



Team Jesus Racing Ministry

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Acts 20:24: *However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me-the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace.*(from NIV)

2010 Season Summary

Madison International Speedway: It was a very good season of racing at MIS this year. There were a lot of open opportunities (see below) to minister, to share God's Word and pray. There are a good number of drivers and teams that want me to pray with them. Here are some of the things I was able to do this year: pray in the drivers meetings; the invocations; pray individually with teams and drivers; write a Chaplain's Corner weekly... thanks go out to Terry Kunes, David Gruenberg, and John Wells, also to the teams and workers at the track.

Chapels: God blessed us in having several chapels this year at MIS and Rockford. A special thanks to Gregg McKarns, Steve Dickson, and Jody Deery for allowing us to minister at Rockford. (see Special Events). Another highlight was to have chapel at Road America for the NASCAR weekend. We also were able to help at Slinger a couple of times. We are generally given 20-30 minutes to sing (thanks to Julie and Don for their help), share the Word and pray. We have seen an increase in attendance which is encouraging.

Special Events: We were able to lead ministry at Spring Opener and National Short Track Championship at Rockford; All Star and Fall Classic at MIS; NASACR weekend at Road America; and help at the Nationals at Slinger; Dixieland at WIR; The Travelers Championship at the Dells; OctoberFest at LaCrosse Fairgrounds Speedway. Each of these events holds a special place in Midwest racing and we are grateful to be allowed to serve at them.

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Tracks: Here are the tracks we served at: Madison International Speedway; LaCrosse Fairground Speedway; Dells Raceway Park; Grundy County Speedway; Slinger Super Speedway; Wisconsin International Raceway; Rockford Speedway; Road America; The Milwaukee Mile

Hospital visits: Although it is not pleasant to go to hospital, we do count it an honor to assist those in the hospital. We share stories from the track, greetings from others, the Bible, and pray.

Season of many loses: It is with a heavy heart I write this - the Midwest racing community suffered an immense amount of deaths this year. We were able to assist at several funerals and helped families and friends deal with the loss. We do consider it an honor to be called upon at that time. We are able to point loved ones to the only one that can give strength and comfort in a time of lose, God the Father, the Lord Jesus and Holy Spirit.



Thanks Doug Hornnickel for a great shot!

Mid American Stock Car Series: It is a pleasure to work with the MASCS, Doug and Julie Strasburg, the staff and teams. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to hang out with you. With MASCS, we are allowed a lot of freedom to share in drivers meetings, with individual drivers and teams, in prayer and chapels. They also allow us to encourage the MASCS community with messages on a chaplain page of their website <http://www.midamericanracing.com/chaplain>.

I am very thankful to Doug was able to get us a time on Sunday at Road America on the NASCAR weekend for a chapel at the track. Doug and Julie are very intentional about their faith.

Big 8 Series: Our deepest condolences go out to Gregg McKarns and friends and family as the racing community who lose Sue and John in a matter of a few months. They had a major impact on racing in the Midwest touched many lives.

We were able to minister at each of the Big 8 events from Rockford through Octoberfest. One of the highlights was Big 8 going to Slinger for the first time. It was a great point battle and again many opportunities to share with drivers, invocations and chapels at their events.

Late Model North, Sunoco, USST: This regional and national series has been gracious in letting us travel with them. We made a handful of events. I would love to be able to make them all but I have been restricted by work and other racing commitments. Thank you to Ron Varney and Brad Barlow who allowed me to minister to the teams, families and staff. Both allow for personal contact with the teams, prayer at drivers meetings and invocations.

Sunoco and LMN lost a pair great man - Howie Lettow and Russ Chapman. Mr. Lettow won several championships he was involved with. He was instrumental in developing several NASCAR drivers. Mr. Chapman worked in the racing industry for many years and had a great impact on several series. What a good sense of humor he had!

Season opener at MIS with Midwest Tour



Photo by Doug Hornickel

ASA Midwest, Trucks, Sportsmen: Thanks first to Steve Einhaus and Tim Olson for allowing me to minister with the three branches of ASA. They are a strong series, producing great racing and good drivers. This super late model series is home for some of the best talent at the wheel of all racing. We are allowed to pray with hundreds of teams and drivers and at drivers meetings and pre-race invocations. We were at WIR the night Kyle flipped his truck and ministered to the family and Kyle. A great testimony of God's sovereignty came from that as Mr. Brinkman shared with me later. God is good. Ask me about it if you are interested in hearing how God works through time far ahead of us.

What a privilege we have to minister in the sport. Over the course of the year we have prayed with thousands of drivers and teams; have done numerous chapels; wrote dozens and dozens of devotionals; ministered to many hurting families; and just hung out waiting for an open door for us with share truth and the hope of the LORD Jesus Christ.

Special Thanks: Thanks to all that are helping to make this happen. I need to spend just a short moment thanking those like DEFC, Don Wickstrum, Tanner Whitten Racing, and Donna Crawford for support me financially. Also, thank you to those who have pray and continue to pray. A special mention needs to go out to Lisa Strehmel (editor) and Rick Ratkey (Webmaster) for their hours of service to the ministry.

Upcoming events 2011

January 15th : Mid America StockCars Series Banquet

January 29th : Madison International Speedway Banquet

April: Rockford opener

May: MIS opener

Things to pray about

Praise - we had another fantastic year. **Pray** that we would have wisdom in 2011 as to our involvement. My work situation is still up in the air, however, we are thankful to have employment. We still have not discerned if God is calling us into full-time race ministry, if I should stay in my current employment or if there is another door open. **Pray** that we would encourage the teams and staffs. **Pray that the Word that would permeate into others hearts and lives and that even today would be the day of salvation for those in need.**

Final note: please go to the website and see the special messages for Thanksgiving, Veteran's Day, Pearl Harbor Day, Christmas, and throughout the year.