



# Stephen & Connie Johnson 2023 Newsletter

## Open Air Campaigners & Wildwood Church

Greetings. First off, we would like to thank you for your prayers and encouragement. It has been a great year of evangelism here locally and countrywide. God has opened many doors and we have been blessed to be involved in so many gospel outreaches.

Our ministry includes many outdoor venues such as parades, fairs, festivals, college and high school campuses, door to door, and daily encounters on city streets. Steve

has also partnered with Hearts for the Lost to teach churches nationwide how to evangelize in their town and take people out to do it. Another outreach was the Tulip Time Gospel outreach in Pella Iowa. We led teams out at the festival to hand out tracts and share their faith. Another opportunity we had was to join with Answers in Genesis at their booth at the Iowa State Fair.

There seems to be a hunger for the good news of the gospel but, of course, there are those who are very closed to it. Lots of kids we talk to at parades and neighborhood VBS's do not know who Jesus is. We have encountered many adults that consider themselves to be Christians but have no idea why, other than occasional

church attendance or baptism when they were infants. We have even heard stories of some who have said they were very angry at reading a gospel tract or the message shared, and later got saved.



There have been many indoor venues too. These include outreach to public grade school kids here in Iowa partnering with OneEighty ministries to share the gospel before or after school in the Quest for Christ programs. We do gospel outreach tables at Blackhawk College here in Moline, Illinois. Many of these college kids are from all over the world and may have never heard the gospel. Connie does gospel sketchboards at different kids clubs and women's events. Steve does regular sketchboard messages and services at local mens shelters, and senior centers. Steve also leads bible studies at Christian Care mens shelter in Rock Island and has become an advisor for the InterVarsity group at Blackhawk College.



Most of our evangelism outreaches are here locally, but we also partner with churches in Florida, Colorado, Pella, Iowa and Indianapolis.

Our church in East Moline, Illinois (Wildwood) has also now designated us as their sent Missionaries to the US. [wildwoodchurch.com](http://wildwoodchurch.com).

Our health has held up but we are not getting any younger and there are more frequent issues that come up. We had to replace our ministry van, as the older one was starting to fail. It seems that we are buying many more tracts than ever as the outreaches increase.



### Prayer Requests:

1. That God would open more doors of opportunity.
2. That the Holy Spirit will go before us and prepare hearts and minds for the gospel and many will be saved.
3. For more workers in Gods harvest field (the fields are white for harvest).
4. Favor with authorities.
5. Health issues and safe travel.

"I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation" Romans 1:16  
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