



A Soul's Worth

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What are you worth? Is it based on your salary, your investments, your assets? Or is your worth measured by what you mean to people, what kind of relationships you have? More importantly, what is your soul worth? Your soul is worth more than any dollar amount could ever count. The value of anything is based on the price someone is willing to pay for it. You are so valuable to God that He was willing to pay the ultimate price, sending His Son Jesus to die in your place. He gave up everything that He had because you were worth it.

Now imagine this—a field with hundreds of thousands of people, all whose souls are worth that ultimate price Jesus paid, hearing the infallible Word of God. Upon hearing the Gospel preached, they have the choice to accept Jesus, stepping over into eternal life. No longer are their souls hanging in the balance, no longer do they face the enemy’s threat of dying for eternity. Their eternity begins in that “180° moment,” the turning point in the right direction towards God. Now they can truly live.

This summer, we will take part in this transformation, both home and abroad. In July, a team of on-fire youth from our Solid Rock Youth group, along with dedicated adults will head down to Biloxi, Mississippi to bring hope to this hurricane ravished area. Biloxi is a town of diverse culture and history, laced with French influences. Its

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location on the Gulf Coast has made it a popular vacation spot for centuries. Biloxi was one of the most devastated communities by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Businesses were destroyed, homes flattened, lives lost; destruction walked the streets leaving its rubble on every corner turned. The revenue this area usually relishes in has depleted immensely since the storm.

Relief workers and government agencies have been working to rebuild this town, and the people of Biloxi are determined to “revive the renaissance” and are coming back strong. We are going to render our help to aid in this effort, not only by meeting their physical needs, but by bringing these people the message of hope. Igniting a flame of hope in their hearts through Jesus will not only impact them while we are there, but it will also give them faith to hold onto as they continue to persevere.

The team will be conducting a “Hope Festival” over two nights, similar to our Richmond Reach-Out. In preparation for this trip, we have received nothing but grace and favor. The city has been wide open to us, and so many people are excited about participating. The first night will be held at a local school with 1,000 FEMA trailers close by, filled with families who will be able to attend. The next day will be an all day event at John Henry Beck Park, located in East Biloxi. This area, stereotyped for poverty, crime, and drugs, is prime ground to offer hope. The field here measures about half a town block, so we are expecting a huge crowd, especially of young people. Solid Rock Youth will be doing dramas, raps, and giveaways. There will also be games, basketball, and so many blessings for the people.

The people of Biloxi may have been pressed hard by this hurricane that tried to strike them down, but they were not crushed nor destroyed. They are still blessed because God’s promise endures and His joy is their strength. We are going



to share the joy of God's promises with them, rebuilding lives and restoring hope.

On the heels of this trip, another team of soul-winners on a mission will be traveling overseas to Nairobi, Kenya in August for our annual crusade there. We are returning to the capitol of this African nation, after last year's incredibly successful trip with over half a million souls saved. The expectations for this crusade are high. We are believing God for even more salvations and healings, as this city is set ablaze by the power of God.

Nairobi is one of the largest and fastest growing cities in Africa. It is becoming a very modern city, but still holds true to its history. Tourists from around the world are attracted to its illustrious culture, drawn specifically to the safari parks and other

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natural elements of beauty. The city itself touches nature, surrounded by Nairobi National Park. The people are unique with an energy that unites their differences, a characteristic genuine to them. Nairobi is full of excitement and life, and we are going to inundate this city with the true life found in Jesus Christ.

For five nights, the crusade will be held on one of the largest fields we have ever had, Mathare Field. This field has never been used before for something like this, and hundreds of thousands of people have great access to it. With such a huge crowd, we are investigating acquiring a new and stronger sound system, giant projectors, and more and brighter lights to make the activity on the platform visible to everyone. Local churches will join with us, already providing 100 workers to help us when we arrive. Local artists, Christ's Ambassadors and Rufftone, will fire up the crowd with great music that is sure to get everyone dancing for Jesus. After drawing in the crowd, Pastor Randy Gilbert will passionately deliver the Word of God, and then lead hundreds of thousands of people in the prayer of salvation. So many other healings and miracles will take place, completely changing every person who sets foot on that field, impacting a nation.

Kenya is a field white to harvest. For many years, we have ventured into this land with the unchanging Gospel of Jesus Christ, reaping a greater harvest with each trip. We are excited about the incredible things that God is going to do.

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