## **REACHING THE LOST**

The article was written to my Christian brothers and sisters in 2013.

Marina and I returned from the Reinhard Bonnke, Evangelism School/Conference in early September, more fired up to take the Gospel ("Good News") of Christ's love and salvation to a lost and dying (spiritually) world. My prayer lately has been "Lord, give me a heart of compassion and eyes to see and feel like Your eyes so I sense and feel what You feel, for the soul of Your people." The Holy Spirit is moving us and we're being led and drawn into the purpose and plans that God has for us in His overall scheme of creation. Maybe we're at a point where He wanted us to be 20+ years ago and we just delayed it due to own selfish desires. Regardless, history "is history" and we're here in this season in our lives "for such a ("God appointed") time as this" (excerpt from Esther 4:14).

On September 21, we members teamed with Servant Riders Ministries, to serve and minister the Gospel to the Trail of Tears bikers at McFarland Park (Florence, AL), Waterloo, AL, and at the gas give-away (Florence). The day started out bad – weather wise – and seemed to not let up till around mid morning but storm clouds passed and those ready to serve and minister were ready. Over the course of the day, we spoke and fellowshipped with bikers, served them by handing out rag tracts, ladies bags, water, food, prayed with folks and many decisions for salvations and rededication were made that day. Praise the Lord. Now, that's what I'm talking about; reaching the lost. They are everywhere we turn in our daily lives. We just have to watch for (with our spiritual eyes), and take that next step to seize the opportunity, even if it delays our own agenda (yes, I'm talking to myself as well as quite often I've got a set plan that I don't want interrupted, but God working to slow me down). While at the Toronto conference, Marina and I heard from and were inspired by Evangelist Todd White – a very energetic/live-wire individual – who is 100% sold out for Christ and anointed of the Holy Spirit who literally practices "Lifestyle" Evangelism." Story after story was told by him and others where he has allowed the Lord to use him no matter where he is and what time of day it is to reach the lost. Wow, it was incredible! This is something I've begun to relate to and striving for in my own life. Isn't that what Christ has called us to do; to be that Light of Christ for Him to be just that hope to a lost and dying world? I so want to be used by Him, even if in the simplest of things as it all matters. We can just as well be a light when we visit those hurting friends of family members during our hospital visits or saving a kind word while ringing a bell for Salvation Army at Christmas time. Isn't it "All about Him" anyway? "And what you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Colossians 3:17).

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