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39th Annual PEF Family Evangelism Conference

The 39th Annual PEF Family Evangelism Conference will be at King College, in Bristol, TN. The dates this coming year are July 16-21, 2007. There will be some great speakers and wonderful seminars. Please make your plans early so that you will not miss out on another PEF event because you waited too long to register. The registration fee is only \$40 per person and \$60 per couple. Housing is limited so sign up early. Contact Jerry Jones at PEF for more info.

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Ministry at Rock of Ages

One of the great blessings over these past months has been the Tuesday night Bible Study. Our teacher, Martin Fears, has been leading us through the book of Romans and feedback has been very positive. Martin has allowed people to ask as many questions as possible. So we are moving through the book very slowly but everyone is understanding God's truths. I have personally have seen the benefits of this study in lives.

At Rock of Ages Church we always get a constant flow of visitors and seekers. Some have some serious problems, others are doing fairly well. This past Sunday night as I was eating and talking with one of the new visitors, he told me he didn't have enough money to pay his rent. I already knew about his medical condition (lower back and side pain which stemmed from a fall of six stories through a scaffold some weeks ago.) I asked Dr. Ben to come over and hear this and then I led in a prayer. I don't normally give money but I did this time as I was led by the Spirit to get him a few dollars for food. When we were done Ben and I both encouraged him to trust the Lord and ask for his divine guidance. On Tuesday I met

him in front of the church and he told how the Lord had answered our prayer for him. The accountant of the rental properties showed him favor and is allowing him to pay his rent when he has gotten the full amount in hand. He told me that she thought he was an "honest" man and could trust him. What's exciting is that we specifically prayed for God to intervene on his behalf and that



someone from the office would grant him grace. Isn't God good!

During a recent service we had about six people come forward and ask for special prayer concerning either their salvation, their assurance of salvation, or restoration and help with particular problems. Many of these are young people are picked up and brought, by a couple, in a large van from their neighborhood. We are glad to see God working in the lives of people who see their need for help. Pray for these young people; that they will be strong for the Lord and not give in to the pressures of the world on their high school campus.

The theft of our church van has temporarily put a stop to our bread ministry. This is unfortunate (but we

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know God is sovereign) because the bread outreach has been a blessing to those people we minister to. I would appreciate your prayers particularly for the one who stole it. But on a good note I found through our insurance that we are covered for theft so at least we can put in a claim for the assessed value of the van. Praise the Lord!

Some of you are familiar with the seniors Bible studies that I lead twice a month at two sites. Several months ago we began holding an evening service at one of the senior's high rises. My friend, Fred, leads the music in our service and I give a devotional. Those who come seem to be very thankful we are there. It is a real joy for me to share the things of God to those who are up in years. I told the ladies at both Bible studies that we really don't age but it's our bodies that do. They seemed to be encouraged by that.



FAMILY UPDATES

I would like to shift to my family as I conclude. Aaron recently got a job working at a FedEx facility. He works about 25 hours a week on the "graveyard shift" which runs from 3am till 8am in the morning. It's a lot of physical work but he is doing well. Andrew continues to work at the car dealership as a maintenance man and go to technical school in the evening. And he makes time to see his girlfriend (who's going to school in Chattanooga, TN) as often as he can. He runs the sound at the church every other week. Julianne continues to take care of the books for Rock of Ages and I am her errand man taking the deposits to the bank. By the way our giving at Rock of Ages is up and more consistent than a year ago.

Again thank you for your prayers, gifts, and encouragement. I would ask you to pray especially for the many messed up people in the community around the Church. Drugs, theft, prostitution, and alcoholism are rampant. Only the power of God and Gospel of Jesus Christ can break it. God providentially removed a woman who lived above the church who blasphemed, cursed, lied, and even stole one of our nice fans. My friends this is "war" and it goes on seven days a week. But we are seeing answers to our prayers on God's time and in God's way.



Yes, PEF, we want to have a part in your mission to assist in, practice and train in Biblical Evangelism anywhere at anytime with anyone. We thank the Lord that you go where others cannot or will not go. We have thought and prayed through this and want to **INVEST in the ministry of Mark and Julianne**. We believe them to be children of God, bearing fruit for God's glory. We want to have a part in this.

The Lord enabling, we will....

_____ **PRAY** regularly for him. _____ **GIVE** \$ _____; monthly _____, quarterly _____, and mark on a separate sheet of paper for Mark Gaston.

_____ **ENCOURAGE** the ministry through letters and calls. _____ **TELL** others of the ministry.

_____ We are interested in being a part of their ministry team. Call us.

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