



WHERE HAVE ALL THE CHRISTIANS GONE?

Christianity is plummeting in America, while the number of non-believers is skyrocketing. A shocking new study of Americans' religious beliefs shows the beginning of a major realignment in Americans' relationship with God. The American Religious Identification Survey (ARIS) reveals that in the coming months, America will become a minority Protestant nation for the first time since the Pilgrims. The number of people who claim no religious affiliation meanwhile is at its highest point in history. Non-believers now represent the third-highest group of Americans.

This may not be a cheerful theme at Christmas, but it was the Headlines on FOX News and is the reality of our country. Bruce Feiler, a bestselling author of eight books, and a frequent commentator on National Public Radio, CNN and FOX News goes on to say, **“Young people are fleeing faith. Nearly a quarter of Americans in there 20’s profess no organized religion. Catering to older believers is a recipe for the failure; younger Americans are tuning out.”**

I don’t know how this affects you, but I will tell you how this affects me. It hurts me deep down in my gut and I will tell you why.... Because it does not have to be this way! Jesus constantly makes reference to the fields being white with harvest. What is the harvest? It is people that are lost and in need of a Savior. What does lost mean? It means separated from God and headed for Hell! Jesus stated very clearly why he came, **“to seek and save that which was lost.”**

This year we saw the biggest crowds in the history of our ministry. We saw crowds of 6 and 7,000 with one day hitting 10,000 needy people flocking to the WOW JAMS and hearing the Gospel. We saw over 10,000 people accept Jesus this year and 754 people baptized in blow up pools, oceans, and baptismal tanks.

As far as young people fleeing the faith, two thirds of our crowds are under 18. We have had over 3,000 young people who raised money to come work long days at the WOW JAM Mission Weeks, and to serve people in the darkest, poorest places in America.

I know the headlines look foreboding, but here is the good news - Romans 2:4 says, **“The kindness of the Lord leads to repentance,”** and 2 Corinthians states, **“Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty.”** If we serve and love people, they will come to Jesus and be set free!

My big challenge? Having to make decisions now for the next year. We have invitations all over the country and now around the world. In New York, thousands will attend the WOW JAMS and people from around the country will attend the Mission Week to serve. In New Orleans, where the suicide rate has tripled since Katrina, thousands will be at the WOW JAMS! The President of Tulane University has offered to send many of his students to volunteer at the WOW JAMS in March 2010. President Robert Flores of Life Pacific College is personally leading a team of students to the New Orleans Mission Week.

Central Valley, CA has the poorest areas in the country and the biggest meth labs. We have seen thousands accept Jesus over the last 8 years. They are very poor and need us to come back.

Los Angeles/Long Beach. This year 28,000 people attended in 5 days with 1,890 salvations. The crowds will be even bigger next year! How could we not go back?

Here is a very simple, yet powerful plan, and very much in our reach for next year....

Minister to **100,000** needy people, in **25 WOW JAMS**, by mobilizing **7,500** local workers, to love and serve hurting people, resulting in **12,000** salvations! All for just **\$12.50 per person!**Astounding!

It does not stop there. We have been receiving emails from workers, as well as people who were saved at a WOW JAM, telling us how they are leading others to Christ! What if, after working at a WOW JAM, all the workers led one person a month (for one year) to Jesus; the results would be **90,000 salvations!** If each person that was saved led 5 people to Jesus, the results would be **60,000 salvations!** Together resulting in **150,000 salvations in one year!** It can happen!

That is why I am writing to you, I need your financial support. Our wonderful WOW dinner raised \$64,000 with just 74 people attending. We praise God for that and trust the Lord for \$136,000 to come in through this newsletter to close out the 2009-year **strong** and able to say **yes** to those cities and people!

As you make decisions with your end of the year giving, please help me make my decisions for the WOW JAMS next year. Let's change those headlines! I know we can together! I look forward to hearing from you.

God Bless you,

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President/Founder
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