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Here are a few things that we have learned to get the most out of our time and efforts.

As of June 24, 2018 we have prayed for over 1,300 cars, with 321 people coming to Christ since October 2016. This is just through Drive Thru Prayer.

Our goal has **not** been to fill up our church, but just to give people a chance to be loved and prayed for. Many have a bad taste in their mouths from church due to mean-spirited people and dominating churches that have not given them a chance to survive or grow.

Many people will stop for prayer because it is a 'safe place' to pour out their hearts without being beat up for being sinners, or ridiculed for their lifestyles. Through this we have seen that a healing process has begun to bring quite a few people out of their ditch of despair.

We are not trying to win them to our church but to introduce them to hope for their future. We have had a good number of them come to our church, and some have gone back to the churches that they were going to.

Here we go - this is how we get started.

#1. Find a method to display signage stating why you are on the road.

- You can get the 10 X 10 tents to set up but the wind catches them sometimes. Wind is not good on a tent.
- There are A-Frame signs that will work as well.
- Or just signs you can hold in your hands.
- Also vinyl signs to attach to a van.



#2. Find a place that has easy access to turn in and then leave so they won't feel boxed in.

Many churches have driveways that enter on one side and exit on another side. That is ideal.

We have this at our church, but we also go other places downtown where owners of property will allow us to use it for a couple of hours at a time.

We target high traffic areas that have sidewalks where we can back our van up near the road so they can see the signs, and we can also be near the cars traveling from either direction.

You want a safe but a very visible place.

It's also advisable to be near a restroom... lol....

We very seldom do more than 2 hours at a time.

By the way, 5 to 7 in the afternoon is a good time on well-traveled roads because of people going to and from work.

Holidays are also good days due to people being out and about.

#3. Always have business cards or invitation cards available in case they ask where you attend.

#4. **You can't afford to be shy and backwards.**

My personal method is to put my hands together in front of my face like I am praying and then point to the car as they near and when they are close I say - 'praying for you' and many of them can read lips when you say that. They will see me in the stores and come up to me and ask me if I am the little man they see on the side of the road

praying for people. At times someone will also tell me that it makes them feel good when I say that I am praying for them.

#5. What if they don't turn in?

The first couple of times you do it may not bring in a single car, but every time you go out 'you are planting a seed in their minds and heart', and when they see consistency in you, and begin to trust you, they will eventually stop for prayer.

When people see the signs and your team praying for them, it is a seed planted for the Kingdom of God.

There have been people passing us for months but they will finally turn in and say, "I've been wanting to turn in but just got up the nerve."

Don't be disappointed if you don't see huge results. We have been out for 2 hours and not one car turns in, and one day later we will go out and between 10 and 20 cars turn in. It's amazing how that happens.

#6. There are two things you HAVE TO DO.

Don't be shy, but use wisdom.

People are skittish and have been hurt by Christians, and they don't want a know-it-all, or people that can't listen to them.

People will turn in just wanting prayer and they don't need a sermon. They just need love and a good, passionate, real prayer.

Don't pray King James Version - pray a regular prayer (just like you talk everyday) so they can understand what you are saying to God. *Try not to say Father God, or Lord God over and over when you pray.* Just take your time and pray a real prayer.

Simple, short and sweet is so much better and we see results when we follow this pattern.

This is how I do it and teach our people to do. And every one that does it this way will have better results.

Here is a Testimony and another method that works from Tami Stover in Hartsville SC.

I asked the Lord a question. Is there something I'm not doing that I need to begin?

He showed me 'this sign'. My daughter made the sign for me and the Lord said to take it to various restaurants & 'sit' for 2 hours.

I have been given FAVOR from God - not once have I been told "I can't do that in here"!

Actually the opposite! I've had many employees come and request prayer.

I've had many come by and encourage me - telling me 'how great' it is that someone is doing this.

MANY times people have come and sat down, in the middle of a busy restaurant - in front of everyone - and just pour their heart out to a total stranger. Most times we just cry together. Then I share what the Bible says concerning their issues, and we pray and believe together.

They come in distraught and hopeless - they leave smiling, encouraged & believing God to move in their situation.

All who come are given a free gift - the book of John, a salvation bookmark, another item or two that has a scripture reference (for instance a box of DOTS - that says: Depend On The Savior / with scriptures).

God gives unique ideas. God gives favor. God sends the people... and aren't THEY what it's ALL about?!

So many Divine interventions created by God himself.

GOD uses ANY act of obedience to meet the needs of His people. HE saw the need - HE gave the idea - HE is using it to bless His people.

ALL glory to God. My hearts cry: Here am I Lord, send ME... (comfort zone or not)



HOW WE DO IT

- When people turn-in, only one or two people will approach the car so they won't be intimidated by a 'flock' of people.

- I greet them with a 'Hello Friend, I'm so glad you stopped so we could encourage and bless you.'

- After they say hello etc, I ask, 'What can I pray with you about?'

Usually they give a list and I try hard to remember what they say so I won't miss a thing.

They **will** remember what you pray about.

- Then I will tell them, very briefly, that I believe in a prayer answering God and that it will be my pleasure to pray for them.

- Then, I say, 'Before I pray for your needs, I would like to pray a prayer of rededication with you to refresh your walk with God.'

If they are 'up to date' in their spiritual walk they normally will tell you that all is well with them.

I tell them at that point that it is awesome to hear that.

But, if they consent to pray the prayer of rededication with you, ask them to repeat the prayer you pray.

Make this short and to the point... don't ruin what God has started.

Normally I pray this.

Father God, or Daddy God, I need you - I want you in my life. Please forgive me of my sins, and the things I have done wrong. Cleanse me with your blood, and help me to be what you want me to be.

Amen.

I have been told: I got saved a while back and I'm ok.

I will ask them how often do you take a bath?

Many will say once a day. I then reply, 'You do that because you get dirty, and this is why we need to rededicate and get washed in the Blood again and making sure we stay clean.'

This usually clears things up and allows them not to feel like we are just calling them sinners.

As soon as you finish the prayer of rededication, then pray a short, passionate prayer for their healing; finances; marriage; peace in the home; relationships ... whatever they have asked prayer for.

Because it is important, I am repeating this:

***Don't be long winded with people - just get to the point
Pray and LET GOD DO THE REST.***

You have done your part and you have given God a foothold in their lives.

It works - I promise you it works.

We are receiving great testimonies every month from people that we have prayed for. They are stopping to tell us that the prayers we prayed were answered!

Being kind, sweet and simple works wonders.

If you feel you have gained their confidence, and it's flowing, then tell them that if they don't have a church home that they are certainly welcome to join with you for worship. This works too.

We do DTP (Drive-Thru Prayer) in front of the church every Tuesday night and people blow horns and sirens and yell out the windows at us. We have even had a few stop and say, 'We don't need prayer, but we want to pray for you because you are blessing us for being out here.' That is always encouraging to us.

Consistency is the key to success.

More and more people are turning in because they have sort of become family with us from seeing us out there at least once a week.

This is a rough idea of what we do.

Contact us if you like, and we can answer any more questions you might have.

This is just the general layout of what we do that is bringing results for the King.

I pray for a HUGE success in this endeavor for you.
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