

Seven x 7 Mission Report # 3:

Ministry Results & Lessons Learned

May 24th 2008 “Boots on the Ground” Outreach in Bartlett Park



A total 126 volunteers came out this past Saturday to put “Boots on the Ground” in Bartlett Park. Teams ranging in size from two to 10 “Prayer Walkers” fanned out to cover 18 targeted zones in the neighborhood - offering prayer, help and hope to local residents. **Here’s what happened.**

Ministry Outcomes

- 4 people received salvation and 8 people were delivered
- 162 people completed requests for prayer or help (follow-up contact is underway)
- An estimated 55 prayers were conducted on door-steps, in living-rooms and at store fronts at the request of the residents encountered
- 24 victims’ family members identified themselves to be prayed for
- 2 residents committed to joining a local congregation *this Sunday*
- 22 Pastors took direct leadership of teams in the field, as did 2 deacons
- 26 of the Seven x 7 congregations took part
- An estimated 540 households were visited
- Over 2 million people will hear of the movement. The outreach was covered by Tampa Bay’s 10, Bay News 9, WRXB AM 1590, WMNF FM 88.5, The St. Petersburg Times, the Weekly Challenger and the Power Broker magazine.

Lessons from the Front Lines

- **Young people showed us that they are hungry for the word.** Team 1 reported that young people and elders gladly received them, while middle-aged people often declined to interact. The team led by Pastors Keturah Pittman and Billy Bay encountered 15-year old Calvin Swain, Jr., whose mother and father were both violently killed in two separate attacks. He asked for emergency intercession. Three teens were delivered to Christ after encountering Team 16 on 4th Street.
- **Young people were also powerful in the ministry.** Adults from one team that included five teenagers noted that young people tended to have more success communicating with their peers.
- **Over and over, people agree that the time has come for all-out unity among the churches.** Rev. Ray Chester, who drove from Clearwater to participate, urged the group to “Press on!” Like so many others, he echoed that “The time is ripe for this movement.”
- **The group was overwhelmingly received with appreciation.** Team 6 reported that “Everyone wanted prayer,” while Teams 7 and 13 found 3 unchurched people seeking a church home. Team 4 says one woman was so overcome she could do nothing but embrace the volunteer – for a full 10 minutes.
- **The hands-on involvement of Pastors was vital.** Most of the volunteers reported being new to outreach. The presence of their Pastors seemed to lend a boost of reassurance. It also gave each team an experienced leader in evangelism, prayer and counseling. The number of volunteers present made it possible for some teams to be assigned two Pastors.

Where we go Next

Seven x 7 is building an army of believers to win the soul of South St Petersburg. The “Boots on the Ground” outreach is Saturday, June 28, 2008 covering the Harbordale and Childs Park Neighborhoods. To sign-up and join the Seven x 7 movement, go to www.sevenx7.com, or call 727-866-0873.