

## **Coal Country GO TELL Crusade Middlesboro, KY**

I have been coming to the GO TELL Camps for nine summers, and I always left camp with the passion to bring more teenagers the next summer. Once you experience the way the Lord moves there among these young people and the way God uses Rick Gage and his wonderful team, you are jealous for everyone to experience it.

About five years ago I started to consider a crusade for our area and the possibility of Rick coming to us and each and every teenager here getting touched by God and changed forever. Just like most people, I thought it was just a dream! A dream that would never come to pass. My area is so economically oppressed since coal jobs have been destroyed by the changes in our country, specifically our current administration, that I never thought I could get people from every denomination and background to realize what God could do here with some hard work, a small amount of donations, and lots and lots of prayer.

At first, the budget did prevent a lot of Christians from getting involved. It scared them to death, and they could not get past it. Of course, this just made the Lord's miracles that came even more awesome!! God began to send donations to us from other states, other counties that had crusades years ago, Christian businesses, churches, ministries, and even children. We were able to pay every expense associated with the crusade AND send money to Rick and GO TELL Ministries for their next work. God blessed above and beyond our need and kept blessing!!! God answered every question that came from those who thought it could not be done here (southeastern Kentucky).

Do not ever doubt that God will provide, He will. He did it for us, and He will do it for you. Just take that step of faith!! You will not ever regret it. I promise!! I can never thank Rick and his team enough. They came into my community and worked, prayed, visited, compelled, led people to Jesus on the streets, in jails, and in our crusade. We had nearly 300 saved in a very small community, and I was awestruck at the way the Lord changed pastors, volunteers, and normal everyday Christians into warriors. We unified, we became friends, we prayed together, we went on outreach days together, and we watched God harvest our friends, families, co-workers, and even people from our churches.

Wow!! It still just makes me smile to realize that all the work was so worth it just to see the crowd respond to the Word and walk down to the altar to meet God and not be ashamed. I think every community needs Rick Gage and GO TELL Ministries. The people truly are ready for a great harvest and God is waiting on us to say, "Send me!!" Don't wait. do it!

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