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## **Bold for the Gospel: My Experience at Ray Comfort's Ambassadors' Academy (July 3, 2025)**

This month, I had the privilege of serving as a team leader at Ray Comfort's Ambassadors' Academy—a powerful, Christ-centered training event designed to equip believers to boldly share the gospel in the streets, in conversations, and even from atop a soapbox. From start to finish, this experience was humbling, energizing, and filled with the unmistakable presence of God.

### **Equipping the Saints for the Work of the Gospel**

The Ambassadors' Academy isn't just about street evangelism—it's about heart transformation and obedience to the Great Commission. The speakers and classroom sessions were deeply rooted in Scripture, constantly pointing us back to Christ as our confidence and reason for sharing the good news. I had the tremendous honor of training the students in "How to Reach Roman Catholics with Grace", a session that garnered a wonderful Q&A time.

We weren't trained with flashy methods or shallow techniques. Instead, we were taught to rely on the Word of God, to love people enough to speak the truth, and to overcome fear through prayer, preparation, and the power of the Holy Spirit. I had the privilege of role-playing a gospel conversation in front of the group as well, modelling how to gently and lovingly present sin and the cure for sin, Jesus, in an unscripted conversation.

### **Leading a Team of Brave Beginners**

I was entrusted with leading a team of a dozen students—each one unique, each one eager to grow. Some had never handed out a gospel tract before. Others had never initiated a full gospel conversation with a stranger. And many had never experienced the heart-pounding moment of stepping up "on the box" to open-air preach the gospel in a public setting.

Yet day after day, I watched God move in every one of them. Walls of fear crumbled. Conversations unfolded. People listened. Seeds were planted. And I saw team members who once felt unsure and timid now standing boldly to proclaim Christ crucified and risen—some even weeping with joy after their first gospel encounter.

It was nothing short of a miracle of grace—evidence that when we show up in faith, God provides the courage.

### **A Mentor Who Led with Love**

A special highlight for me was being mentored by Linda Samson. Her love for Jesus and compassion for people radiated in everything she said and did. She led with grace, wisdom, and humor—and kept me in line when I needed it! Her example challenged me to lead like Christ: with truth, tenderness, and total dependence on the Lord.

Linda didn't just give instructions—she modeled evangelism as a lifestyle. She reminded us that sharing the gospel isn't an event—it's a calling. Her prayers, her presence, and her patience were a blessing to me and to all who were near her.

### **A Glimpse of the Book of Acts**

At times, it felt like we had stepped into the pages of Acts. Believers from all over the world, unified in love for Christ, hitting the streets to preach the gospel with joy and urgency. Conversations sparked on sidewalks, people stopped and listened, and the name of Jesus was lifted high in parks, on boardwalks, and in busy city squares.

Some planted seeds. Some watered. And all of us walked away knowing that God alone gives the increase.

### **Final Thoughts: For His Glory**

As I reflect on this experience, I am overwhelmed with gratitude—for my team members, for the training we received, for the leaders who poured into us, and most of all, for the Savior we proclaim.

If you've ever felt too scared, too unworthy, or too unsure to share your faith—take heart. God doesn't call the qualified; He qualifies the called. And the Ambassadors' Academy is proof that with the right equipping, encouragement, and a whole lot of prayer, even the most hesitant believer can become a bold witness for Christ.

P.S. I want to praise God for the other training and proclaiming opportunities He gave in June.

- I trained young people in evangelism at a four day Transformation Youth Camp in Indiana
- I had the privilege of opening the Word in a Sunday church service and equip the saints for the work of witnessing in Iowa
- I held a full day Witnessing Workshop on a Saturday for another church in Indiana to prepare them for their gospel booth outreach the next week
- My family ran a gospel booth at our week long county fair, presenting Christ to dozens of folks including Muslims
- We hit the streets of Riverside, CA with gospel tracts and got into a number of fruitful gospel conversations

To God be the glory—great things He has done!

## **Gospel Encounters and Equipping the Saints in Israel (June 11, 2025)**

I've just returned from one of the most unforgettable and spiritually rich journeys of my life—a 3-week gospel mission trip to Israel. From the cobbled streets of Jerusalem to the lively marketplaces and sacred sites, God opened doors for the gospel in ways I could never have planned or imagined. Even though I was sick the whole time I was there, I saw firsthand that **the harvest truly is plentiful**—and God is still mightily at work in the land where Jesus Himself walked.

### **Teaching Truth in Love**

One of the great honors of this trip was teaching a **full-day Witnessing Workshop**. Dozens gathered to learn how to clearly and compassionately share their faith in Jesus the Messiah. We focused on how to engage people from different worldviews with gentleness, confidence, and biblical truth. It was energizing to see hearts stirred, minds sharpened, and boldness ignited.

Later in the trip, I had the joy of teaching **creation apologetics at a Messianic Christian school**. We walked through the authority of Scripture beginning in Genesis, explored the harmony between science and Scripture, and gave students tools to defend their faith in a skeptical world. Their questions were sharp and sincere, and their hunger for truth was deeply encouraging.

Another highlight was preaching at a **Shabbat service in a Messianic congregation**. What a powerful experience—to open God's Word and teach others how to proclaim Yeshua (Jesus) as the promised Messiah! The message was well-received, and the fellowship afterward was rich with unity in Christ and a shared love for reaching the lost for Jesus.

### **Gospel Conversations Across Boundaries**

Perhaps the most awe-inspiring part of this trip was the sheer diversity of people I got to share the gospel with. **Jews—both secular and ultra-Orthodox. Muslims. Catholics. Eastern Orthodox. Non-religious seekers.** Each conversation was a divine appointment, and each one reminded me that **Jesus is for all nations, tribes, and tongues**.

Whether it was speaking to a Muslim shopkeeper about the uniqueness of Christ, dialoguing with an ultra-Orthodox man about Isaiah 53, or answering a Catholic pilgrim's questions about salvation by grace alone—**the Lord was present, guiding each word, and softening hearts**. Seeds were planted. Some even showed genuine interest in continuing the conversation.

### **God Gets the Glory**

Not every conversation ended in a person repenting right in front of me—but that's not the measure of success. Faithfulness is. I saw again and again how **God blesses bold obedience**. He

is the one who saves; we are just the messengers. But what a joy and privilege it is to be His ambassadors!

I return home humbled, thankful, and more convinced than ever that **the gospel is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes—to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile** (Romans 1:16). Please pray for the seeds sown, for the people I met, and for continued gospel light to shine in Israel.

To God be all the glory!