

Our First Newsletter

After much planning, and to be honest, many times of putting it off, I am proud to unveil the first issue of aHOLYambitionNEWS. I pray that this newsletter will be a blessing to you and a source of encouragement for your Christian walk. Each issue will include an update on what has been happening here at the ministry as well as any needs or prayer requests that may have arisen. We also hope to include in each issue a few articles by other authors and myself. The newsletter will be offered in both print and electronic formats, so please let us know whether you wish to receive any more issues and which format you would like to receive. Please keep in mind that if you chose the print format that there is cost involved in both the printing and the mailing of it. We don't mind to do it, but ask that you might consider making a small donation in order to offset the costs. Contact us at info@aholyambition.org to let us know. Thanks so much for reading and I ask that you keep us in your prayers often. To God be the glory! -Kristopher Estep

A Recap of 2010

As I look back over 2010 I can't help but be amazed at God's faithfulness, provision, and grace. This year has been filled with great opportunities for the ministry. I have preached from coast to coast, from evangelism events to college campuses to small town events and the big city streets.

In March I was privileged to attend the Ambassadors Academy. (www.ambassadorsacademy.com) The Academy is a ministry of Living Waters/Way of the Master (www.livingwaters.com) and is a four day evangelism training held in Los Angeles, CA. It was a great time of learning and building some great relationships with other evangelists. I also had the chance to meet and learn from some of those who have most influenced my Christian life in the area of evangelism.

During the summer and fall I spent almost every Saturday night in downtown Asheville, NC at Pack Square doing open-air and one2one evangelism. It is a great ministry and I have been able to establish great relationships with some of the "regulars" downtown.

In July we were on the streets of Asheville for several days at the annual Bele Chere street festival. It's an event centered on music, alcohol, and debauchery which makes it the perfect place to go and

shine the light of the gospel to as many as possible. It was a great time and many were encouraged and challenged by God's Word. Every year at Bele Chere brings some interesting encounters and God was glorified even in the midst of great wickedness.

Just after this event I went back to NYC for my third year in a row to attend "Repent and Witness" held by Change Collegiate Network. We hit the streets of New York full force, preaching from the subways to Times Square, Union Square, and Battery Park. It is a wonderful time of preaching and fellowship but also very tiring. The days usually start around 6:30am and many of us don't climb back into bed until midnight or after. "Repent and Witness" is an event that I always look forward to and I would invite anyone who wants to learn how to better share their faith or wants to take the next step in evangelism to come with us to New York in August 2011. You can find more information at their website www.changeyourcampus.com

My return to North Carolina brought some new changes to my life and ministry as I resigned my position at Lighthouse Baptist Church. After a lot of prayer and thought, I knew it was time to move away from Youth Ministry and focus on the passions God has given me which is Evangelism, Preaching, and Technology.

In October I joined a group of Christian brothers and sisters and we hit the streets of Hickory, NC during Oktoberfest and several college campuses across North Carolina and one in South Carolina. It was a wonderful time of ministry and God used the week to really challenge me in some areas. While all the campuses visited were similar, the number of students gathered to listen varied and there were distinct differences in the topics of their questions. (see Recap on page 2)



Saturday night evangelism in downtown Asheville, NC



Prayer Station Ministry in Washington Square Park, NYC

The Return of aHOLYambitionRADIO

After a year long absence aHOLYambitionRADIO will be returning to a regular schedule in 2011. We have purchased some new equipment and Ross and Kris are excited about getting back on the air. As always they will be discussing Christian culture, current events, and any other topic that may come across the table. Please check our website, (www.aholyambition.org), often for the latest episodes.

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Ray Comfort and Kris at Ambassador's Academy



Ray Comfort doing Open-Air at Huntington Beach, CA

Recap of 2010 continued

The next week Becky and I went on a long awaited vacation to celebrate our five year anniversary. We had a wonderful time together and came back relaxed, more in love than ever before, and ready to move forward in this ministry God has placed before us.

In the final days of October I ventured out on what would become an almost three week adventure across the US preaching in 8 states and 11 college campuses. We even preached at the Hoover Dam! I joined 11 other brothers (two with their families) and we "preached our guts out". I have often wondered what life on the road is like for a musician and I quickly found out. We traveled with two SUVs (one pulling an RV) and slept wherever the Lord opened doors. Some nights we all crammed into the RV and others we were welcomed into peoples homes or church classrooms. God's provision was all over the trip and we never missed a meal or lacked a warm place to rest our heads. Each day was started with time in God's Word and we would try to make it to each campus by around 10:30 am so we could hit the class change before lunch. Once we arrived on campus we would start preaching and do so until 5 or 6 that evening. As we rotated preaching during the day, the rest of us would work our way through the crowds witnessing one on one and answering questions that the preaching had stirred up.

Ministering on so many college campuses this year has really opened my eyes to the great need for solid bible teaching on our college campuses and in many of our churches across America. The overwhelming amount of false teaching and misunderstanding of biblical theology is grievous. (I hope to write about this more soon) We labored hard and I don't believe I have ever been more encouraged by a group of brothers and sisters. I stayed with the group until mid November and then flew home after our ministry time in Las Vegas. As I mention that city, may I say that I have no clue why any Christian would ever desire to go to that city for a vacation. It would have to rank as one of the most overtly sinful places I have ever set foot in. It truly lives up to its moniker "sin city". When at almost every corner there are men and women handing out "business cards" with uncensored pornographic images, your city has ventured into very dark and dismal territory. But, back to our ministry.



Kris preaching to the students at Appalachian State in NC



Students at Western State College with signs typical at every campus

There are so many stories I could tell of our weeks out west. Many divine appointments, great conversations with students, and interesting encounters with police and college faculty. I think one of the greatest blessings of the trip was to witness the faithfulness of God in providing for us each and every step of the way. I would encourage you to check out the websites of a few of the brothers that I traveled with.

Shawn Holes and his family have traveled full time for several years and preached on college campuses and other places. He is the one who organized our trip and is a man who has been a great encouragement to me over the past few years I have known him. If not for his way of pushing people out of their comfort zones I don't think I would be where I am when it comes to open air preaching. His website is www.luketentwo.com. He and his family are taking a little time off and I would ask that you add them to your prayer list.

Jesse Boyd is someone I met through Shawn earlier this year. Even

though I have only known him a short time I consider him one of my brothers in the Lord. His zeal and passion for evangelism and missions is a challenge to me and those around him. He has done extensive ministry across the US and has ridden his bicycle on several trips across the US! He also has a great ministry in Nepal and he and his family will be traveling to Nepal in the spring to do some extended ministry there. You can find out more about what is going on with their ministry at www.fpgm.org.

I closed out 2010 with some preaching at both the Apple Festival and before the Christmas Parade in Waynesville. It was such a blessing to preach in an area where the Gospel is still loved and respected by most. The only objections I had were from folks who were not locals to the area. Everyone else listened attentively and many even thanked me for being out and proclaiming God's word.

I pray that 2011 is a year filled with wonderful times of ministry and evangelism, both for this ministry and each one of you reading this newsletter. God has opened even more doors as I have accepted a position as Interim Pastor at Barbersville Baptist in Waynesville, NC. We are excited to see what goes down while He has us there! The days are short and the time is now! Get out and do what God has called you to do. Live life with aHOLYambition for God's Glory!! -Kristopher Estep

The Reading List

The art of reading has always been one of my favorite pastimes. Unfortunately, it is a practice that is quickly being lost in today's culture and generation. This section of our newsletter will highlight a few books that we have been reading and offer some recommendations to add to your library. I always tell people that I am under the belief that a person's library should always be growing. Unfortunately sometimes I find it hard to keep my reading pace up with the pace at which my library grows. During 2010 I read several biographies and God has used each of them to challenge my life in different ways. This year I am embarking on a reading challenge to read at least one book a week. I want to reach the point in my studies where I reading through several books a week if not more. However, that might be a little ambitious to start with. So until the next news letter, here are a few recommendations from 2010.

-Biographies-

"God's Smuggler" by Brother Andrew

"The Cross and the Switchblade" by David Wilkerson*

"Out of the Comfort Zone" by Ray Comfort

*Wilkerson espouses some views in one chapter that I don't agree with, but it's a great book on one man's passion for God's glory in the city.

-Christian Living/Theology/Evangelism-

"Evangelism Without Apology" by James A. Stewart

"Ashamed of the Gospel" by John MacArthur

"Radical" by David Platt

"The Priority of Preaching" by Christopher Ash

How You Can Help

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