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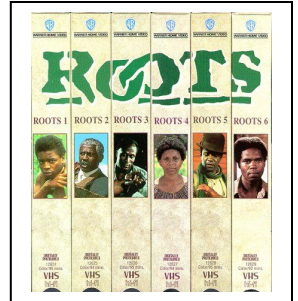


Open Air Campaigners International is an interdenominational ministry of evangelism committed to preaching the gospel to the unreached through open air and other outreaches in partnership with the Church.



HEADLINE NEWS: ROOTS !!!

Most older saints will probably remember the epic Novel and television series that came out in the later 1970s called “ROOTS,” by the black author Alex Haley. It recounts his American family heritage that went back to the British slave trade importing his ancestor Kunta Kinte into the American Colonies as a slave. It could really be considered a tale of the redemptive history of the American Revolution brining about a biblically oriented movement of abolition, emancipation and civil rights in pretty short order, historically speaking. The fact that Haley could succeed to produce such a successful novel and TV series highlighted the point that freedom and opportunity to reach potential in all arenas of life is now generally experienced in the melting pot of America (with its biblically based human rights and freedom, under God, ideology), by people of every ethnic group who take personal responsibility and have a good attitude and determination towards positively excelling in life. Of course, the sin problem of prejudice & discrimination keeps rearing its ugly head in various individual and corporate ways & places at times. And to some extent racism has made a come back in our society on both sides, thanks to a growing anti-God secularism and ideology of Marxism causing division in the ranks (with a divide and conquer strategy) advancing through our institutions of “Higher learning,” which is now trying to filter down into our public education and influential media towards kids. The only thing that can counteract such a carnal ideological impulse, which would ultimately lead to the same kind of 20th century Marxist-socialist-communist revolutionary horrors of history, is the advancement of God’s Kingdom through the spreading of the Gospel as far & wide as possible. We must recirculate the cleansing blood of Christ through the blood line of America in a predominant way again, as in its first several Great Awakening revivals of its first two Centuries. It is evident that the Devil never gives up on trying to marginalize the influence of God’s Word & Spirit & people in this world to bring about a corruptive and oppressive slavery to sin on both a personal-individual level, as well as on a macro-societal level (and even ultimately on a whole Anti-christ, despotic, totalitarian, global level – coming soon to a world near you – but so is Jesus).



In that regard we are glad to report that we and OAC are still on the job for Jesus – we and the OAC evangelists we are helping to facilitate, all over the Nation and the world, are prolifically spreading the Gospel in counteraction of Satanic schemes, and in promotion & advancement of the Kingdom of God (as Jesus taught us to pray, “Thy Kingdom come, and Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.”)!!! Personally, we have given out nearly 5000 gospel tracts so far this year (to date), including not only locally but extending out to the 14 other States we passed through on a couple road trips we took this year, spreading the Good news of God & Christ wherever we go.

Speaking of trips, we recently experienced a nearly 4000-mile nostalgic road trip that brought back a profound remembrance of Renae & my spiritual ROOTS of becoming citizens of the Kingdom of God & Heaven and members of the family of God, which also happened back in the 1970s. Sadly, this trip back to our home State of Minnesota was necessitated by the passing of my dear oldest brother, Tim. As I was asked to give a eulogy regarding my brother’s life, I was emotionally overwhelmed to remember way back to our teenage years when God first broke through to Tim, and then used him to plant the first seeds of the Gospel in my heart, resulting in saving faith conversion a few years later in college where other witnesses brought that seed to fruition. With a difficult family background situation, Tim struggled all his adult life with mental health difficulties and then a plethora of physical health problems that finally all caught up to him. But I am glad to believe that he is completely healed & happy with the Lord right now. His difficulties honed him into a very humble and gentle soul person who was always encouraging everyone he came in contact with. He was always a source of affirmation & encouragement of my faith & calling, and as he had originally hoped to be a missionary himself, I believe that was fulfilled by extension through his input into my life – PTL!!! On our trip we were so encouraged to get to visit with a number of people who were there way back at the beginning of our spiritual journey, as well as others who have been such a blessing to us along the way, as we headed into the long & winding road of our missionary calling to serve Christ’s Great Commission cause. One special get together was getting to see some twin sisters that we have not seen in over 40 years. They were head over heels happy to see us again, as our sisters too, because Renae had helped lead them into the family of God way back in the 70’s. We all fondly reminisced about the wonderful times of fellowship we had in those younger glory days, and we had a lot of catching up to do! This was surely a wonderful taste of what it will be like to catch up with many fellow believer-friends on high (since God’s plans for each of us diverged in different directions for awhile), as well as getting to be introduced to the many unknown saints who our gospel outreach efforts were a part of their initial spiritual roots. I believe their eternal friendship blessings will be a BIG part of the eternal reward-treasures of our stewardship-calling, and all you who have helped us on the way will get in on that blessing as well!!



Still Going with the Gospel for the Lord (and for the Lost), Michael & Renae

(PLEASE PRAY FOR US – WE NEED IT – REQUESTS ON BACK, and some pics from our trip)



Renaë's Kingdom roots go back to her High School days when she played trumpet in the marching band. We visited her hometown museum and got a glimpse of her band uniform from way back when.



We had to take a quick side trip back to our Moorhead State University roots, where I came to receive Christ as my Savior (in this student hangout building above), and where I met a beautiful believer named Bunny Bormann (Renaë), and the rest is 40 + years of blissful history.



Julie (next to Renaë) was there in our early roots days in college, and her husband Bob came along soon after, and they have been dear friends from afar ever since!



During our trip we were reunited with these terrific twins, Bev & Barb!! Renaë helped lead them into the family of God in college, and was like a spiritual Mom to them, and now they are precious spiritual sister-friends of ours for all eternity - YAY!



The wonderful Frenz family – Renaë was part of the roots of Amy's (next to Renaë) new life in Christ back in Canada, and now Vaughn & Amy & Megan & Hannah bless us with their wonderfully encouraging & generous hospitality whenever we pass through Michigan (where they moved to), as they did again on our recent trip to MN.

Thanks as well to so many other wonderful friends, family and supporters (and supporting Churches) who blessed us on our trip as well, who we weren't able to include in our pictures here. You all were characterized perfectly by the Christian girl we were able to get to house-sit for us and take care of our dog, Bailey. Upon hearing of our travels, she emailed this:

"I love that you guys have so many connections across the Country. It is so inspiring to see the Church at work in your life. You have to make a journey last minute and you have all of these people willing to be like Christ and take you in and love on you. Such a beautiful thing to see!"

MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU ALL BACK, ABUNDANTLY, WE PRAY!!!!!!!

PRAYER NEEDS

- **PLEASE PRAY** for OAC & we to be faithfully fruitful in our Gospel outreach efforts and bring great JOY to Jesus and all in Heaven (as per Hebrews 12:2 and Luke 15).
- **PLEASE PRAY** for the needed new great awakening & deliverance of America from an evil ideological take over. That the Kingdom of God influence will become predominant again and that we will be able to continue to supply & send multitudes of Gospel missionaries out into the whole world, until the Lord pulls His Church out.
- **PLEASE PRAY** for our prodigal, and all our kids & Grandkids to be spiritually directed & protected by the Lord (as they surely are being particularly targeted by the enemy of our souls). Also please pray for Gospel breakthrough to my extended Bussen family whom I was able to proclaim the Gospel to through Tim's eulogy.

FOR THOSE WHOM GOD IS LEADING TO PARTNER WITH US IN HELPING US KEEP THE BILLS PAID, SO WE CAN KEEP GOING WITH OAC AND THE GOSPEL, THANK YOU SO MUCH! PLEASE SEND FUNDS WRITTEN OUT TO "OPEN AIR CAMPAIGNERS," AS A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE SUPPORT DONATION (with a note designating it as Bussen family support – even little amounts by many add up and are helpful, and are always very much appreciated):

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