

2008 Racing Ministry Recap

I thought it would be good to recap the season for a couple of reasons.

- 1) So you know how to pray for me and others
- 2) As a form of accountability

Friday Nights starting in May (May 4th) until September (September 5th)

On a normal Friday night I get to the track and spend a couple hours in the pits talking to the driver, team members, owners, track staff and fans. I check with drivers involved in accidents from the week before and any prayer request that I have gather from the week before or during the week. Then I make my way up to the stands for a few minutes followed by going to the tower and talking to the staff up there and helping with the score board. It gives me good vision over the track, crowd and pits. After practice and qualifying is done I go to the drivers meeting and again make some personal contact with teams and drivers. At the end of the meeting I pray over the drivers and sometimes a brief devotion. I go down to the track and do an on-track invocation. I then head back to the tower and help there. If there is a problem on the track I head to the pits and check on the driver, family and team, help with any cooling down that is needed and often times pray with the drivers, teams and families. During the week I do follow-up on prayer and accident "victims".

Now some general facts

Tracks that invited me this year included:

Madison International Speedway; The Milwaukee Mile; Dells Raceway Park; Wisconsin International Raceway; The LaCrosse Fairgrounds Speedway; Rockford Speedway

Series that invited me to minister:

Big Eight; ASA Midwest Tour; ASA North; Mid Am; All Star Challenge; Grand National Vintage; Midwest Enduro; Lowe's Legends; ASA Late Models

Major Events covered:

Fall Classic (MIS); Governor's Cup Weekend (Mile); National Short Track Championships (Rockford); White Race (WIR); October Fest (LaX); All-Star Challenge (MIS); National Lowe's Legends entry race (MIS)

Other ministry activity:

- Encouraged other chaplains including a new chaplain at Slinger
- We would like to get a chaplain at every track in Wisconsin (Rockford has asked us to get someone there).
- Weekly prayer over the drivers and invocation prior to racing
- Chapel (church at the track) at the Mile; NSTC; White Race; LaX
- Write a weekly article for the newsletter going out to several thousand readers
- Several visitations, follow-up phone calls, praying with individuals and sharing the Word

Things we prayed about with fans, drivers, teams...

- ✓ Car owner and dad of a bandit driver had a heart attack
- ✓ Drivers mom and cancer
- ✓ Car owner and dad fell into a silo
- ✓ Car owner and sponsor and his brother, a track official, had their mom get very ill and died a few weeks later
- ✓ Safety for several new drivers at much greater speed than they have ever gone
- ✓ Driver who died of cancer over the off-season
- ✓ Driver who had a bad motorcycle crash

Here are some of the prayer request we have:

- Hearts to be open to salvation and salvation to follow
- Share God Word clearly
- Tracks to be open
- Individuals to step forward and be trained to fill chaplain openings
- Wisdom as I speak to people
- Discernment as to where to go, what track and what series to hangout with
- Against discouragement as sometimes I wonder if this is really what God wants me to be doing
- Protection as there is much ungodliness at the track

Things Cindy would like to add:

- Safety at the track and getting home as it is late
- Family as it is hard for me to be away, peace also
- Discernment when to go and when not to