



Lifelines Outreach

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Lifelines Outreach shares the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and by making disciples in the greater Nashville area.

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The new work at Lexington Gardens is going great. The last newsletter, I said that we had four decisions of people who said that they would follow Jesus. We now have twelve decisions, and we will continue to witness until there is no place left for the Gospel. Michelle, one of the first to profess Christ, has now memorized the Roman Road. The Roman Road consists of five verses: Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, Romans 5:8, Romans 10:9, Romans 10:13. If you know these five verses, you can share the Gospel at any place at any time. The first thing that we teach them is their story which consists of before I met Christ, how I met Christ, and my life after I met Christ. We ask them to keep their story short so that they can get to the Gospel. Knowing and sharing the Gospel on the part of the new believer stimulates their growth as a Christian. It makes them ready to know Christ better each day. Getting them into the Word and getting the Word into them is critical for their Christian life. The devil is always active, and we encounter much opposition as we seek the salvation of the lost and disciple the saved. "...Your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour..." 1 Peter 5:8 (KJV).

One of our new friends at Lexington Gardens is a gentleman named Obob from South Sudan. When we first met Obob, he said he was a Christian. Many times when people say that they are Christians they do not fit the Biblical definition. We never take them at their word until we have presented the Gospel. Came to find out that he considered himself to be a Christian because he was born in a Christian family. Obob had never been born again. We have continued to talk with him about what the Bible says about being a Christian. He has been willing to listen and we continue to have discussions with him. Pray for Obob that he would have ears to hear and eyes to see. Pray that he is convicted by the Holy Spirit of his sins. Pray that he confesses Jesus Christ as Lord.

I made another friend at the Christian Towers on Murfreesboro Road. We have a discipleship group that meets every Tuesday at 1 pm. When we were meeting a few weeks ago, in walks a gentleman that could speak very little English. He needed help in finding a location to vote. After some instruction in broken English, off he went. In less than an hour he was back. He could not vote because he had not registered. We found out that he was a Coptic Christian from Egypt. He did not have a Bible in his own language that he could read. I promised that I would give him an Arabic Bible and that I would give it to him when I returned next week. I have a friend who works with Muslims that gave me an Arabic Bible. I went to the apartment the following Tuesday and presented the Bible to him. Oh, how happy he was to have a Bible in his own language. I asked him to read two chapters in the Book of Mark and I would come back next Tuesday and discuss it with him. The next week we talked Bible over some red tea. The fields are truly white unto harvest. Thank you for your prayer support and financial support! *Merry Christmas! -Richard Gay*

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Follow-Up: 4 Responses to the Gospel + Next Steps

 **Existing Christian: they are already a follower of Jesus.** *Your Response:* See Greenlight response below

 **Red Light: reject the gospel.** *Your Response:* keep searching for the God-prepared person of peace. Kindly and lovingly continue in your search for the spiritually interested. If a relative or friend, keep praying for them but you do not want to limit your ministry to “red light” people. Keep searching.

 **Yellow Light: spiritual interest, not ready to follow Jesus.** *Your Response:* invite to study the Bible using the 7 Stories of Hope (or another discovery Bible study). Ask them when/where they can meet (best to meet in their location) and who else they can invite.

 **Green Light: ready to repent + believe in Jesus.** *Your Response:* Equip to share the gospel and obey Jesus (see below).

Immediate Follow-Up for “Green-Light” & “Existing Christian” response:

1. **Read** 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 and explain:

-**What** just happened? (v17) - *You are a new creation!*

-**How** did it happen? (v21) - *“God exchanged all your sin for Jesus’ righteousness.”*

-**Why** did this happen? (v18-20) - *God brought you back into relationship with Him and has made you His ambassador. You now have a ministry (people in your life) and a message (the gospel).*

2. **Ministry:** “Who in your life needs to hear this message of reconciliation?” Have them map out generations of people in their life who are far from God. Jesus prayed for generations of new disciples (John 17:20) and Paul cast vision for 4 generations (2 Timothy 2:2). Model this for them on a notecard then have them do it.

3. **Message** - Train them to share the gospel & follow-up by modeling and having them practice several times.

4. **Meeting:** “It is important that we get together in the next couple days to learn from the Bible how to obey Jesus.”

-**When** can we meet? (in the next 48 hours)

-**Where** can you meet (in their turf)?

-**Who** else do you want to invite?

5. **Commission:** Pray for them as they experience their new life in Christ as an ambassador of His and the people they will share with before your next meeting.