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## KENYA SOUL WINNERS TRAINING A SUCCESS!

On June 23, five members of the *Agora* team set off to Nairobi, Kenya for the *East Africa Soul Winning and Revival Conference*. The team consisted of Drs. Bob and Cathy Dudley, Pastor Don Frazier, Lynne Sneeringer, and Jeff Petry.

There were 113 pastors from 7 different African nations (Kenya, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Rwanda and Burundi). The conference consisted of training in the mornings, soul winning in the afternoons and a revival meeting each night. We saw over 169 souls accept Christ during the conference. We had 3 baptisms the last day from 2 young men and a lady that were saved on the afternoon

soul winning adventures. The first night of the revivals all the pastors came forward to rededicate themselves to focusing on the main thing – soul winning.

The first day in Kenya, we discovered one of the churches that attended the conference last year was having their weekly soul winning visitation that afternoon. We asked if we could join them. What a blessing!

It had been raining that day and the dirt streets were overrun with mud and water. About a dozen people asked Jesus to come into their hearts as the rain and the tears fell.

The men preached on Sunday and more people were



*Dr. Cathy Dudley sharing the gospel with muslim students.*

saved in the services. Also, most of the staff at our hotel accepted Christ throughout the week. One special highlight was when four Muslim children (walking home from their Muslim school, in their Muslim uniforms) stopped to talk to a group of our soul winners. Thank you to everyone who prayed and supported the trip. God blessed our efforts beyond expectations!

## MEMORIAL DAY ON THE MALL IN WASHINGTON, DC

Once again, this Memorial Day, *Agora Evangelism* had the opportunity to travel to the National Mall in Washington, DC for soul winning. Over 40 soul winners made the trip to DC in the extreme heat over the three day weekend. There were 489 salva-

tion decision throughout the weekend and Gospel presentations were given to people from over 18 different countries of the world.

What an amazing God we serve, that we can have opportunities like this to see souls saved for Him. Many thanks to the people who

sacrificed family time at home for time serving God.



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## RIVER VALLEY RANCH GOD AND COUNTRY DAY

On Saturday June 25th, River Valley Ranch in Manchester, MD held their annual **God and Country Day** and *Agora Evangelism* had the opportunity to host a booth for soul winning. The day was filled with food, a rodeo, fireworks and many Gospel presentations.



Fifteen soul winners from **Church of the Open Door** manned the booth that day and saw 56 precious souls receive

Christ as their Savior. Long time soul winner Kathy Reed decided to wonder the crowd and see who she might run in to.

In the process she was able to lead 25 people, young and old, to Christ. She spoke to a father and son and both accepted the Lord. After that, they had such a burden for the rest of their family that they asked Kathy to stick around and talk with the mother and daughter as well. "It was so neat to see these people have such a burden immediately after accepting Christ that they wanted the rest of their family to hear the gospel as well." The entire family ended up accepting

Christ as their Savior.

Jim Boyer had the privilege of speaking with some handicapped folks who were sitting near the booth and several of them accepted the Lord as well.

Dave Brown dedicated his entire afternoon to soul winning at the ranch. He was able to witness to many people and lead 10 to Christ that day.

What an awesome God we serve that gives us opportunities like these!

## SPOTLIGHT: DAVID BASSLER

David Bassler was born in Westminster, MD in 1977 and grew up in Taneytown. David knew at a young age that God had every right to punish him for the things he had done in his life. He had been taught that—but it wasn't until he was nine years old (at an after school **Good News Club**) that he put his trust in Jesus to save him.

Not long after his salvation, David's family joined the **Church of the Open Door** under the sound preaching of **Dr. Shelton Smith**, current editor of the **Sword of the Lord**, and eventually **Dr. Norris Belcher**. But he never put into practice the things he had learned and never really had a relationship with God outside of his salvation.

After high school, David joined the Marine Corps and the small walk with God he had, quickly went away. He spent four years

of enlistment not living for God. The few years after he was out were not any better. "But even that whole time I felt the Holy Spirit trying to draw me back to God." David would occasionally attend church but usually fell back into his old ways. Eventually, he met Jenn, who would ultimately become his wife. He knew enough to know that she needed to be saved. They would occasionally attend church, but he was unsure about how to share his faith. When Jenn did accept Christ, things really started to turn around for both of them.

David and Jenn started to attend church more regularly, making it to the Sunday and Wednesday night services as well. Soon they joined the **Soul Winner's Club** under the direction of **Pastor Larry Staner**. At first, David had many reservations about talking to

anyone about Christ. But after the first session, he was able to lead his first soul to Christ.

Within a year of that first session, the church was planning a mission trip to the Philippines. David and his wife both felt that the Lord was leading them to go. While there, they saw an amazing work that God did in the Philippines.

That mission trip to the Philippines was a life changing experience. David had felt the Lord leading him beforehand, but the call was even greater upon their return. Shortly after that, David surrendered his life to serve God full time.

David started attending **Open Door Bible College** and completed his Bachelors Degree this past May. He has had the opportunity to work a bus route, teach adult and children's Sunday



*Giving a gospel presentation*

School, teach Neighborhood Bible Time, preach to the youth group, teach Bible studies at local assisted living facilities, and since last September, David has had the privilege to teach an adult Sunday School class with an average attendance of two-hundred fifty people. David has attended and organized many **Agora** events.

David and Jenn have two beautiful daughters and are expecting a son in September.

The Lord is leading David to start his own church and the Bassler family will soon start a new journey into the world of missionary deputa-tion.

## ANSWERED PRAYERS IN TANEYTOWN

The Lord opened the door for *Agora Evangelism* to have a booth at the *Taneytown Swing into Spring Festival* in May. When Kathy Reed, a long time soul winner, learned of the opportunity, she prayed that the Lord would prepare hearts and bring people into her path to share God's Word. God answered her prayer by bringing many people by the booth. "I had the pleasure of leading 16

precious souls to the Lord. How wonderful to know that they will be spending eternity in Heaven." During the day, a family of four came by when Kathy first arrived. They all prayed and accepted Jesus as their Savior. "What a joy to know that they will be together for eternity." One young girl, around 8 or 9 years old, was there with her mother and grandmother, who were both already saved.

"The little girl's hearts was definitely prepared and she prayed to accept Christ. The young girl turned to her mother, who was crying, and asked her why. Her mother told her she was just so happy for her decision."

"How wonderful it is to see families united in their love for the Lord. It is awesome to see how the Lord would use *Agora*, and how humbling it is for the Lord to use a

sinner like me, to share His Word."



## LIFE CAN BE A CARNIVAL LEADING SOULS TO CHRIST



"Life is a carnival of sorts and God wants us to go to the show." George and Debra Neubeck went to

The Westminster Town Mall carnival on Sunday June 6 where *Agora Evangelism* had a soul winning booth set up. "We were able to lead eight people to the Lord in about 3 hours time. One Hispanic man Debra talked with didn't speak English. But using the Spanish tract & a lot of gestures and smiles, God's love came through and the gentleman bowed his head and prayed reading from the tract."

George approached two sisters who had just left a church where one had gotten confirmed that morning. He asked if they were sure about going to heaven. Even though they were regular church attendees, they were not sure about Heaven. After sharing a few verses with them and explaining the gift of salvation, both girls bowed their heads and prayed, accepting Jesus as their Savior. A short

while later he encountered Ray who was the operator of one of the carnival rides. "Ray said a prayer each time he started his ride asking God to protect each child. But he was not sure where he would spend eternity and told me, 'I don't think anyone can know for sure.' After a little explanation, Ray prayed to accept Christ. That Sunday was one blessed carnival ride. Praise the Lord!"

## EXCITEMENT AT THE UNION BRIDGE CARNIVAL

*Agora Evangelism* had the opportunity to set up an evangelism booth at the *Union Bridge Carnival* in June. There were plenty of people there throughout the week who were very eager to share the gospel with as many people as they could. Long time soul winner, Jim Boyer was there on Saturday night. Upon his arrival, as he was walk-

ing to the booth, he noticed several families across the street from the carnival, watching all of the activities going on. He grabbed some of the gospel bead bracelets and walked over to them. He approached the families and told them, "We are giving away free gifts and I brought these gifts to you." He handed them each a bracelet and told them they

could keep them, "but the free gift is in the message that these beads hold." As Jim explained to them about the free gift of salvation through the precious blood of Jesus, their interest became heightened. Then, as a group, they all prayed out loud and accepted God's free gift of salvation. "I gave them each a tract and assurance of their

salvation, again witnessing the power of the Holy Spirit."



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*Pastors in Kenya dedicating their lives to the Great Commission— SOUL WINNING!*



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## A LUNCH BREAK AND A SOUL SAVED

On Memorial Day, three soul winners volunteered to drive a group from **Church of the Open Door** to DC for **Agora Evangelism's** soul winning crusade on the National Mall. After much delay, they were finally headed back to the tent sites for soul winning themselves. Unfortunately, they were derailed again with Metro construc-

tion. They would not have enough time to make it to the site so, after much debate, the trio decided to grab a bite to eat before heading back for the buses to pick everyone else up.

While eating, Chris Albin had the opportunity to present the gospel message to the waitress who was helping

them with their food.

Chris talked about our sin, its punishment and the fact that Jesus paid the price for our sins.

Within a short time, the waitress was bowing her head in the middle of the restaurant and praying to accept Christ as her Savior.

The team was elated to see their one and only soul won to Christ that day. "If that were the only person who accepted Christ for the entire day, it still would have been worth it." God still makes divine appointments for soul winners to win the lost to Him! If you are not sure about heaven, go to [www.AgoraEvangelism.org](http://www.AgoraEvangelism.org)