

# Team Jesus Racing Ministry

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Raceway Ministries (a national association of raceway ministries and chaplains formerly NFRM)

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## *The Big Finish*

We started the end of the year specials with the **Two Day Show (the Wisconsin State Championship) at Jefferson** that was extended to three days. On Friday we were given a good day of practice and started qualifying before rain. Saturday the pits were full with over 100 cars and a great night of racing. I was happy that they asked me to do the invocation at the drivers meeting and then with the crowd both Saturday and Sunday. Sunday the Tundra and the Super Truck were there, so after church I went over. It was a good safe weekend of racing with just the one major incident in the sportsmen division (seen below).

Next we prayed much about what to do about getting to Elko, but just could not find a place to stay, so we went **Dodge County Fairgrounds with the Mid Am** guys. It was our first trip there and first day of ministry at a dirt track. That was different!

The following weekend was the **50<sup>th</sup> Annual National Short Track Championships in Rockford**. What a great event. Manny and I were in the pits and with the guys for three days. They allowed us to have a great parking spot with the RV just outside of turn 1 and 2. I prayed in the drivers meetings all three days, with the drivers individually prior to feature racing and also did the invocation. One of the highlights of the weekend was chapel where we had 30 or so people and we gave a clear gospel presentation through a child dedication. It is so important that we each dedicate each day to follow the LORD.

## *Update*

Please continue to pray for Kathy as she lives out what God has for her and the cancer. Pray for Bill also that he stays focused on both Kathy and camp.

Of course the big finish is **46<sup>th</sup> annual OktoberFest at LaCrosse Fairground Speedway**. We got there Friday and served Friday, Saturday and Sunday all day and evening. I figured I prayed individually with around 200 drivers or more drivers and am thankful for the help of Pastor Andy and Pastor Scott. Several highlights: one would be that Tom Reffner thanked us for serving at Madison and throughout the Midwest, and the other was over 50 in chapel. Pastor Andy did a great job sharing the gospel and inviting people to trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. It was a long weekend that is bitter sweet. We don't get much rest. It is great to see so many we know and to encourage them in the LORD but bitter in that it is the end of the race season (maybe not this year).

## *Upcoming Events*

Maybe the Dells on October 25<sup>th</sup>

Banquets, pray there is an opening to share the hope and truth of salvation and Jesus

We have changed the ministry twitter account to @TJRMacts2024

Hope you become followers and stay in prayer with and for us.

***Have a great day racin' in the SONshine!***

**Don't forget to check out devotionals at**

**[www.teamjrm.com](http://www.teamjrm.com)**



The Sportsmen decided to stack them up in three and four early in the race Saturday  
Courtesy of Mark Melchiori



At Rockford on Sunday as the guys are introduced I pray with them.  
Thank you Deery family for the opportunity to serve at this great track and event!  
Photos courtesy of Doug Hornickel

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More from Rockford Speedway and the National Short Track Championships Manny "on stage" in Victory Lane



Great view from turn three and the pit grandstand as they ready for the green flag.

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Top:  
At Rockford, “things happen” and usually in a big way!

Middle: Glad Brian Sr was ok. Reminds us how good God is keeping the guys and gals that race so hard safe. We really do need to thank Him and rely on Him in our daily lives.

Bottom: Mid AM on dirt at Dodge County Fairgrounds



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A few photos from Oktoberfest:

A few fun facts first: over 60 super late models took qualifying Friday and over 50 for the ARCA Midwest Tour race 45 late models for the Big 8 final 2015 race; 33 Great Northern Sportsmen Series cars and 17 Mid Am cars timed in at LaCrosse



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Mid AM lined up for their feature at LaCrosse



Left: It is an honor and privilege to pray with the guys

Below right: At Rockford with Rich, the Hinerischsen's are great encouragement



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Parking at LaCrosee



Four wide salute to the fans as they come to the main event at Fest

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