

Team Jesus Racing Ministry

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Thank You



Thank you Doug for the great shot of Doug Strasburg and I at MIS!

This is already a little harder to write than I thought it would be. My mind and heart are filled with so great memories and thoughts. Let me start where I will end.

THANK YOU DOUG AND JULIE!

Going back over a dozen years ago God opened the door for me to start ministering at MIS on Friday nights. It was great to be allowed into the pits and hang out with the drivers and teams. Race ministry is a hanging out ministry and waiting for God to open doors and hearts to allow for us to share His Word, truth and hope. The ministry was developing and relationships built. A few years into the time at MIS along came an event to Mid Am. I was impressed with Doug and Julie and how they run their event. We had enough time together to see their faith being lived out among the competitors, the staff and teams. I was really impressed with the "family" they had built as series. There was talk of if I would be available as a chaplain when Pastor Scott was not available. I have to say that was exciting in several ways. I took it as a door that God opened up and confirmation that God wanted us to expand what we were doing. Thanks Doug and Julie.

It was great to be able to start to be at events and begin to get to know each one of you. Doug and Julie, thanks for allowing me to pray with the guys and gals and encouraging it. We know the sport is dangerous and we know that our real protection comes from God. We have witnessed in person His hand of protection, whether that is Jeremy and the ball of fire or Lyle and Marcy west of Grundy and several others we could have named.

Doug and Julie encouraged us to have times of sharing on the web page and a chaplain's page with messages from the Bible. I know that it is not an easy decision as there could be some opposition. Thanks Doug and Julie for standing for what you know and believe is right and eternal. Next they opened the door for us to share in times of chapel and devotional time.

Only God knows the fruit of what you allowed and only God knows the fruit of your quiet sharing and loving on each one the Mid Am family.

DOUG AND JULIE – THANK YOU!

I am so grateful that the LORD brought us together and allowed us to share the years together. I am thankful for the love and care I have seen and experienced from you and the Mid AM family.

2014, The Year of Change

2014 was a year filled with change that has spilled over to 2015. There was change with the Big 8 (Gregg stepping down) and then with ARCA Midwest (Steve stepping down) and then with Mid AM Doug and Julie selling to Dave and Dawn and ARCA Midwest again (Gregg stepping in).

Now we hear of a change at Columbus 151 and at Madison International Speedway. It would be easy to get upset or anxious about the changes. It would be easy to react without pausing and thinking and waiting for things to play all the way out.

Life is full of change and we can react and feel the same or even more anxiety but if we have placed our lives in God's hand that can change how we deal with change. Hopefully we can lean into God and know the security that there is in Him. **Psalm 18:2** *The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*

Have a great day racin' in the SONshine!

Acts 20:24 But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course (race) and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. (ESV)