



## Nova Drawing and BBQ at the park

Saturday, at the 20th Street Park in Lancaster, was supposed to be another beautiful sunny day in the AV. Joe Delrosario had barbecued Italian sausage, tri-tip, chicken and much more for approximately 500 people—we were ready to go! However the celebration began with dark clouds in the western sky and a very cool breeze. 200 people showed up that day and we all had a great time enjoying the food, the music, and learning more about the ministry of Quest. During our time together I had a chance to publicly share the apologetic of God's existence and the apologetic of the Commandments of God [the Gospel]. It was a great day in the park!

About three months ago when we started to sell tickets for this Opportunity Drawing my kids reminded me that I was going to have to go to car shows, fairs, and other community events to get this Nova in front of as many people as possible. Wow! Did I feel the pressure! However, the Lord had something else in mind for me. God, of course, knew that this car would give me opportunities that I otherwise would never have had. During the past couple months I have attended at least a dozen community events and have had the chance to share the gospel with approximately 75 people. As I attempted to sell the drawing tickets people would commonly ask, "So who benefits from this raffle?" My answer would

always be, "Quest Ministries...All the proceeds from the sale of these tickets goes into the general fund of the ministry." Then they would ask, "So what does Quest Ministries do?" Well, as you can imagine this gave me a wonderful opportunity to talk about apologetics and to eventually share the gospel. I feel that that was really God's plan all along—to get me out there interacting with the lost.

In the end, some really great things came out of this project.

- Hundreds were introduced to the ministry of Quest here in the AV.
- It challenged a number of ticket sellers to share the gospel.
- I surveyed over 40 individuals with the WTM (10 commandments questions)
- It introduced us to Scotty [the winner] and his family.
- It blessed the ministry with very needed funding. (about \$8,500 after all expenses.)

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank each one of you who prayed for this endeavor. Our heavenly Father not only blessed the results but the journey as well. He used it to cause so many of us to grow and change. He definitely answered "Yes" to our prayers and so much more. None of us, staff members or board members, could have predicted what actually happened. The results were financial blessing and more importantly changed lives.

# Ministry Update

## How Quest Ministries Approaches Support

First of all, it's important to us that each of our supporters understands our heart when it comes to the funding of Quest. The ministry of Quest began in 1998 and since that time we have been careful to focus on New Testament principles of giving and not on fundraising techniques. In fact, during the 13 year history of the ministry we have only done one other fundraising event. That event occurred in 1998, and was a kick off event encouraging 50 guys to memorize 50 gospel verses and gain sponsors. Since that time we have relied financially on two churches and a number of individual Christians who have a heart for relational evangelism and discipleship. It is our hope that every gift that comes into the ministry of Quest fulfills the New Testament's primary giving principle found in 2 Corinthians 9:7.

**"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."**

We believe that when the Apostle Paul says, "not reluctantly or under compulsion" he means that Christians should not be pressured, coerced, or made to feel obligated to give. The bottom line is that Paul wanted each giver to truly be a "cheerful" giver—we whole heartily agree!

In fact, it has been our policy at Quest Ministries to never even ask for support but simply to make our needs known and to give God a chance to work in the hearts of His people. He has done so faithfully for the past 13 years.

As you know we recently decided to conduct an Opportunity Drawing fundraising event with the donated Nova. When we originally began this restoration project over 15 months ago we had intended to fix the Nova up and then sell it. As the economy took a dive so did the value of a restored Nova. So the Quest board decided to try a fundraiser drawing to see if it we could benefit the ministry in both exposure and finances. Although the results were great, Quest Ministries will continue to be focused on "Grace Giving" and will rarely conduct fundraising events.

So many of you continue to sacrifice financially so that we can continue the ministry of Quest. We are so honored by your commitment and truly sense the privilege of being freed to minister full time.

## Financial Update

Our monthly operating budget is \$8,800. In October we received \$4,350 in ministry gifts. Though God did bless us with an additional \$8,500 over the last four months (through the profits from the Nova drawing) things continue to be tight and so we ask you to join us in praying for God's provision.

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# Making Friends

I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. Luke 16:9

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## Greetings from Quest Ministries!

Our bimonthly newsletter is designed to let you know what God is doing in and through us.

## God had His own Plans for the Nova Raffle

We have a winner! Incredibly, he was actually present at the BBQ and as you can imagine totally thrilled. As I read off the winning number "2134", I heard someone in the crowd say, "I think that's me!" The attention of everyone then turned towards Scotty, as he is referred to by his friends, and we all waited to see if he really had the winning ticket. He began to stagger around a bit and eventually a really big smile appeared on his face, then he held up the winning ticket. It couldn't have worked out better...out of 1,700 tickets sold the winner was actually present and Scotty was the perfect person to win.



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## Kingdom Assignment in Action...

"I have no idea what I'm going to do with this \$100..." Gentry sat in one of many chairs making up a circle in the Ludwig's living room. It was Friday night and he'd arrived that evening anticipating another enjoyable and challenging few hours with the Veritas group. However, he had not expected how much of a challenging night it would be. Dave had presented the group with an opportunity to take part in a project that would free up those involved to use monetary resources to further the kingdom of God. He then asked those who wanted to participate to raise their hands. ► continued on insert

# What a Journey

Through the ups and downs of this year God has been so faithful.

As 2010 approached I began experiencing a strange sensation in my back. Most of us felt that it was probably due to the chemo treatments I was on. Through February and March my feet became increasingly numb and useless. By the middle of March I was laying in the hospital with my legs paralyzed from my knees to my toes...



*"Just before going into the hospital I was in bed listening to the college group sing praises to God. The Lord was working on my heart because I needed to be at peace with the situation He had me in. I needed to be totally surrendered to His will even if it meant not ever walking again. As I listened, they began to sing, 'I Surrender All...All to Him I Freely Give...'"* My heart was broken at that moment and I reminded myself that 14 years ago I had given my life, my cancer, and my journey to Him to use me as He pleased...for His glory. What a joy filled my heart when I remembered that commitment and surrendered once again." -edited from my journal

In the days, that followed my doctor was focused on my abdomen and the troubles I was having with my digestive system. Though this was an important issue that needed attention, the real concern was occurring in my spinal column—the cancer had settled in my tail bone area and was affecting the feeling in my legs and feet. Little did I know that God had sent me on a privileged journey to proclaim him to many medical professionals and staff.

*"They don't understand how I can be so kind and considerate when I'm facing such difficult circumstances myself. This has brought me many opportunities to share with the staff and to point them to my source of peace and confidence. Those who know the Lord here at the hospital are also telling me how excited they are. They are getting a chance to share the gospel with their fellow employees as well. It's all about making the Lord's name magnified."* -edited from my journal

God will do what he chooses to do in our lives and does for His glory. I recall the day I was paralyzed and my doctor Doctor walked into my hospital room. He was feeling bad because he was wishing that he had done something different. Knowing that God is sovereign it was a comfort for me to be able to tell him, I believe in a God that has my days numbered and has my life in His hands.

Now we are sitting here in late November, I am still not walking, though at this point, God has chosen to allow me to be in "remission"! Something not even a consideration 8 months ago. I am experiencing some healing in my feet, legs and hand and as a result I have more movement in those areas.

As we approach thanksgiving my heart is drawn in thankfulness for each of you, for your love, your support and most of all for your prayers before the Lord for me and my family. I will be praying that God will bless each of you with his joy and peace as we approach the Christmas season. Remember the opportunities are many and the time is short. There is nothing greater than giving the gift of hope to those who are living with hopelessness. Our Savior is the author of life and hope and it is through His sacrifice that we find meaning and joy in this life.

Love Linda



# Ministry Highlights

At Quest Ministries we provide one-on-one training and group seminars for Individual Believers, Bible Study Groups, Churches and Christian Organizations

The Berean Bible Study group continues to survey the 17 Old Testament history books. Come join us on Wednesday evening at the Ludwig's in Lancaster.

Quest Ministries Facebook page is up and running. Check it out and become a "friend" of the ministry. Part of our goal is to post inspiring and challenging quotes and discussion points each week. We would love to hear your feedback.

Dave continues to meet with 6 men one-on-one.

Recently we updated our booklet entitled, "Money Manager...a Biblical Perspective of Stewardship and Giving". This booklet is designed to provide practical suggestions on how to incorporate the Bible's instruction about money. If you are interested in receiving a copy just let us know.

On January 9th we are planning to start a new class on gospel apologetics. Let us know if you would like to join us and we'll make sure to keep you updated.

Some of you are regularly involved in sharing your faith. If this is true of you...would you be so kind to let us know. We'd like to ask you a few questions and attempt to allow others to learn from you. Just mark the enclosed response card.

## Prayer Requests

- Pray for your friends and family to see Christ in you this Christmas.
- Pray that Linda will be strong, encouraged and regain her ability to walk.
- Pray...thanking God for making our Nova drawing & BBQ so successful.
- Pray for a powerful impact with our "Kingdom Assignment" projects.
- Pray for continued ministry opportunities with Open Forums and WTM courses
- Pray that Christopher will be supported & encouraged as "Director of Communications".

Recently, on Friday nights, we've been seeking to find answers to the 16 questions raised about God and money. For example..."Should we give financial help to a person who isn't willing to work? Is capitalism Biblical? Is building a retirement fund, "storing up treasure on earth?" If not,,why?" Since many of us are in the midst of trying to invest our Kingdom Assignment money these issues are very relevant to us. Please keep the group in your prayers.

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David Ludwig has been in full time vocational ministry for 30 years. For 12 of those years he was the Adult Education Director at a local church focusing his attention on church renewal, leadership training and discipleship. Since then he has presided over multiple church plants, and as Founder and Director of Quest Ministries David has emphasized equipping believers in relational evangelism, one-on-one discipleship and apologetics.



*the Journey of Faith*

## The Birth of Jesus - Why the Process of God Becoming Man was so Important

Hebrew 12:1-2 says that Jesus is the author and perfecter of our faith. By definition, faith only has to be exercised when the possessor of that faith doesn't know something and has to trust that the information they presently possess is enough to make a decision. Jesus lived by faith when He lived on this earth. By laying down His omniscience Jesus had to exercise faith and trust in His father's care. He had to pray, He struggled with His decisions, and He was tempted in every way just as we are (Hebrews 4:17). Full knowledge of the future would have made His journey completely predictable. In many ways, it would have removed our ability to relate and learn from Him.

**Christmas is more than just a time to celebrate Jesus' birth, it's a time to appreciate the fact that the God of the universe chose to join us here on earth and experience the process of life that comes with being human.**

Christmas in many ways is about God's desire to step into time and space and allow Himself to be impacted by life's events. Jesus loved us so much that He

was willing to join us and to go through the process of learning to live a life pleasing to His Father. In that 33 year process He never sinned or rebelled against his Father's wishes. He didn't even disobey his earthly Father (Luke 2:51). He grew and went through the process of life and the process of change just like each one of us has to. Therefore He knows in a personal way what it is like to be vulnerable, weak, ignorant, hurt, alone, tempted, rejected and to even experience the process of dying without the comfort of His Father's fellowship.

As we face our own challenges or attempt to comfort someone who is struggling with their own hurts and weakness let us all remember that Jesus stepped into the human story and allowed Himself to enter into this process to redeem and give hope to mankind.

Let's celebrate this Christmas season with a deeper gratitude to God for stepping into the process of being human and set forth a model for us follow.

**"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mind set as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!"** Philippians 2:3-8 (NIV)

