

# Festival Banner



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## Ministry Spotlights in 2022

**“Partnering with Churches & Ministries to reach the Unreached by taking the GOSPEL beyond the church walls”**

This is the purpose and mission statement of Across Festivals. To do this, Across Festivals works as “an alongside ministry”, serving and giving ‘alongside’ other ministries. This year Across Festivals has had the privilege to come alongside ministries all across the world. Here are just some of the highlights of what and where your prayers and contributions have gone in sharing the Gospel.

It was exciting to come alongside churches in Asheville, NC and in



Counselor training

LaFayette, GA with area wide crusades and evangelism training. In the two areas there were at least 25 churches involved, 140 counselors were trained, and 156+ salvations recorded. One counselor who was using her walker shared Christ

every night and once it was with an 82-year-old woman who was also using a walker.



It never gets old seeing souls saved!

In Haiti we have been able to come alongside churches there, giving to help with area wide crusades, a great Women’s Conference, helping grow the “goat ministry, providing food for hundreds of families each month, supporting schools, and giving encouragement to fellow Pastors who serve there in a very hard place at a very hard time. Haitian Believers really do believe that God is the only One Who can change Haiti, and they are determined to trust Him and walk with Him.



Sharing Christ

Across Festivals has worked alongside a young missionary lady in Cambodia. Your gifts have helped her do special projects and has given her transportation. We have also worked alongside another young missionary as he did training in Texas, then traveled and worked in Indonesia three months. He is now in the Faroe Islands serving the Lord, and has future plans to travel and work in Kenya.



Women’s Conference

In Uganda, Across Festivals has partnered with Pastor Ekadu who is leading in crusades and guiding an orphanage. Even as this newsletter goes to the publisher, your gifts are working alongside a young lady and her team in Ecuador building houses and seeing lives changed by our Lord.

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### YEAR-END GIFTS & Contribution Records

If you desire to make an end of year gift to this ministry please remember it must be **postmarked by Saturday, Dec. 31st** to be recorded as a 2022 tax-deductible gift. Check with your local post office as to times for last postmark. Donations are accepted **ONLINE** at [acrossfestivals.org](http://acrossfestivals.org) as well as through the **USPS**. A record that can be used for tax purposes of all gifts made in 2022 will be mailed to donors during the month of January 2023. The Across Festival office is always happy to serve you. Please do not hesitate to contact us if there is any question about your gift record.



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Please pray if God would have you support this ministry.*



## ***From the heart ...***



A little over 2000 years ago our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ left His home in Heaven to come to earth to accomplish the greatest rescue mission in history! And, He is not done! In the process of that mission He called out twelve (even one who would betray Him) to continue the mission when He returned to Heaven. Their role was to continue to tell His Story wherever they went, and they were to call out more to be His Followers to tell His Story. **And they did it!** Because of them, I am His Disciple and a Called Out Follower of the Lord Jesus Christ as many of you are!

Recently I had to go to an auto salvage yard to find a wheel for Jeanette's car. It was a dreary day of cold and rain. Yet, it had to be done! As I headed out, I asked the Lord if He would place somebody in my path that I might Touch with His Story. I got to the yard, paid my fee to go look at some wheels and headed out. On the way out the door I met Charlie K. He was one of the people that you can pay to help you get your part if you need them. I politely declined his invitation to help me and headed out into the yard with my lug wrench. After getting lost a couple of times, I finally found one car with wheels that would do. Charlie K came by a couple of times to see if I found what I was looking for. I was wet and cold and just wanted to get done. I took 3 lugs off only to discover that the fourth lug was a renegade that didn't belong. None of the sockets on my four-way wrench would work. I went looking for Charlie K and asked him how it worked for him to help me. He said that I would pay him cash. I didn't have any cash on me, or so I thought, and told him that. He said "Let me get my tools" and took off. That began our conversation that I had asked the Lord for but had been missing along the way. Why do I get so busy with my stuff that I forget the most important instructions I have been given? As Charlie K and I walked, we began talking. I told him thank you for his help and said that I would go

get some cash and come back and pay him. Then I asked him: "Charlie, who is Jesus to you?" He looked at me and told me that he believed in Jesus but that his life was really messed up. He had some addictions, had gone to AA and tried to get better, but that it was hard. I listened and loved on Charlie K like I thought Jesus would have me do. I told him that Jesus had not given up on him. I told him that if he really wanted help, our Heavenly Father was waiting for him to come back home. I told him of the prodigal son. I shared with him that he should go to a Celebrate Recovery and that I could help him find one because they don't just talk about a higher power, but that they talk about Jesus and His Rescue Mission. We got the tire off and headed to the front when I remembered that I had a \$100 tucked away in my billfold for an emergency. I told Charlie what I remembered. Then, I touched his arm and asked him what was holding him back. He started crying, and I asked how I could pray for him. He shared with me, and I said: "Let's do it right now!" In the middle of a car salvage yard the Lord was salvaging a soul! It didn't matter that it was cold and pouring down rain. It was a rescue mission! In the end Charlie K didn't want me to pay him, but I insisted because I knew he hadn't eaten that day. I paid for the wheel, came back and gave him the remaining cash. He gave half of it back and asked me to put it in an offering plate for him. I will. I don't know if I'll ever see Charlie K again although I gave him my phone number. I am praying for him and asking the Lord to make me more aware of the other Charlie K's out there!

I do hope you have a Merry Christmas! Join me on His Rescue Mission! The Lord puts people in our paths every day, and we could give them the **Greatest Gift** ever this year if we are obedient and paying attention!

***The Gift of eternal life is more than a present;  
it is the Gift of His Eternal Presence!  
Give Jesus away this year! Tell His Full Story!***

***In Christ Alone,***

***... John***



### ***PRAYER: The Strategy***

***"Prayer is not a substitute for action.  
It is an action for which there is no substitute."***

- ◆ Salvation of lost souls
- ◆ Open doors for upcoming ministry opportunities
- ◆ Boldness of believers to share their faith
- ◆ Safe travel for John
- ◆ Good health for John and Jeanette

## **EQUIPMENT NEEDS**



The **Across Festivals Tent** is at the place where it must have two middle sections replaced. These sections which are 25' by 100' are 13 years old and have worn out. You may remember that the outer sections of the tent were damaged after Hurricane Michael. The tent was in Port St. Joe, FL after the hurricane being used for church worship and other ministries when a tornadic water spout came ashore. Generous gifts were given through 'The Alongside Initiative' campaign which replaced the 4 outer tent sections, 50 tent stakes and 50 tent straps. Now it is time to replace the rest of the tent along with some of the other equipment used under the tent.

The cost to replace the middle portion of the tent will be \$20,000.00. The AF Board of Directors are planning to move forward with replacing these sections immediately so that they will be ready for use in 2023.

The board is getting quotes for painting the cross on each side of those middle sections. This will be an additional cost. There is also a need to purchase additional stakes and straps.

The stage also needs to be replaced as the damage it received from the water spout has caused it to become harder to erect and stabilize



each time it is set up. That cost will also be around \$20,000.00.

**Another need** of the ministry is a new vehicle. The current car used recently blew a head gasket, and it has been discovered that the cost of replacing the engine would cost more than the value of the car. In the meantime, John will use a rental for trips and use Jeanette's car when home. The type vehicle needed would be an SUV, van, or medium truck with a cover as John carries many supplies for events and training.

Any thoughts or ideas on any of these needs are welcomed! Message John at 334-201-9493 or you can email [john@acrossfestivals.org](mailto:john@acrossfestivals.org).

**Across Festivals has walked in faith for the past twenty years and will continue to do so. Your prayers and gifts have been multiplied in many lives and in many places. Our God is more faithful than we are, and we trust that He will continue to take care of every need! We give Him praise, honor, and glory! Thank You Lord!!!**



## MINISTRY SPOTLIGHTS 2022

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Another of our partners is He-man International. Across Festivals has come alongside them taking the Gospel to hard places where there is not much missionary work happening. John hopes to join them in the country of Georgia in March 2023 where they will be prayer walking and having conversations with people from other lands. We will come alongside He-man International also next year as they look at a



mission work with Dream Field Farms in Alabama next year. We are also partnering with He-man right now in providing Christmas gifts for some young ladies who have no family that cares about them and are living in a very hard place.

Across Festivals has also just begun a partnership with believers in our home area ministering to the homeless and less fortunate people in our area. And through Across Festivals, John was invited to preach at least twice a month throughout 2022 and in some months more. He has preached in South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Missouri. He has been able to travel many miles because of the support of Across Festivals.

Our desire is to just **TOUCH** as many people each year as possible in Jesus' Name! **Across just wants to speak Jesus over them!** Thank you each so much for helping make all of this possible! Your prayers have been heard, and your gifts have gone all across the world! But the greatest aspect of all of this is that we have seen hundreds of lives changed and hundreds of Christ's Followers join us in every effort! Pastor Jay Wolf will always be correct in his statement: **"We need Jesus, and we need each other!"**

Across Festivals would encourage each of you to ...

***Press In to Jesus,  
and Press On in the Power of the Holy Spirit!  
People need the Lord Jesus Christ!***

**BORN  
IS  
THE  
KING**



## ONE OF A THOUSAND

*"Little becomes much  
when you place it in the Master's hands."*

For several years now Across Festivals has invited its friends to consider being 'One of A Thousand' people who give just \$10 a month to help Across Festivals come alongside people in places around the world. When God's people come together even the smallest of gifts is multiplied. You can make a difference. If you would like to be One of a Thousand you may do so by **mail** with a check sent to the ministry address below use envelope enclosed. Please designate 1/1000 on memo line. Or, you may give **online** at [acrossfestivals.org](http://acrossfestivals.org) via the One of A Thousand link. To all who have made this commitment we are very grateful and look forward to the things God will do through every-one's gifts.

## KEY PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

Across Festivals is privileged to work with several ministry partners on a regular basis. Please thank our God for them and continue to lift them in your prayers. They are great Faith Filled Partners.

**KEN FREEMAN MINISTRIES**  
San Antonio, Texas

**HE-MAN INTERNATIONAL**  
Surprise, Arizona

**CHRIS MCDANIEL MINISTRIES**  
Rock Spring, Georgia

**ACROSS FESTIVALS TENT TEAM VOLUNTEERS**  
Butler, Alabama

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