

Rick Gage GO TELL Crusade Pampa, Texas sees 800 commitments to Christ

More than 800 commitments were made to Christ during the Rick Gage GO TELL Crusade Pampa, Texas.

In a town of 18,000 people located about 75 miles east of Amarillo, there were greater than 10,000 attending the four-night crusade Sept. 13-16 at Pampa High School Football Stadium.

This crusade was sponsored by Pampa area churches in Texas, calling themselves the Pampa Ministerial Alliance.

Planning began in January 2015 with “raising funds, praying, publicizing, inviting, working on the worship music, preparing counselors and the follow-up ministry, setting up the stadium, working on hospitality and much more,” said the crusade’s Facebook page administrator Ed Sattesahn.



Before the start of the crusade, Steve Paysen, with the Rick Gage GO TELL Crusade Ministry, shared in the morning service at Pampa First Assembly of God. Paysen then spoke at the Pre-Crusade Youth Rally when more than 60 young people came forward for salvation or rededicating their lives to Christ.

“Also, over 150 young people came to be prayed for that God would use them to reach their friends for Christ,” Sattesahn said.

On the first night of the crusade, Sattesahn recalled, “The home field stands were almost filled. The message by Rick Gage was great, and over 200 people came forward and made a decision for Christ. God is good in His grace toward us in ‘that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.’”



Jan Cory said, “I am 63 and have been involved in church my entire life. The Rick Gage Crusade was the most meaningful event in which I have been involved. The crusade was bathed in prayer months before the crusade began. God ‘showed up’ in a big way in Pampa, Texas. The Holy Spirit touched lives, and over 800 decisions were made for Christ.

“As the crusade began, I felt a nudge to invite a friend who is a believer. She came and brought five young ladies with her. All of them made decisions for Jesus. What a joy to see these – as well as many, many others – say yes to the One who loves us completely,” she said.

“If you have the opportunity to have this crusade in your town, say yes. Get involved. Be a part of God’s plan for the salvation and restoration of others. Maybe even your own!” Mrs. Cory added.

Following the crusade, Co-chair Byron Williamson, senior pastor of the First Baptist Church of Pampa, said, "Between last Sunday and this Sunday, we will baptize 25 with more still being followed up plus four new families are joining the church that had no church home."

Williamson noted that the Rick Gage GO TELL Crusade team's emphasis on follow-up "was better than I've ever seen at similar mass evangelism efforts."

Counseling Chairman Dallas Stringer, senior pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Pampa, said they baptized 14 after the crusade and have six more planned with 15 in the New Believers' Class.

Finance Chairman Billy Smith said this crusade "was the most remarkable Christian event I had the privilege to witness in my 33 years of living in Pampa, Texas."

When asked to be the crusade's finance chairman, Smith said, "I accepted immediately as it has been –and always will be – to answer God's call in my life. My fear was: 'What if we could not raise the money?'

"My first response was to pray to the Lord for guidance. Then my next response was to join the Prayer Committee for the crusade," Smith said.

"As the early weeks went by, my fear was replaced with faith. I witnessed how the people are longing to be closer to the Lord. I saw the money raised with the prompting of the Holy Spirit. It came together so quickly it seems. I witnessed people from all congregations coming together in love and working together in all facets of the crusade," Smith said.

"Then, when the crusade came, I saw the stands in our football stadium filled. I saw people from all over the community worshipping God. My heart was so filled with this experience. Then, over the four nights, I saw more than 800 people come down to be saved," he recalled.

"I feel I looked up and saw Jesus smile," Smith added.

"The first Sunday after the crusade, I saw and heard about a large number of baptisms in almost all the churches. I am so encouraged as I see the counselors working continually with those who came down to be saved. This event was – and will continue to be – a blessing from God," he noted.

Smith said, "I would encourage any community to seek out a crusade from Rick Gage to their city. I believe he and his organization are a blessing to rural America."