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"Taking the gospel where it has never gone before"



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I imagine sitting in a room, the darkness surrounding me; it is easy to feel so small and insignificant. The darkness is everywhere, in every crack and crevice; I cannot see my hand in front of my face. But when I strike a match and light a candle, I am engulfed in light. It brings warmth to my fingertips and strength to my limbs. Without hesitation, the darkness is gone. There is no struggle.



In this world, we may feel the same way as this analogy. Sometimes when walking through the market, or driving down the road, I let myself think about how almost every single person I see, everyone I pass has never heard the Gospel. Everyone is lost, running to some destination that contains no true meaning and does not bring happiness. People get so caught up in just going from here to there; that's all they can focus on. It is easy to start to feel overwhelmed by the number of people that have yet to be reached. But then I remember

that *we* have the answer for all these people. Inside of us is the Truth, the Way and the Life. Those words contain so much more depth, meaning and power than we could ever imagine.

We decided to have our Sunday church meeting outside of the 'church building'. We wanted to take the Gospel out to where the people are; because after all, God's word and Christian life is not confined to four walls.

Under the shade of the large tree I stood, tapping my fingertips to the beat against my leg. Some people stopped to look at what we were doing. With four beats and a deep breath we began, singing praises right there in the park; our little group clapping and swaying to the music. Children came and watched us, looking at us strangely, probably wondering what type of concert we were performing. The message of the Gospel was broadcast through the park, the sound carrying off over the playground and across the streets. Some people sat on benches at a distance, too shy to approach, but still listening to what we were saying. At the end, we knew that the seed was planted, people had listened, and I believe there will be a harvest.



We plan to take the church, (the body of Christ, us Christians) out to the park every time we gather together. Because the Word of God is so powerful that when people hear, and listen, it plants a seed in their heart and they begin to desire more. The Gospel is too precious to keep locked up for our ears only in the comfort of our buildings. I encourage everyone to step out of their comfort zone and take the Gospel to where the lost are. Strike the match, light the candle in the darkness, be the light in the world that God has called you to be.



God Bless you,
Ariya and Arisa DeVine

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