



LIFE ACTION

*Igniting Movements of
Authentic Christianity*



On the Road

A report on the ministry of
Jeffrey and Sarah Hemby with Life Action Ministries

Prayer Points:

- That Christ would be exalted through my ministry
- That I would be able to balance service to Sarah and my ministry with Life Action
- That God would work in my heart
- That God would prepare the churches we go into
- That God would provide for us as I leave Life Action

Big Changes

The months leading up to this newsletter have been filled with much change. It has been quite a whirlwind of emotions, both exciting and nerve-racking. Through all of it, however, Jesus has been faithful. He has allowed me to see some great things happening in His Bride and I can't wait to inform you how God has been moving.

Married

As I mentioned in my last newsletter, I was engaged to be married. Well, everything worked out and I actually did get married on December 9th to Sarah. (You may have noticed the byline in my newsletter has now changed.) The day was a wonderful day filled with family and friends. Even some of you, my partners, were able to be there. It was so wonderful to see so many of you. All of the pictures on this newsletter are from the wedding, so enjoy!

Niles, MI (Part 1)

Niles, MI was an interesting conference. While our primary ministry was simply to the local church in Niles, this location

happens to be the town right next door to our ministry headquarters in Buchanan, MI. So with this conference we not only had the privilege of serving members in the local church whom we have never met, but also serve some of our own staff who were members of this church.



On the second Sunday of our 15-Day conference, I had an opportunity to counsel a younger guy in the church. He had come back to receive counsel on the issue of salvation. Often times in these situations you find men who have been struggling with their salvation because of repetitive sin in their life; but not this guy. This man went on to tell me that he was so overwhelmed by his lost state that he had let the Lord's Supper pass him by. (This is something that the Lord commands. To receive the Lord's Supper in an unregenerate state is to "drink judgment on yourself." (1 Cor. 11:29)). What

surprised me about this comment is that I have known few people who take the Lord so seriously here. I believe there are many each Sunday who simply take the Lord's Supper never even stopping to consider the weight of what they are doing, not to mention examine themselves, lest they fail to be true disciples. To see a man who took holiness so seriously was an evidence that this man was being drawn to Christ. He told me that he believed he had been given faith to trust in Christ on the Thursday before in the middle of the service. I was able to encourage him in pointing out how God was drawing him to Himself in these days; yet even more so, he was encouraging me, showing me that when Christ draws someone to Himself, He draws them powerfully.



Niles, MI (Part 2)

The church we were serving in Niles, MI was perhaps my favorite church of this travel year. This church had a staff that loved God and loved the people that God had given them to serve. One way this love stood out to me was in their treatment of one specific person in their congregation. There was one woman who, months before, had come into the church simply as a part of her job—perhaps as a saleswoman (I actually don't remember in what capacity). When she actually came as an attender she said that this was the one church that actually treated her with respect. This woman, however, is not a Christian. She is a woman who has



believed the lie of the sexual revolution that homosexual relationships are right and good, a belief that is completely contrary to the doctrine and teaching of this evangelical church in Niles.

What surprises me about this woman is that she continued to come back to this church. Not only that, she involved herself in the small groups there as well. A church that was so clearly teaching a doctrine that goes against all that she believes was the church that she actually chose to go to. Why is this? I believe it is because she sees a people who actually care for her soul. They love her, all while telling her the truth. I believe she is actually longing for the truth. And it is only a matter of time before the love of the people of this church in Niles reveals to her the love of Christ in dying to save her from her homosexual sin.

My Team's Schedule

March 16-18

Life Action Donor Event

March 25-April 1

First Baptist Church

Live Oak, FL

April 8-22

Calvary Bible Church

Bourbonnais, IL

April 29-May 6

Highland Crest Baptist Church

Green Bay, WI

May 13-20

Immanuel Baptist Church

Cold Spring, KY

PLEASE READ THIS

Some of you are aware that Sarah and I have been going through a transition. Sarah has come off of the road for health reasons, leaving me to fulfill my responsibilities with Life Action away from her. I am flying/driving in and out from the team until mid-May. With this, Sarah and I have come to the conclusion that this will be our last year on the road with Life Action. We will be moving to Louisville, KY where I will attend The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary to pursue a Master of Divinity while Sarah finishes her Bachelor of Science in Biblical Counseling from Boyce College. We are currently looking for jobs when in Louisville and would appreciate prayer as we begin this transition time.

I will be sending out a final newsletter in May to outline all that you need to know about our departure from the ministry of Life Action. Thank you so much for your support!

In Christ,

Jeffrey Hemby

