



The UPWARD CALL MINISTRIES™

Preach the Gospel. Rescue Babies.

PHILIPPIANS 3:14

Operation Save America's National Event

Zack Morgan

I was super blessed to be able to spend 5 days last July with OSA (Operation Save America) at their annual National Event in the heart of Louisville. Operation Save America is made up of Christians from different denominations, across the nation, with a unified heart to fight for the lives of preborn and preach the gospel. Here is the overarching mission of OSA: "Operation Save America unashamedly takes up the cause of preborn children in the name of Jesus Christ. We employ only biblical principles. The Bible is our foundation; the Cross of Christ is our strategy; the repentance of the Church of Jesus Christ is our ultimate goal. As the Church changes its heart toward unborn children, God Himself will hear from heaven, forgive our sin, and bring healing to our land. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only answer to the abortion holocaust. It is upon our active repentance in the streets of our cities that the Gospel is visibly lived out. We become to the church, to our city, and to our nation living parables which rightly represent God's heart toward His helpless children."

Rusty Thomas is OSA's National Director and leads with a fierce passion for the plight of the preborn and the biblical reformation of our nation. He works tirelessly to organize and mobilize God's people on a multitude of battlefronts. While I was there we spent days in front of Kentucky's last remaining abortion clinic (murder mill) heralding the gospel, interceding in constant prayer, exposing the evil of child murder, speaking to many Kentuckians, and so much more. **Thankfully, we know of one precious baby that was saved during our time at the clinic—thank you Jesus!** We also preached to hundreds if not thousands of souls in the heart of downtown Kentucky, seeded the city with thousands of gospel tracts, exposed child murdering abortion doctors, and so much more. The time went by so fast due to the intense evangelistic activity happening all over the city—they even had a large team travel to Indianapolis later in the week to serve at a death camp and preach the gospel! I was proud to stand shoulder to shoulder with hundreds of baby loving saints.



Comic Con - 2017 San Diego

Upward Call Ministries, as well as many other brothers and sisters from local and distant churches, joined Ray Comfort and the Living Waters team in their outreach at the annual Comic-Con International Convention in downtown San Diego, California.

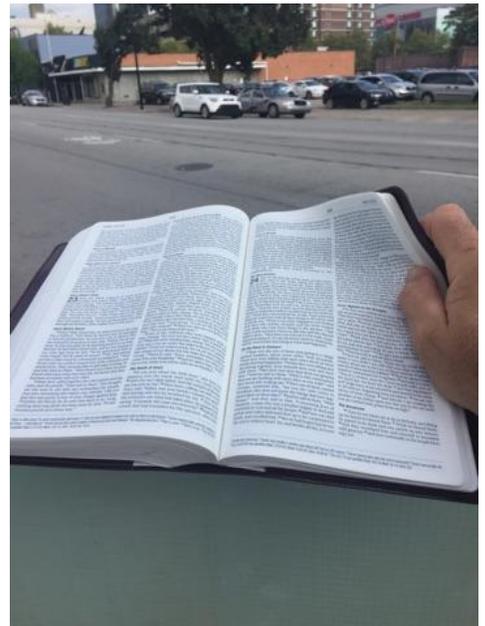
Ray and his team drew large crowds as they shared the gospel and debated "On the Box" with many interested onlookers. Over one hundred and thirty thousand people were estimated to be in attendance this year. So, there were a lot of "fish", to say the least.

Thanks be to God, thousands of people either heard the gospel through open air preaching, one on one conversations, or by way of gospel tracts.

It was a tremendous blessing and encouragement to us all to have the opportunity to serve alongside Ray and the Living Waters Team. The Lord has used their ministry over decades to inspire, equip, and stir brothers and sisters in Christ to seek and share the glorious gospel with the lost!

The highlight of the trip was the rich fellowship I enjoyed with Steven and Rachelle Smith and their wonderful daughter Chelarose. You'll get to know them in the days ahead, but in short, they began serving at their local murder mill last year and have seen over 100+ babies saved! They are doing a tremendously important work and bearing an unusual amount of fruit in so many forms—babies rescued, abortion industry workers quitting their jobs, etc. **Please make an effort to pray for them—we need these courageous soldiers to remain in the field rescuing baby after baby!**

I could go on and on, but I'll end by asking you to pray for Rusty and his wonderful wife Kendra and all of OSA. This was an extremely productive trip in so many ways as babies were rescued, the soldiers were refreshed and encouraged, and the glorious gospel was preached to thousands!



God Alone Saves

Desiree Maes



On Tuesday morning, June 13, 2017, Zack, Don, and myself headed over to Acacia Women's Center to plead for the lives of babies and share the gospel. It was about 95 degrees, which is pretty cool for Phoenix this time of the year, but hot for us wimpy San Diegans. We parked our car about 2 blocks away from the actual mill because the week prior a man road by on a bike and told Zack that he knew which vehicle was his, and threatened to "smash it in." When Zack returned his truck had been keyed up pretty good. So, he spoke to some nice folks at 1st way pregnancy center who graciously gave him permission to park in their parking lot the days

that he goes to the mill. They were also kind enough to let me use their restroom which I was so thankful due to the fact that I am 5 months pregnant. So, we parked, loaded up our signs, pregnancy resource packets, gospel tracts, and water, and walked over to the sidewalk in front of the mill and started to set up. As we got closer I immediately noticed that the mill was surrounded by big bushy trees, thorny cactus and bushes, a brick wall, and make shift privacy screens. I also noticed that there was something smeared all over the brick walls. Zack explained to me that the people who work at Acacia Women's Center smear honey all over in attempts to attract ants so that if anyone gets close to the brick walls, ants will crawl all over them.

As we began to set up our signs, cars started pulling up and Zack immediately began pleading and preaching to the folks going inside while Don and I held signs and tried to pass out literature to people walking by and to cars pulling in and out of the driveway. As Zack preached, I saw a man come outside, hide himself in a corner to smoke a cigarette, and listen to Zack preach the gospel, begging the couples inside to come out, and offering them whatever help they need including the option to personally adopt their babies.

Next, Don began to preach and plead as well. The man stayed for a long time listening to the preaching. I was praying the Lord would soften that man's heart and that the Lord would save him. After Don finished



I pleaded with the women inside. Being pregnant outside these mills is surreal. **It's hard to describe how emotionally raw this makes me, as I was pleading I could literally feel my daughter moving around in my tummy.**

We had a couple people honk their horns at us, as always middle fingers were waved, but for the most part no one would engage with us. A few pedestrians walked by and spoke with us and took our literature and 180movie.com dvds.

As we were getting ready to leave Zack was preaching again, and Don and I started picking up the signs. I saw a man walking out of his car and back into the clinic. I waved him over and asked him if he would please come talk to us and thankfully, he came over. He was there because his girlfriend was pregnant, they had financial problems, she already had a 5 year old and was experiencing very bad morning sickness which was interfering with her ability to work. We pleaded with him to go in and save his child. He seemed like he didn't want her to do it but said that it was her body and if he went inside that would be disrespectful to her. **We explained that true love protects.** We offered to take them to a pregnancy care center, adopt their baby, help him find work if he was out of a job, and help them in any way they needed. He calmly said that the abortion was happening as we spoke and that it was probably too late. He seemed completely emotionless about it but I noticed his hands were trembling. He knew it was wrong. Don and Zack were able to share the gospel in depth with him and he asked many questions and listened intently. We gave him our contact info and begged him again to try to save his baby but he was too scared of his girlfriend. Abortion not only robs babies of their lives, but also robs men of courageous and honorable manhood.

Please pray for them both. We will call them L & J.

My heart was so sad as he walked back inside. I felt sick to my stomach as I noticed some of the beautiful trees that were blooming in the parking lot, so much beauty and life outside of a dark, vile, wicked place of death.

But the light of the gospel was shared we will continue to press on and trust in the sovereignty of God--that we are nothing, and that God alone saves. All praise and glory go to Him alone.

Please also be in prayer for Zack who continues to go to this horrible place to try to rescue those who are being lead to the slaughter.

“So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.”

1 Corinthians 3:7 ESV

God's Calling

Don Maes

God commanded the prophet Jeremiah to go proclaim His message of judgment to the people of Israel for their continued idol worship and rebellion against Him.

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

Jeremiah 1:5

Jeremiah was fearful. He felt inadequate, and incapable of carrying out this command.

Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.” Jeremiah 1:6

In the midst of the hostility Jeremiah was sure to face, God reassured Jeremiah that it was by His strength, and by His power, that Jeremiah would be able to do such a thing as this.

But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. ⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the Lord.” Jeremiah 1:7-8

God declared to Jeremiah to go proclaim His word even though the people would not listen.

“So you shall speak all these words to them, but they will not listen to you. You shall call to them, but they will not answer you.” Jeremiah 7:27

As Christians commanded to bring the Gospel to the lost, we must not let fear delay or hinder us from proclaiming the truth of Jesus. We may be fearful, feel inadequate, and we will most certainly face hostility, but the same powerful, sovereign God that spoke through Jeremiah, has given us the third person of the trinity, the Holy Spirit, to strengthen, guide, and speak through us.

So much has been said about seeing the results of ministry. Is your ministry effective? Have you seen the fruit of your time invested? But from the passage of scripture above, we clearly see that God is not always looking for immediate results, He wants us to trust in Him and rest in His sovereignty. **We may never see the results in this life of how God’s word brought about His divine plan to those we speak with. We must rest in the fact that God’s word NEVER returns void.** As He states in Isaiah:

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. Isaiah 55:10-11



Recently, a group of brothers and sisters from neighboring churches convened at the Old Town Transit Center in San Diego to bring the Gospel to the lost. Some had never gone out in public to share their faith. This was a prime location, as buses, taxi cabs, trains, trolleys and foot traffic, brought many walks of life to this busy intersection. It can be intimidating. As we started the day, I asked a few brothers how they felt. They were fearful, but



confident in God's word. As we went through the morning, the Lord opened the door for many Gospel conversations.

The Good News and hope of Jesus was preached to many. We received some interruption as the transit authority asked us to stop preaching, but after presenting them a permit and discussing with them their concerns, we stood firm on our right to free speech. We continued to proclaim truth to as many as could hear. As we wrapped up the morning, we left knowing that many seeds were planted. Our sovereign God will cause growth in His timing and at His desire.

Be obedient to His call. Go preach the Gospel no matter the outcome.