



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)

Banquet time

We missed the MIS and National Fellowship of Raceway Ministry annual convention but heard both were great times. It was one of those times I wish I could have done that Star Trek thing where they teleport from one place to another. Instead, we had the blessing of hanging out with the Mid AM group and meeting Rob Albright. We had a great time and it was good to get to know Rob and hear his testimony for the LORD. I was most impressed with his genuine prayer life that was reflected.

Q/A

I thought it would be good to share some of the questions we get. Maybe you have had the same question or maybe you have a different one. Let me know and we can address them.

When does the season start?

Our season will kick off in Rockford at the Spring Classic on April 15th. It is always a great weekend to get things going and again this year it will be the opener for MASCS and the Big 8 Series. Madison International gets underway May 6th with ASA Midwest Tour invading Wisconsin's fastest half mile along with Madison Late Models. MIS' regular program starts May 27th.

Where do you go?

We have traveled to Iowa, Illinois, Memphis, and throughout Wisconsin. Tracks in Wisconsin include MIS, the Dells, Slinger, WIR, LaCrosse, Columbus, Jefferson, and the Milwaukee Mile. We may get to Marshfield, Wausau, or Golden Sands this year.

What series do you work with?

This year's plan is to work with MASCS, Big 8 and ASA Midwest Tour, Sportsmen and Trucks series. I also have the privilege to help with ARCA when they come to MIS.

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What do you do?

As chaplain for Madison International Speedway, Mid American Stock Car Series, Big 8 Series I provide prayer and spiritual support for the competitors, team, staff, families and fans - this includes praying individually prior to going out to race, invocations and in drivers meetings. I make myself available in the pits for teams and drivers and hang out a lot. I also am allowed to do chapels (see following question), write a Chaplain's Corner, give out materials and provide other spiritual support as needed. I also help as racing community members go through medical issues, death and funerals. Our purpose is to share the God's Word, His love and the gospel and see those ready to repent to salvation and see those believers grow in their relationship with the LORD

What are chapels about?

We are allowed to take 20-40 minutes on race day to gather together and share God's Word, pray and sing. Last year John Wells opened the door at MIS to have a weekly time prior to hot laps. It was great. We did a survey of Psalms and this year we are going to go through the book of John. Thanks to each person that came to chapel last year and hope to see others this year!

Do you work with other chaplains and where and are there tracks in need of chaplains?

I get the honor and privilege of working with Pastor Scott with MASCS and ASA and his dad (Pastor Andy) at Lacrosse. At Slinger I work with Jim and his team. I am part of a national group with chaplains all around the country. I know of several that would welcome a chaplain or ministry associates. I would be glad to mentor and advise in that area.

Is there going to be a Faster Pastor race again and will you run in it?

We hope so. There have been some changes at MIS but we hope to bring it together. I will post you as details unfold so you other pastors start letting me know if you are available.

What big events will you be at?

To me each event is an opportunity and they can all be “big” events but I know what people are asking when they ask this. It will be great to be back at the Mile this year and the Rockford bookends are always fun and exciting. Oktoberfest is always a blast and good end of the year. The Fall Classic and Fireworks night at MIS are great and they are having ARCA back too. And if things fall into place we will hit the Slinger Nationals again. Of course the regular scheduled Big 8 and MASCS are things we look forward to.

How is the ministry funded?

We are grateful to have a church that gives us monthly funding and several individuals that have come along side of us. God has always supplied our needs. Much of the funding is self funded. If you would like to support us financially, please speak to me.

How much does it cost per event for the ministry?

At Madison it is just travel cost and materials so only about \$100 per night. At races like Rockford or LaCrosse it is more like \$250 a race between travel, tickets, lodging, materials and meal.

Do you need help?

We would like to have a table/tent at MIS with materials and face-painting, etc... We could use help in that. Last year the kids did a great job distributing materials and hopefully the same this year.

How is your work situation? I know last year it was a little more difficult to get to all the events you usually do?

I am glad to have the job that God has given me and my new position and building is great. I really enjoy it. Unfortunately I have weekend work that prevents me from some church activities, kids sporting events and some race events. We continue to pray that there would be an opportunity to make more events.

Have you ever thought about going “full time” in the race ministry?

We have. We have prayed about it and have not seen God leading us to that yet. There may be a time and we are open to it.

Have you made a decision on the RV?

Cindy really wants an RV. It would help in Cindy and the kids being there every week and her love for camping but this week as we prayed we concluded that if God wants us to have an RV then God will provide all the money for it by March 30th. So we wait and pray to see what God would have for us.

Can I get a shirt? Are you the one I can get a “racing” Bible from? Will you have the True Success papers again? Do you have the NASCAR schedules for this year?

Yes, we have them available. We do still have a few and will have them available to any that ask for them. It is always a joy to give one and even more so when we get the report of it being read often. We are really excited about the new True Success coming out featuring Doug and Julie Strasburg in one of the articles. We may also have a few of others.

How are you doing on the devotional book you were working on?

It really has not moved much. It is ready for a second edit (Thanks Lisa for your first edit! Lisa is a big help on editing weekly corners and newsletter). I am not sure how to move it from a file to a book in print. Anyone that would like to help in motivation or know of an open door in printing, please let me know.

Are your kids going to sing the National Anthem again?

You would have to ask John Wells or one of the other tracks. They hope they get to. They really enjoyed it and we were so proud of them.

I heard Lonyea was in the hospital. Is she ok?

Yes Lonyea was in the hospital before and after Christmas but she is doing ok. Her health is in God’s hands.

What can I do to help the ministry?

Pray! That is vital to the ministry. Pray for salvation of drivers and those involved in the racing community. Pray for safety.

Thanks for praying. Don’t forget to check out new devotionals at www.teamjrm.com

Have a great day racin’ in the SONshine!

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