

The GOOD REPORT



from the MISSION CHURCH on MACKINAC ISLAND

MISSION MACKINAC



Thank you for taking the time to read the “GOOD REPORT.” We covet a relationship with you and know that many ministries are vying for your attention and interest. We have exciting news to share and have taken great steps of faith to move with God’s purpose in mind. Please [CONTACT US](#) with any questions at INFO@MIBC.ORG.

For 30 years, MIBC has been a voice of the Gospel message found in God’s Word on Mackinac Island. Many people today either lack Biblical knowledge or their beliefs line up only with their own self-made Christianity. Spiritual beliefs are being ladled out like “Belief De Jour” or “Soup of the Day”. Christianity is watered down, weak and unrecognizable at times. “Another Jesus,” a “different spirit” and a “different gospel” (2 Cor. 11:4) is being consumed by the public from dark evangelists. False teaching is being presented by Christian leaders to tickle ears and draw vulnerable folks away from Biblical Truth to a nuance of unbiblical Christianity. Our forefathers in the faith would rollover in their graves to see how the Word of God is twisted and what Christian’s false liberty allows them to participate in. One frequent question is raised yet again, “What does the Word Say?” Unfortunately, we hear little Truth and more confusion. The Scripture tells us to “**go into all the world and preach the Gospel**” and that is not an option. People need to meet the Jesus of the Bible where they are. Unfortunately, they cannot stay where they are. How will they hear the Gospel? We have been seeking God for His wisdom and strategy. The LORD has opened our eyes to some Scriptures. He has revealed that “**those who are with us are more than those who are with them**” (2 Kgs. 6:15-17). God’s unseen armies are for those who put their faith and trust in Him alone. Next, YOU are also with us! Instead of shrinking back under the weight of discouragement and few laborers, we are doing the opposite by “**enlarging our tent and stretching out the curtains of our dwelling, lengthening our cords and strengthening our stakes, expanding to the right and to the left...**” so that our “**descendants will inherit the nations, and make a desolate city inhabited**” (Isaiah 54:2-3). This is where we sense MIBC is moving and we have made some important steps to this end.

How are we going to do this? Firstly, we will “**leave the ninety-nine**” (Matt. 18:12-14) and go after the lost, the backslidden and the hurting. We will do this strategically and with more resources than ever before. Secondly, we are being led to solicit MORE HELP from those WHO ARE FOR US, rather than worry about those who are not with us, or will not help us. To explain this strategy more specifically, here are some important questions that may help you see how YOU can pray and then get involved:

Ministering to the Lost - Strengthening the Weak - Encouraging the Strong

1. Have you ever been on a foreign mission-trip? Have you ever wanted to go, but couldn't afford it?
2. Do you enjoy coming to Mackinac Island, but in recent years it has been prohibitive?
3. Are you willing to SHARE CHRIST'S GOSPEL and/or PRAY with people from around the world?
4. Would you like to come to Mackinac with a small group of friends or relatives for a fun & rewarding trip?
5. If you are unable to come, do you know mature Christians who would love an opportunity like this?

We truly have a "Good Report to share with you! We are rolling out a "New Arm" of the Mackinac Island Bible Church called "MISSION MACKINAC"! MIBC has a great way for YOU to experience a premier, short-term Mission Trip that is affordable and will be a Life-Changing Experience for YOU:

- A lodging unit has become available for our use, to house people of like-mind for reaching others on Mackinac Island! The "MISSION MACKINAC GUESTHOUSE" has enough room for 2-8 People for 1-3 nights, located in St. Ignace, Michigan with easy access to all Mackinac Island has to offer!
- Why St. Ignace? Only here can we offer you an affordable, beautiful lodging experience, with all the security, amenities & conveniences of the mainland.

We will show you HOW to make Kingdom Impact! NEED MORE DETAILS? CONTACT US: INFO@MIBC.ORG
 INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUPS, WORSHIP TEAMS & BOARD RETREATS, ETC. ARE ALSO POSSIBLE!



**THANK
YOU!**

Most of our donations come from off Mackinac Island!
 Consider sowing prayers & finances any time of the year.
 Winter donations are lower - our needs still exist.

THANKS TO ALL WHO ARE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE THROUGH
 PRAYER & FINANCES - YOU MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE!

Help us REACH THE NATIONS right here in Michigan!
 BECOME A MONTHLY or ONE-TIME PARTNER with a CHECK,
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Partners and friends keep us going strong!

DID YOU KNOW OUR WEEKLY SCHEDULE IS ON THE BOTTOM OF EVERY PAGE ON WWW.MIBC.ORG?
WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU VIA EMAIL AT INFO@MIBC.ORG

Do You Perceive the Need?

Believe it or not, Mackinac Island is an unreached mission field with unreached people groups, just like any foreign field. Here, people see churches and meet Christians and they feel a sense of peace. Others sense the spiritual depravity and warfare that has existed for centuries. There is a battle for the soul of Mackinac. Though beautiful, sometimes restful and charming, this is neither a Christian place or even a wholesome place in many respects. So many are surprised by this. There is a culture of worldliness that is welcomed here - even by some Christians. False grace is being communicated by strong voices. I have been to unreached areas in Africa, Asia and Europe and witnessed the spiritual climate and influence that the Gospel has upon these different populations and regions. We have gone into places where the Gospel of Christ had never been spoken before, sometimes with adversity and danger, but when the message was delivered with clarity, love and Truth, the people responded wholeheartedly and in great number. It was staggering. Some of these regions have been transformed, not necessarily with wealth and modern amenities, but in changed lives. Some converts are now ones who have become martyrs for the faith! All our cities are riddled with sin, worldly behavior and skepticism, Mackinac Island is no different. Many do not discern that even church-goers are unreached because they believe a false grace that deceives. The "whole counsel of God" (Acts 20:27) is exchanged for a false and contrary belief-system that brings compromise. We need more of the real message of Jesus delivered to people on our streets.

Mark 4 speaks of the Word as a "seed" being sown by a planter into the soil of human hearts. The Word of God spread on the field of hearts falls on different soil and does not take root for different reasons: 1) Satan steals the sown Word away; 2) the Word does not take root and when affliction and persecution arises because of the Word, immediately they fall away; 3) the worries of life, the deceit that comes from riches, along with the desire for other things, enters and chokes the Word like thorns, causing the Word to be unfruitful. **Sometimes the Word will take root in good soil.** The heart receives the Word, heeds it, and ultimately bears Godly fruit. The Good Seed can germinate and grow when it is received willingly and faithfully at the start. Unfortunately, some will not receive, but all of mankind needs a Savior in Christ Jesus! Like the Laodiceans in Revelation 3:17, many are like this: **"Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing,' and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked."** The Gospel is such a polarizing message, but it must be shared. The outcome is up to the LORD, but we are tasked with taking the Gospel to unbelievers and those who think they are IN Christ. This is a great deception in our day. "What does the Bible say?" is a great question to ask. It is said that this generation of church-goers is the most Biblically illiterate in history. If so, who's responsible for this generation? We are! An encouraging report from Lori Straight's ladies study, encouraged us to know that a non-Protestant church-goer is learning for the first time to read the Bible at home! We must increase our evangelism efforts so people can hear what God says about all things. Christians look overseas to participate. Why not here?

MIBC, through MISSION MACKINAC is in a strategic place to reach many unreached people-groups in 2026. Not too long ago, we saw 51 nationalities come through our doors. Now, we are stretching out our stakes to reach everyone we can. Will we ALL be harvesters in some way? If you have read The GOOD REPORT for many years, we do not want to sound like a broken record, but this is a new day with new opportunities for Kingdom Impact. We have taken all the financial-faith risks so YOU can HELP US. JOIN US FOR A FUN AND REWARDING MISSION TRIP ON MACKINAC ISLAND! We need Kingdom-minded people like YOU. God always intended for us to do His work together and not by ourselves. It is time to DO what we believe. We CAN DO THIS WITH YOU. We CAN'T DO THIS WITHOUT YOU! Do not be afraid. Come tell YOUR story to people who need to hear YOU. Thank you for prayerfully considering this opportunity. Church Leader or Pastor, put together a small group for Kingdom Impact. Do you perceive the need here and want to join together with us? In His Service. Ken Straight



SUNDAYS 9:30am
April 5th - October 25th
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7358 Market Street
... your Gospel Mission
Outpost



Work crew from Cornerstone Church
Highland, Michigan



Holding Down the Fort

OUR GOD: A SOLID FORTRESS IN TROUBLED TIMES

Ministries and leaders with blatant and outrageous sins against God and others are being exposed to the world. They are bringing shame to themselves and shame to our Great God. Compromised leaders are causing great "Church Hurt" to many, many people. It is causing some to fall away from the faith, or follow false doctrines. This stuff is messy, Jesus is coming for a **"glorious church without spot or wrinkle, or any such thing, but that it (the church, its members) should be holy, without blemish"** (Eph. 5:27). We have far to go, but these things have to be brought to the light at the highest levels. The fallout is raw and vast. If you are dealing with this, get good Biblical counseling and cling to Jesus and His Word. Get solid Christians around you to pray and help you through this. The Word of God, prayer and Christian brothers and sisters can help. Do not isolate yourself or remove yourself from those things which can help you get through this difficult time. Satan really wants you to

ultimately separate yourself from God in full, This is way too common of a scenario on Mackinac. People can hurt all of us, but Jesus is that **"friend who sticks closer than a brother"** (Proverbs 18:24b). Be honest, but If a Christian leader violated you in any way, seek help and don't run.

"Church Hurt" is also a term people use if they are hurt by anyone, in any way, in the church. This is more like what Scripture calls an "offense". Proverbs 18:19 states, **"A brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city; and their contentions are like the bars of a castle."** It is very hard to get through to hurt people, but be careful that you are not holding a contention or offense that leads to a bitter root. Jesus said, **"offenses must come"** (Matt. 18:7) for they are a common problem for all of us. Do not let Church Hurt keep you from the One who heals YOUR broken heart (Luke 4:18). Be honest with the LORD about your hurts, but don't stay away from Him or the Body of Christ where you can be healed.

"This is what the Almighty Lord says: 'I am going to lay a Rock in Zion, a Rock that has been tested, a precious Cornerstone, a solid Foundation. Whoever believes in Him will not worry.'" (Isaiah 28:16)



We're Not Horsin' Around at MIBC!

TANGIBLE MINISTRY NEEDS

Monthly Expenses:

Electric	450
Water & Sewer	150
Advertising & Promotion	100
Internet/Web/Phone	200
Trash/Freight/Transportation	175
Misc. Ministry Expenses & Outreach	7500

One-Time Expenses:

MIBC House Repairs	35,000
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