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The Mallory Square Testimony of God's Faithfulness

I am now into my 31st year doing open air easel evangelism at Mallory Square Sunset Celebration. Pray that God continues to bless the preaching of His Gospel at that venue. I started my 3-night-a-week ministry in August of 1986.

It took me a while to get back down after the recent hurricane but I have returned.

I began my first message and had few pay any interest. There were many sitting on the curb behind me looking out over the Gulf of Mexico. They found their seats to watch the sunset! Though they didn't see the easel, they were a captive audience. The Gospel sounded forth!

Undaunted, I preached on. I am very aware of God's promise in Isaiah 55:10-11. I know that I am always guaranteed success, if I am faithful.

About a third of the way into a message a gal sitting behind me came and stood before me. She was curious to see what I was painting. The message caught her attention.

She stayed with me until the end of the message, then we spoke. Her name was Beth. She was in her mid-twenties.



She was raised a Jehovah's Witness. She was not practicing her religion but had concepts of that group's serious doctrinal errors mixed in her thinking. She was very open to talk. She was impressed that I answered her

questions with my open Bible. I sought to present to her the true Jesus Christ and what He did for sinners. She left with some literature and something to think about.

The second message that very night drew no one. I preached the full message and then went over it in my mind. I was amazed at how rusty I was after my sabbatical due to the storm. As I stood there an early twenties fellow approached me and asked, "Do you think the 2 ships will collide?" I had preached the message with that title. I said, "No, as one was sure to sink!" That ship represented "self". The other one represented the Lord Jesus. I explained that all who trust Him alone as Lord will be safe eternally! That started a 25-minute conversation. Drew was very mixed up as to spiritual truth. I was able to present the Gospel to him. He thanked me and went on his way with my tract.

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The **FORCE** of Irma

by Bill Welzien

Hurricane Irma hit the Lower Florida Keys on Sunday morning, September 10, 2017. I extend my hearty thanks to all of you who prayed for us as the storm approached and continue to do so in the aftermath. Some of you contacted me and followed the excitement and the unfolding of events. The situation here continues to be fluid. The below is a brief account of the occurrences.

Our original plan was to stay put. The computer models showed Irma heading north toward Miami. However, the late morning update on Friday, September 8, showed the storm wobbled back in our direction.

In consultation with Elder, Tim Warner and my son-in-law Terence White we decided to make haste and beat feet. Irma had us in her cross hairs!

We quickly threw some clothes in a suitcase, grabbed passports and other important papers. We left as a three car convoy. Terence and Abby and my two grandsons in the lead car; my wife, Sessie, our daughter Jane and me in the middle position and Tim and my



son Billy in the rear. The road was deserted. All who decided to leave left two days before. Nothing was open. Everything was shuttered tight.

We made for Orlando. We sent word ahead. Terence and family went to his parent's home in the Villages. The rest of us ended up staying with Drew and Susan Coulter. They now had 5 guests. None of us knew at that time we would be there for 10 days. They were such gracious, uncomplaining hosts!

Post Irma we wondered: How was our son David and our friend Don (they stayed)? Was our house standing? If so, what condition was it in? What about the Bible Center? Was there electric, water? Immediately after the storm,

information was hard to come by, as there was no internet. David called us from a land line. He was fine. Don had made it through. Our house was standing. The damage appeared not to be severe. The Bible Center sustained little destruction. All the trees and bushes were gone, but that was true of the whole area!



On Sunday the 17th, the county officials opened the one road into the Keys for the residents of the middle and lower Keys residents! We gathered up supplies on Monday (chain saws; generators, gloves, roof tarps, water, etc.). Tuesday morning, we drove home. The further we drove down US1 the worse things looked. Rubble

The **YEAR** in Review

This year was a blessed and fruitful year. We had more than a half dozen groups visit for evangelism training and experience--more this year than in recent memory! These groups came from a variety of denominations and from a host of States. We housed them here at our Bible Center. I taught them evangelism each morning and then took them out for the practical at Mallory Square in the evening!

I was also asked to speak in various churches. I led evangelistic meetings. I gave seminars on evangelism and led groups out in their own areas, sharing the good news with those the Lord led across our path.

We celebrated 31 years of Open Air easel evangelism ministry at Mallory Square, three evening each week. For God's faithfulness we give thanks! As we thank God we also thank you for your prayers and sacrificial giving! The ministry of KEM is independent and non-denominational. It is faith supported. We depend on your thoughtful gifts! May the Lord bless the seed sown in 2017 and prepare the ground for a glorious 2018.

- The Annual Meeting of KEM is scheduled for January 23-24, 2018.
- The Annual Pastor's Evangelism Emphasis Conference is scheduled for February 20-23. Call for more info.



everywhere. Piles of debris. Those piles would grow taller over the following couple weeks.

We spent several days cutting felled trees and dragging branches. My home, the ministry property, Christian friends and others were helped. Two churches in South Florida, Holy Trinity of Fort Lauderdale and Christ Community from West Palm Beach sent teams down to assist.

Our home and the Bible Center fared much better than most! In addition to vegetation we lost siding and our



electric mast was bent in a 90-degree angle as a palm tree fell on the lines running from the utility pole into the house. That was replaced days after we returned. However, the utility company would take another week to attach our house to the main line. It was so quiet after we we ceased using our gas generator (which I nicknamed, the Beast!).



Many of you sent love gifts to help out those who sustained damage not covered by insurance. We are seeking to be good stewards as we assist those in need!

Annie Summer is an artisan at the Mallory Square Sunset Celebration. I have known her for over 30 years. In August, she became a member of Keys Presbyterian Church. Sadly, she lost the home she was staying in. We happily

opened our home to Annie. Pray for her as she seeks direction!

Irma's eye came over our house. South of us fared comparatively better. North of us much worse. People ask me, "Are things back to normal?" Progress is being made, but it is very slow. Tourist are slowly coming back. They are our economic engine here. That is important. But the homes in our area are still covered by blue tarps and missing siding! And two months after the hurricane piles of debris still line the roads on Sugarloaf Key. In my estimation normal is a long way off. Maybe a year, maybe two, maybe more!

Pray the Lord will give us opportunities to minister to the many still suffering due to Irma!



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*Merry Christmas and
Have a Blessed New Year!*

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A Year In Pictures



The KEMobile In our last newsletter we were asking you to pray for a vehicle. The old Honda Odyssey van had over 155,000 miles on it and was beginning to fall apart!

Our new KEMobile is a 2007 Toyota Sienna van. It has 100,000 on it. We are thankful for it and pray this will serve our needs as we serve the Lord over the next several years.

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