

A Heart For Evangelism

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Opportunities for Evangelism

There will be no scheduled distributions or door knocking in December.

Evangelism training classes will be starting in 2009!

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TAG Team Evangelism At Work!

Many years ago professional wrestling was very popular. Over recent years, it has made a resurgence and has again gained popularity, even among young people. It is entertaining to watch a "tag team" match. Four wrestlers are divided into two teams. Each team chooses one person to wrestle. When the first wrestler becomes tired or is being defeated, he can slap hands with his partner outside of the ring and they can switch positions. The switch can happen as long as the wrestler inside of the ring slaps hands with the wrestler outside of the ring.

This concept can be used in our evangelistic

efforts. A recent conversion occurred in this manner just a few weeks ago within our congregation! Sean Davis has been close friends with Rodney Carroll. Rodney's father is a member of the church and he had been talking to Rodney about baptism. Sean had been bringing Rodney to services and Rodney had been attending classes on Wednesday evening. Our topic has been evangelism and we have been studying ways to help non-Christians obey the gospel. Rodney was attentive in all classes and even taking notes. Rodney had also been attending the college-aged Bible studies organized by Robert Guinn. Robert offered to study with Rodney. After mak-

ing the offer, Robert had to leave town because of the death of his uncle. While he was away, Amber Watterson, a member at the Greenmount Road church of Christ, setup a definite study time for Robert and Rodney when he returned home from the funeral. Robert and Amber studied with Rodney and Rodney decided to put on Christ in baptism one Sunday evening. He was baptized by his best friend Sean! Rodney continues to study with Sean, Robert, and Amber.

This was tag team evangelism working at its finest! Sometimes we think one person must take a potential convert from beginning to end all alone. *Continued on page 2*

Evangelistic Efforts at Collinsville

What happens during the offseason for sports players? Many take time to relax, see family, and take vacation. The player who wants to be a cut above everyone else uses the offseason to sharpen his skills and work on

areas of improvement. The winter months are usually the "offseason" for evangelism. It is too cold to go out into the community and distribute literature and knock doors. How will you spend your offseason? Will you use

this as a time to sharpen your evangelistic skills so you can be a cut above the rest? Or will you go into dormancy and hope by spring the skills for evangelism will "just come". Lets look for ways to improve our skills.

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Statistics for November 2008

559 pieces of literature distributed

116 doors knocked

6 new bible correspondence courses established

43 calls made to the Bible Call system with 241 accesses to messages.

9 visitors to our services as a result of the literature distribution, door knocking, or the House to House mailing.

Keep Watch On Our Progress

As you enter into the front of the church building the evangelism bulletin board is the first bulletin board located on the left. Each month, statistics are updated to keep the congregation abreast of our progress. If you would like to know how many doors have been knocked, or the number of packets that have been delivered, the information is posted on the board. Also, as you leave the main doors of the auditorium, an evangelistic thermometer has been placed on the wall by the audio/visual room. It will help keep before us our goal of reaching 50,000 homes over the next five years. Keep watch on our progress!

Tag Team Evangelism At Work - continued

The church is a body which is made up of many members (1 Corinthians 12). Every member can serve a purpose in saving a soul.

In this tag team scenario, which person played the most important role? Was it Sean, Robert, Amber, the Wednesday class, or Rodney's Dad? Each role was important. Each exerted an influence in helping Rodney obey the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Now that we have seen the effectiveness of tag team evangelism, ask yourself, "What role will I play to help lead someone to Christ?" Will I be the one to make the initial contact? Will I be the one to let my Christian light shine that someone will take notice which will lead to questions? Will I be the one who

introduces the candidate to someone who can teach them? Will I teach the candidate? Will the candidate attend a Bible class that you are teaching? Will I be the one to take the confession and baptize the candidate? There are so many steps involved with the conversion process, that several brothers and sisters can get involved?

Paul addressed it this way, "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase (1 Corinthians 3:6). Someone has to plant the seed. Another may come along and water. God will give the increase. Paul continued by stating, "So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase (1 Corinthians 3:7). We must possess the proper attitude when winning

souls. Our attitude should be "**IT IS NOT ABOUT US!**" He continues by emphasizing, "Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one...(1 Corinthians 3:8). We are all working on the same team toward the same goal: saving a soul that is lost! It is not important which "planter" or "waterer" gets the "credit". The most important thing is that the lost soul obeys the gospel and God receives the credit.

How about you? Are you ready to become a tag team partner? Are you ready to assist a lost soul today? What role will you play? Prayerfully consider your involvement. The Lord can use all the faithful hands available!

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