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## Open Air Campaigners



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It has been quite awhile since my last newsletter. As I think back over the past summer and fall, there have been times when I saw God really move in the lives of people I came in contact with.

There have been many overdoses and two deaths in Camden, New Jersey, while I was there preaching. Many addicts believe their lives are hopeless, with no way to escape their addiction. They think suicide is the way out. They don't realize that if they die without Christ, their troubles have just begun. We, as Christians, provide hope by pointing them to a God who will give new life for those who put their trust in Christ. Here are a few examples.

I remember a woman named Flo who came close to the meeting location as I preached and listened intently. After I finished, she said, "Looks like Jesus works for you. I'm going to give Him a try." Then, a young man took a New Testament and told me he was going to trust Christ and read the New Testament. And, at another time, a young man came to support us and quoted 1 Corinthians 5:17, "If any man be in Christ he is a new creation..." and said he was saved and went through Teen Challenge in Brooklyn, New York, and thanked us for being there. I spoke to a man named Dave at the Frankford Transportation Center. At a distance, he listened to my friend, Joe, preach and then came over to speak to me. He was under conviction for his opioid and sex addictions. Addiction is one of Satan's ways to enslave people and keep them under his power. We had prayer and with God's help, I trust Dave will get the victory.

While on a prayer walk with some of my church members in Media, I stopped in a pizza shop, which turned into a divine appointment. I had a conversation with the owner, also named Dave, and he told me about a friend of his who was having serious problems at home. It made him think about his life and his problems and wondered how he would face them. I used that as an opportunity to give testimony of how God saved me. I, too, had serious problems and realized that I needed God's help, and I received this help when I became a Christian. I surrendered my life to Christ and started doing things God's way. As a result, He not only helped me but changed my life. God spoke to Dave, and after a long conversation, I challenged him to trust Christ.

**Life is filled with problems.** Addiction is one of the greatest all-consuming ones. People need the Lord Jesus! There is nothing He cannot do if we trust and obey Him.



Counseling in Camden



Preaching in Camden



Man with New Testament



**Thank you for being a part of my ministry** thru your prayers and gifts. These help keep me on the job of pointing people to Christ. Have a Merry Christmas.

PS: Pray for my left hip which is causing me pain and Joy as she has sleep apnea and is using a CPAP machine.

Yours in Christ,

Dave & Joy



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