

A Heart For Evangelism

Volume 2 Issue 3

March 1, 2009

Evangelistic Opportunities

There are no distributions or door knocking scheduled for February.

Evangelism training will begin again in April.

Inside this issue:

<i>First Evangelism Class</i>	1
<i>Evangelistic Efforts at Collinsville</i>	1
<i>Each One Turn In One</i>	2
<i>Avenues of Evangelism.</i>	2
<i>Important Statistics for February 2009</i>	2

First Evangelism Class Well Attended

We began our first evangelism class on Monday, February 2nd and had our final class on February 23rd. Three out of the four weeks, we had close to 30 students, and on one Monday evening we had over 30. This shows the commitment level the congregation has for evangelism.

During the four week course we emphasized the help needed in each area of evangelism. Each student was asked to consider what area they would like to work to help with the evangelistic work here. Several signed up to door knock, hold Bible studies, be Bible study partners, distribute literature, stuff packets, and help with

the creation of DVD's and website work. It was encouraging to see the level of commitment from those who attended.

The class also had the opportunity to view a short, mock Bible study on the last night. Hopefully it gave those who had never conducted a Bible study an idea of how to use the Open Bible Study when teaching someone who is outside of Christ.

Now that the class is over, what is next? Lord willing, when the weather turns warm, we will be able to put into practice a lot of the things we have learned. The door knockers will have the opportunity to use their skills to try and establish Bible

classes and setup Bible correspondence courses as they canvass several neighborhoods. The literature distribution team will be assembling packets and distributing them in several communities. Everyone will begin doing their part to make this congregation more evangelistic.

What if I could not attend the February classes? The class will be offered again in April. We want to equip as many people as we can to do the work of the Lord in this area. Are you willing to commit 4-5 days out of 30 to equip yourself to do the greatest work a person can do? See you in April!

-K.A. Pugh

Evangelistic Efforts at Collinsville

Do you know someone who is outside of Christ? They might be a family member, neighbor, spouse, or co-worker. If you would like to sign them up for a Bible correspondence course, or if you would like for me to

conduct a Bible study with them, please give their name(s) to me or turn them into the office. The several avenues of outreach we are using are good, but the best way to establish Bible studies is with our own personal

contacts. You may be the catalyst to help a wandering soul obey the gospel of Jesus Christ. The greatest gift we could give to anyone is the opportunity to obey the will of the Father. May God help us to lead souls to Him.

A Heart For Evangelism
1400 Troy Road
Collinsville, IL 62234
618-667-6708
www.collinsvillecoc.org
Email: Collinsvillecoc@att.net

Editor: Kelvin A. Pugh
Phone: 618-531-2797
E-mail: Kelvin_kap@hotmail.com

Statistics for February 2009

There were no literature distributions or door knocking in February.

There were 9 accesses to the Bible Call System totaling 10 minutes of calls.

10 new name were turned in to begin Bible correspondence courses

Are You Familiar With Our Avenues of Evangelism?

Currently we are using several methods to get the message of the gospel into our communities and to friends and neighbors. We have: Bible correspondence courses, Bible Call System, door knocking, and literature distributions. Since winter, we have ceased from doing the latter two. Now is a great time to sign up a friend or family member for a Bible correspondence course. Just bring their name and address into the office and we will mail out the first lesson.

In the near future we will have evangelistic DVD's you can give to your friends and family members. Our website is in the process of becoming more media friendly with online correspondence courses and online videos. Eventually, we would like to conduct an online, interactive Bible study. Please pray for all of these efforts. Think about how you can get involved in one of these great works.

Each One Turn In One

In order for a tree to be fruitful, seed must be planted. If we wanted to grow apples from an apple orchard, we must plant apple seeds or apple trees to be recipients of the fruit. It is the same for converts. Converts do not just happen. People do not obey the gospel by happenstance. In order for converts to be converted, the seed of the kingdom must be planted in the hearts of men and women. There are several ways in which the seed of the kingdom can be spread throughout our communities and throughout the world.

Many people do not know what to say to friends, neighbors, and family members who are lost and outside of Christ. Opening the dialogue for such conversation is sometimes difficult. One way to pique the interest of others is by enrolling them in a Bible correspondence course. Your prospect

can work in their own home and at their own pace to study through different biblical topics. Our introductory course is entitled, "Getting To Know Jesus." The prospect will have the opportunity to learn about the Son of God in this 20 lesson study. Of course, salvation and the church are discussed in the lessons. This is a great tool for us to use to help evangelize those who are physically located far away. It is also a great way to get your local neighbors and friends interested in learning more about the Bible.

Do you know someone who would benefit from a study about the life of Jesus Christ? If so, why not submit that person's name to the office or to me, and we can mail the first lesson of the course to them. Imagine if every member of our congregation turned in one name to sign up for a Bible corre-

spondence course. Just because we mail the first lesson to the prospect, does not mean they will complete the lessons. It is, though, an opportunity, to open the door to dialogue about the Bible.

I would encourage every member to turn in one name. It can be someone who is local or out of state. As long as they have a valid mailing address, we can get the information to them. We want to use every means available to spread the seed of God's kingdom to our friends and neighbors wherever they may be.

You have probably heard the term, "Each one teach one." For the next month let's try to employ, "Each one turn in one" for a Bible correspondence course. This will be the most valuable letter your friend or neighbor has ever received. **K.A. Pugh**