



Joe McDonald Ministry

*Isaiah 6:8*

*The Evangelism Trail –December 2021*



Merry Christmas to you and your family! We had a wonderful Thanksgiving, though smaller than usual with our in-town family pictured here. We expect a much bigger Christmas gathering here in just a couple of weeks!



It has been another busy month so far with three Christmas parades that we participated in with “The Gospel Parade” float with our kids, grandkids, and friends. Our throws were hundreds of tennis balls, footballs, frisbees and baseballs with “Jesus Loves You” written on them.



We also had hundreds of childrens tracks, bracelets with scriptures and coins with “Where will you spend eternity?” and “John 3:16. No worries, we did have candy, glow sticks and moon pies! We were in the Christmas parades at Tillman’s Corner and Dawes in Mobile and the Loxley, AL nighttime parade.

We were at “The Mission of Hope” for the “Power of the Father’s Blessing” fathers training and the ordination of our son Joe and baptism of his son Joey at Cottage Hill Baptist Church. God is good!

As we come to the end of 2021 and our 18<sup>th</sup> year in ministry, we look back not only on this year but 2020 as well, we see how so many ministry groups have had to change their methods and develop new ways to share the Gospel as God intended. We too have had to adjust like many others. We used to see 3,000 young people and 1,000 adults yearly across several countries and cultures. That changed the past couple of years and has kept us close to home. The blessing is that we were in prisons, youth camps, churches with several of our ministry partners; fathers training and Christmas parades this year. We still managed to share the gospel with hundreds of kids and adults, not including monthly visits to “The Mission of Hope” fatherhood training for 50 to 60 men. We saw thousands of children and adults in the Christmas parades which is what our intentions were with the Gospel material shared.

What has not changed is your faithfulness with prayer and financial support that allows us to continue with God’s work. This month we participated with “Casa de Pan” in Honduras with our annual donation that allows them to buy Christmas gifts for all the kids in their large feeding program in and around Tegucigalpa. We continue tithing 15% of our income to the needy thanks to **you.**

The cost of everything is on the rise. It now costs over \$80 to fill up my gas tank! When pulling trailers for ministry work every month, the frequency of those \$80 stops increases! Join us in prayer for a ministry vehicle to reduce the wear on my 2010 truck. As you know we have never taken money out of the ministry for us, just our expenses the past 18 years. We are praying about a ¾ ton pick up truck, gas, 2-wheel drive (preferably) with towing package that we can use reliably around the Southeast pulling trailers and traveling to ministry events.

Be sure to read the MCDONALD CHRISTMAS news on the other side of this. Merry Christmas! We love you!

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## McDonald Christmas 2021

This year's reflection has caused me to realize more and more how much the birth, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus has affected my life and the lives of my family. Surely, He is the most important person in History, and He is Worthy of our praise and adoration, both at Christmas and every second of every day. Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. I preface our Christmas letter with this because although we have been blessed as a family, most knowing Jesus as their personal Savior, there are many all over the world who don't know or refuse to believe. It is for them I pray, and it is for them we continue to deliver the Word to those who will hear!



I echo Joe's words, thanking you for your prayers and support over the years and I am deeply moved by the gifts we have received this year, both ministry gifts and personal love gifts. Thank you!

As for this crazy family, we experienced lots of "get-togethers" this year, despite Covid. Thankfully, our experience with the virus was minimal, however, we did have it (most of us.) We also lost some dear friends and relatives, to Covid and other ailments, we mourn them with heavy hearts.

Andrea started the year taking care of Mommy and Daddy who had the Virus. She was a blessing and helped us so much! Laura, Joey, and Peyton held down the fort (at home and took care of the pets!)

Jennifer, Ellis, Olivia, and Mitchell, live on "the fort," Fort Rucker. They have stayed busy this year learning all the hot spots in Enterprise, AL. Olivia works at the Chick-Fil-A there, learning that it is truly "her pleasure!"

Nicole, David, and Mallory are learning to have fun with just the three of them, unless Kathleen and Phillip or Ryan and Skylar decide to join the party. K & P just celebrated their one-year wedding anniversary!

Sarah, John, and JJ are doing the same thing as Jacelynn just started college at Pensacola Christian College and Brittany and Pablo are still in Mobile. The "three" Prices moved to Dallas, Texas in August.

Joey, Veronica, Mia, Joey, Jr., and Naomi are blessing us by visits and hugs now that they live close. Mia and little Joey have both trusted Jesus as their Savior recently, for which we are so grateful.

Sean, Jennifer, Mikaela, Cole, and Alex moved to Alexander City, AL this year and love, love, love their new house! We are so thankful to have them close. We got to camp near them for some crazy, funny, s'mores opportunities.

And finally, Joe and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in October (as most know.) Our children did us proud with a perfect dinner with the thirty people mentioned above, with a "cake" party following with as many friends and family as we could find. The outpouring of love was enough to make us pass out! And besides, this was the first time I didn't have to plan the party! So much fun!

There have really been too many awesome events and experiences this year to write about, but just know, that having you in our lives means more than words, we love you!!!

Love from Patti (the writer) and Joe (the cowboy) and the entire McDonald Family!

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