

Hundreds Trust Jesus in Northeast Mississippi GO TELL Crusade

More than 600 people made commitments to Christ during the recent Northeast Mississippi GO TELL Crusade in Booneville.

The crusade was held nightly April 15-18 at Tiger Stadium on the campus of Northeast Mississippi Community College.

Evangelist Rick Gage led the crusade with help from team evangelists Scott Camp of Texas and Adrian Despres of South Carolina. During the crusade week, more than 8,000 attended the four-night outreach and nearly 3,000 students were reached through GO TELL's nationally acclaimed ON TRACK Assembly program.



Before the crusade began, 45 salvation decisions were made by people who attended the Pre-Crusade Rally on April 11 at Prentiss County Agri-Center in Booneville and the Pre-Crusade Block Party on April 7 at Eastside Park, also in Booneville.

Based in Atlanta, Georgia, GO TELL Ministries united a variety of evangelistic churches in Prentiss County to prepare the way for this evangelistic crusade.

Among the follow-up results were that eight of the 10 baptisms on April 22 at East Booneville Baptist Church were people who trusted Christ during the GO TELL Crusade. The other two were people who had trusted in Jesus for salvation years ago but decided to be scripturally baptized.

Crusade Chairman Marty Roberts, pastor of Oak Hill Baptist Church in Booneville, said, "What a mighty move of God we experienced in Booneville, MS during the Northeast Mississippi GO TELL Crusade. Two years of praying, planning and preparation came together over a four-night period. I heard one man make this statement, 'During the time of invitation, it looked like cows headed toward water as people came to the stage area, responding to the Holy Spirit.' How thirsty our towns have become, longing for a movement of God. I am thankful for all that the Lord did and continues to do in our small town. I am thankful for the opportunity to work alongside many of our area pastors and the GO TELL Team. I encourage you to start praying about having a GO TELL Crusade in your area."

Among the most amazing transformations is when a former prisoner Benji decided to give his life to the Lord after hearing the Gospel message being broadcast over the sound system as he was walking to a nearby convenience store.

"Apparently, the Lord was tugging at his heart; and he knew he needed to turn around and come back," said Prentiss County Sheriff Randy Tolar who has known Benji since he was a teenager.

Benji was Tolar's first arrest for DUI. Since then, Benji had become trapped in a cycle of drug abuse and theft to support his habit.

"All the times I ever dealt with Benji, he treated me with respect. Benji was in and out of jail and prison regularly," Tolar recalled.

As he offered him a ride home from the crusade, Tolar said, "Benji was sobbing the whole time. I told him how proud I was of him and encouraged him to get involved with a local church. He told me that Brother Rex Bullock had invited him many times to church."

Brother Rex not only is the sheriff's pastor but also a childhood friend of Benji's. Tolar said he and Brother Rex both cried as they discussed the life-changing decision made by Benji.

Patrick Eaton, a member of East Booneville Baptist Church, said, "My family of six is now all saved. To God be the Glory!"

Pastor Keith Phillips of Westside Baptist Church noted, "This week I watched my 25-year-old daughter leading girls to the Lord. I watched my son-in-law leading people to Christ. I watched my 21-year-old son leading people to Jesus. I watched my wife leading people to Christ. I had the joy of assisting many counselors as well as counseling myself. But the greatest joy was when my 20-year-old daughter, who I hadn't seen in three-and-a-half years, came to Christ. Praise God!"

Information: NMSgotell.org, GoTellMinistries.com.