



Dear Friend,

We have some catching up to do! I am so sorry you haven't heard from us since May. In this newsletter, I will give you updates on *most* of the ministry that happened in May and June, but we will keep the details of Mike's trip to Rwanda for a special report dedicated to that mission.

### Hood River Revival

May 2-5, Mike preached a revival at Tucker Road Baptist Church in Hood River, Oregon. One thing that was new for us at this revival was that Monday night was not only focused on reaching and teaching men, but only men were asked to attend. Studying the story of the tower of Babel, Mike challenged the men to examine whether their lives looked more like citizens of Babylon or citizens of the Kingdom of God, using these key questions: Am I building for myself? Am I trying to make a name for myself? Am I trusting in myself? Mike was pleased to see how the men — young adults to retirees — were deeply convicted by the Holy Spirit. **Many came away with a renewed passion to no longer build for themselves, but to build the Kingdom of Christ.**

Following that, Tuesday night was for ladies only, and I (Debbie) had the opportunity to teach that night! What a sweet time of fellowship I had with

those sisters in Christ. We looked at striving to live holy lives, focusing on our need for accountability, integrity and maintaining contentment as we "A.I.M. for Perfection."

**During the week of revival a total of 6 were saved** (two teen girls, one teen boy, one adult woman, and two adult men.)

### Simple Evangelism Training

Mike led two training conferences on *Simple Evangelism* in the month of May. On May 8th, he taught the seminar for the Olympic Baptist Association in Washington. Pastors and lay leaders alike were encouraged and challenged by this biblical approach to evangelism that returns to the book of Acts as the model for evangelism, and focuses on three key relationships: relationship with the Lord Jesus, relationship with the body of Christ and relationship with those who are lost.

On May 14-15, Mike trained members from Faith Community Church in Redding, California.

**Founding members of the church said *Simple Evangelism* was exactly what they needed.** It was both a time of spiritual renewal and taking their church back to the vision and foundation to which the Lord originally called them. Mike also preached the Sunday morning service there.

On May 23rd, Mike preached at a local congregation, Columbia Ridge Community Church in Troutdale, OR, where he will also lead a Simple Evangelism



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Thibodeaux gals with the women at Tucker Road Baptist





Conference in September of this year. In addition, Mike will be working with the pastor to equip the church's Life Group leaders and resource them with small group studies they will use to effectively implement the principles and concepts of *Simple Evangelism*.

### Challenge to Hispanic Men

For two consecutive Sundays (June 20 & 27), Mike preached a challenge to the men of Iglesia Bautista El Buen Pastor (Good Shepherd Baptist Church), an Hispanic congregation in Beaverton, OR. The focus of the two Sunday series which began on Father's Day was "Dad, I'm Watching You." The first message focused on leadership and fatherhood and the second, on the role of husband. **The men took the challenges to heart, eagerly coming forward to "huddle up" with Mike** at the conclusion of each service to receive a special word of application for their lives.

### Silver Lake Youth Camp

June 21-26, our family returned for a second year of youth camp at Silver Lake, WA, involving Christian Fellowship churches from Washington, Idaho and Montana. Mike was camp preacher for the middle and high school camp, but there was also a simultaneous "junior camp" that our children were able to participate in. The junior camp is geared toward third to sixth graders, but we were graciously allowed to attend their worship and campfire times. The girls felt like "real campers" and Zach enjoyed the upbeat worship. He also seemed to delight in meeting new people at camp, readily introducing himself to everyone!

Mike preached on the camp theme of "The Kingdom of God," leading students to understand who our King truly is and how Kingdom citizens are called to live. **By the end of the week, 34 students had made salvation or assurance of salvation decisions, while 130 students made public commitments.** Aware that the majority of the students at camp had made a significant commitment to the Lord, Mike took time to speak to those at the altar, counseling them on the fact that their repentance would be evident by the changes made when they returned to their everyday lives. He cautioned them that their camp decisions were only the first step and must be followed up with the hard work of daily obedience once they were home.

We have been tremendously blessed to see so many lives changed already this summer. We pray that hearing of the Lord's work through *Simplicity* will be a blessing to you as well!  
Simply Devoted,  
Debbie and Mike



Men from El Buen Pastor in the huddle with Mike



Mike with Isaiah McCollum, Silver Lake Youth Camp Director



Jordan, Zach and Michaela at Silver Lake Youth Camp

