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On My 31st Mallory Ministry Anniversary

When I first headed out to Mallory Square, back in August of 1986, I had no thoughts for the future. I never thought to myself that I would do this for one year or for decades. I just thought that this was a good venue to advance the Gospel. That first time out was so inauspicious that I don't know what day it was. Only that it was August!



Days have turned to months and years. At the start I was terrified. I would pray fervently before I went out. My request was, "Lord let it pour rain!!" Now I head down even if it looks stormy, with

a hope I can get a message, if not two, out!

My years of faithful preaching is a testimony not to me, but to the faithfulness of our God! After about 2 plus years my fear began to dissipate and give way to a sense of privilege. I realized what a blessing God has given me to identify myself with the Lord Jesus in that public arena. God brings people to me from all over this country, this continent, yea, even from all over this globe!



Now I am 67 years old. It is not unusual to be asked how much longer will I continue preaching at Mallory Square. Funny, because if you asked



me that question 31 years ago I would have had the same answer, "I don't know." I know my days are numbered, but my days are His. I can say that at this time I have no plans to walk away from this precious ministry.

No plans to hang up my paint kit! I can still be seen at Mallory Square each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The first message begins about 45 minutes before sunset and the second immediately after.

Thanks goes to all of you who support this ministry with your prayers and financial gifts!! Your faithfulness is commendable!

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The **GOSPEL** and a Swim

by Bill Welzien

Every occasion is an opportunity to witness the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ! Yes, even a sporting event. Yes, even a swim!

Swimmers from 7 foreign nations and 28 states made their way to Key West, Florida to participate in the 41st Annual Swim Around Key West on Saturday, June 24th, 2017. The distance for the swim is approximately 12.5 miles. This event is the longest running sporting event in Monroe County, Florida.



Many of you know my love for open water swimming. I have participated in this Annual Swim for decades now. Back in 2003, by God's providence, I became the organizer of the annual swim. I only consented to organize the event if I would be allowed to continue to swim in it. So, while I have been organizing the annual swim, the race director has been my son-in-law, Terence White.

This year, I completed the course in 6:01.33. It was my 90 career swim around the Island of Key West. My support kayaker was my eldest son, David Welzien.

As an evangelist, I like to view every person I meet as a potential believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. It is no different



when we have 175 swimmers from around the globe present for a swim.

To assist in this outreach, I have had the assistance of Pastor David Bickers from Urbancrest Baptist Church in Lebanon, OH. For the past 10 years Pastor Dave has brought a team of committed, concerned Christians to serve the swimmers during their registration before the swim and their needs after the event. This team works with the members of Keys Presbyterian Church (KPC) and show the love of the Lord Jesus to these athletes.

When the swimmers register they receive their commemorative T-shirts and a goodie bag with various samples items, in addition we put my gospel tract inside, and the Challenge newspaper (filled with testimonials of conversions to Christ!), plus an invitation to the Sunday service at Keys Presbyterian Church.



The mandatory pre race meeting takes place on Friday evening, under a tent and on the beach. I began our meeting with a Christ centered prayer and then again, the next morning, on the beach just before the swimmers and support boats enter the water.

Praise God, our God is a God who hears and answers our prayers. We had a safe event with beautiful weather and calm seas.



We had a good turn out at our Worship Serve that Lord's Day! Please pray for those who were exposed to Gospel truth, pray that they embrace it!!

Thank you for the gifts you sent for our Swim Fundraiser. Your gifts go directly to the ongoing evangelist efforts of KEM!

Indeed, every occasion is an opportunity to witness the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ! Are we looking for these opportunities? May the Lord open our eyes and then our mouths!!



Billy Miller

First message on a Wednesday evening I had a wonderful crowd of attentive listeners. The Lord gave me a great deal of freedom and boldness as I preached. Many came up after to receive a tract. As the crowd thinned a young 22-year-old man approached me. His name was Billy Miller. He asked me what the Bible taught about drugs. He wasn't looking for some justification to use illegal drugs but it was about his uncle who suffered from severe migraines. One doctor suggested that Billy's uncle smoke marijuana to find relief. I explained that subject of drugs is broad. There are legal and illegal, prescription and over the counter drugs. There are legal drugs used illegally. They can be helpful and destructive. Drugs have saved lives and taken lives.

After we discussed that subject a bit we moved into the importance of the Bible; the holiness of God, the sinfulness of man and the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ! We also spoke about the need to repent and believe. Billy and I spoke so long that the pier was almost empty. The time for a second message was long past. I gave Billy some Gospel literature. He took off.

That Friday, I launched into my first message and found the crowd was nowhere near what it was two days before. Half way through the message Billy Miller appeared, front and center. He was eager to listen further. Billy was to return to Gainesville, FL. on Saturday and he wanted to hear the message again. After we spoke, he had more questions. Then I looked at Billy and asked him if he was a saved man. He said, "No." I asked him if he wanted the Lord to save him. He said, "Yes."

I told him that the Bible promised that everyone who called on the name of the Lord Jesus would be saved. He prayed to that end. Afterwards, I prayed and committed him to the Lord. Billy was

moving to the Naples area and I told him to stay in touch so I could help him find a church.



John Murphy the Puerto Rican

The second message began shortly after Sunset. Only moments into it a family showed up and stood to my left. An older gentleman was in a wheel chair. They stayed for the whole message and afterward they took a tract and we began to talk. The man in the wheel chair was John Murphy from Puerto Rico. As we talked I learned that John was born in Puerto Rico of an Irish father and Puerto Rican mother. His wife was Puerto Rican and all his children were born there. The reason for

this family's visit to Key West was as a fulfillment of John's request. John has the final stage of liver cancer. When the family offered to take him anywhere in the world he wished to go, he picked Key West. Why? Back in the early '50s he served in the US Navy in Key West. He had fond memories. This was his first time back since he was stationed here. John said to me, "You did a pretty good job preaching but you made one mistake." I asked what it was. He said, "You told them there was only one sinless human who lived in this world, Jesus. You forgot His mother, Mary." I explained that while that view is held by the Roman Catholic Church it is not taught in the Bible. Mary, I explained needed a Savior as much as everyone else. She admitted this herself in Luke 1:46-47. We had a very open and interesting discussion for a good 45 minutes. The family was very open. We had a group photo and I prayed for John and his family.

The KEMobile, a 2003 Honda Odyssey Van finally run out of pep. She ran 250,000 miles before becoming a serial repair offender. The Board of KEM went to work to find a replacement. The new van is a 2007 Toyota Sienna grayish green vehicle with 150,000 miles.

This should give us several more years of transporting Pastor Bill and his easel back and forth to Mallory Square. The cost of the van was \$6000. Any gifts to help defray the expense of this vehicle will be greatly appreciated! Thank you!

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Mission Team Notes

Was God going to do it? Would He bring someone my way with whom I could have a Gospel conversation? We had just gathered and prayed as a mission team; prayed for Bill to have clarity, prayed that the Holy Spirit would give us courage. I prayed simply that the Lord would allow me to lead someone to the cross that night.

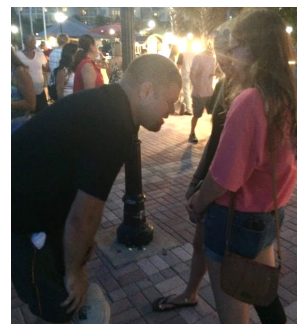
Before Pastor Bill began to preach, I noticed immediately two young ladies investigating the easel. One had a face of

great expectation, the other a face of curiosity. They were sisters, on vacation, traveling with their family during summer break. Kathryn, the older sister, had surrendered her life to Christ several months prior to our encounter. She was involved in a girls Bible study at college. She had been praying for some time that Anna would say yes to Jesus.

As Anna kept a steady gaze on the dots and dashes revealing the text on the board, she

understood her sin and her need for Jesus' forgiveness. Afterwards, I took her to the Scriptures. I said, "Are you ready to give your life to Jesus today?" With tear filled eyes, she said, "Yes." Kathryn's joy was a gift from God to me. After excited reports to our team of her decision, I watched the girls embrace each other in celebration once more a bit down the pier. Praise the Lord for Pastor Bill and Keys Evangelistic Ministries!

Notes by Josh Hale



(L-R) Kathryn, Josh, Anna

Sunset Celebration at Mallory Square

Key West, FL



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