

RICK GAGE CRUSADE DRAWS CROWDS OF MORE THAN 16,000

Four-night Event Makes History in Waycross, Georgia

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Evangelist Rick Gage has been filling football stadiums for more than a decade in small towns across America. Citizens were astonished when more than 16,000 flocked to Memorial Stadium in Waycross, Georgia, for the Southeast Georgia GO TELL Crusade.

By its conclusion, 1,140 spiritual decisions had been recorded, including 673 first-time professions of faith. More than 50 churches joined forces to host the crusade which sparked an unprecedented, sweeping revival in Waycross.

Excitement pervades the area as churches baptize converts and follow-up continues at a feverish pace. The Sunday morning after the crusade, many churches dedicated their entire services to crusade testimonies and saw more people come to Christ as the spirit of revival continued.

Crusade Co-chairman Bill Bryson said, "What I witnessed happen in our county cannot be humanly explained. God moved through in mighty power and released an awesome awakening. Our churches came together across denominational and racial lines in a spirit of unity and cooperation to love and reach people, and the results are staggering. We are continuing what the crusade started and will feel its impact for years to come."

Many believe that years of prayer and planning before the crusade caused there to be a hunger for God in the community. A pre-crusade youth rally entitled "Firehouse" witnessed 67 first-time decisions for Christ. The Sunday morning before the crusade Rick Gage spoke at a local church where 55 people made commitments to Christ.

During the day, Gage and his team conducted "ON TRACK" School Assemblies in 14 area schools, spoke at a local prison where 10 were saved, and at a youth detention center where 12 were saved. Daily noon luncheons were blessed times when people shared testimonies from the previous evening and pastors received decision card information.

"The impact of the crusade was far greater than we ever anticipated. We're taking follow-up very seriously, not letting one person who made a decision fall through the cracks," said Pastor Freddie Smith. "The sight of the football field covered with those who had come to make decisions was a sight I will never forget. There were times when I had to counsel six at a time the response was so great."

Jerry Weathersby, Crusade Chairman, commented, "After a crippled man was healed in Scripture, a disciple commented, 'We have never seen it on this fashion.' This statement truly describes the crusade in Waycross. Jesus did what He said He would do

if we would only lift Him up. We did, and we saw something that Waycross has never seen on this fashion! The Lord truly did abundantly above what we could have imagined.

“I feel as if all these years I have not been in the game but have been on the sidelines, not really doing the most important thing—being involved in winning souls. If our Savior came to seek and to save the lost, if that is His heart, then it should be ours also. Hundreds of God’s people got in the game, and Christ did the rest. He drew the hearts of hundreds to Himself. I am so deeply grateful that I got involved in this crusade and chose the Father’s business over my own.”

Miracle stories of changed lives abound in Southeast Georgia. Excited people are quick to share about what God did in the lives of their friends and loved ones. Salvation decisions ranged from 8 years to 90 years old. Some of the hundreds of decisions included three crusade counselors, a police officer who worked security for the crusade, a 17-year-old who had planned his suicide, an entire baseball team, and a high school quarterback.

One 32-year-old woman with four children called a friend to see if she would party with her. “I don’t do that anymore,” the friend replied. “Come with me to the Rick Gage Crusade.” She did and was gloriously saved and attended church the Sunday after the crusade. Her husband returned home and was with her in church Sunday night, deeply thankful that his once broken family had come together.

During an invitation, a 76-year-old man in a wheelchair yelled several times, “Take me to the football field! Take me to the football field!” He said that if an usher had not finally heard him, he had planned to fall out of his wheelchair and crawl to the field to trust Christ as his personal Savior.

“My cup is full and running over,” said crusade treasurer George Robins as his voice cracked and broke. “The crusade was nothing short of supernatural. It convicted a lot of us Christians about how complacent we were. We’re meeting weekly to continue the great work God did. You can never be the same again after seeing an entire family come to the Lord with tears, a little boy clinging to his dad’s leg—an 8-year-old getting saved then bringing his 25-year-old brother—a dad accepting Christ and declaring that he will go from being sorry to being the spiritual leader in his home.”

“It was a glorious thing to see 52 churches united to fulfill the Great Commission,” said Pastor Alton Carter. “I watched the church come alive again as we all focused on the most important thing—Christ and Him crucified.

“There is nothing that can compare with seeing a person receive eternal life. One of the girls who was saved at the pre-crusade youth rally told me that her mother was not going to like her decision. On Tuesday night of the crusade I saw that same girl with tears streaming down her face as she watched her mother get saved.”

Crusade secretary and high school teacher, Angela Strickland, has seen amazing results in the lives of the students she takes each summer to Rick Gage's GO TELL Camps and was instrumental in helping to cultivate the crusade. She said, "I see students deal with brokenness, anger, rejection, and peer pressure on a daily basis. They saw the difference God makes at the crusade. For many, it was all they could talk about.

"There is no question that the power of God rained down on Southeast Georgia. Everyone who was involved with the crusade is overflowing with enthusiasm, not only because of the overwhelming success of the crusade, but also for the far-reaching impact it is having and will continue to have on our communities and the Kingdom of God."

Finance chairman, Bill Higginson wrote, "The crusade was an experience of a lifetime. It was awesome to watch God move among his people for financial resources and for workers to man a huge volunteer support group and handle the integral parts of making an event this large run smoothly. It was awesome to see local law enforcement commit their resources to make things safe, to see local school officials allow the team to speak to thousands of young people, and to see the genuine commitment of the Gage team that brought such glory to God."

Gage, who has dedicated his life to reaching rural America for Christ, has witnessed more than 250,000 decisions for Christ through his many evangelistic outreaches in America and abroad. Rick Gage GO TELL Ministries include crusades, summer youth camps, school assemblies, GO TELL Sundays, and overseas missions trips.

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