and I've ministered inside the four walls of my church, but very little outside it. I can never be the same after this weekend. It's time for me to get busy reaching my world for Christ." As this mature man said this, tears filled his eyes. I agree with him 100%. It is time for us, as men, to rise to the occasion and be the salt and light that our Savior intended us to be. May we heed David's admonition to his mighty men, "Stand fast, quit (act) ye like men, be strong."

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