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Dear Friends in Christ,

Knowing the Lord Jesus Christ is an amazing thing when you realize the difference between today's life style and their belief system and living with the Lord in you. The difference is shocking. However, I talk with so many who's life style is not according to the Word of God. I still remember my own life before trusting Jesus as my Savior. I wasn't thinking about eternal things. I don't remember thinking about heaven or hell. It takes hearing the Word and the working of the Holy Spirit to open your "eyes" and show you you're lost. I Needed that conviction to open my eyes to my need, and what an eye opener that was!

The last week in May is always the start of S.M.I.T.E. This year we went from May 28-June 2nd. As always, the music, preaching, food, and fellowship were exemplarily, and Bro. Jerry Purtell started this many years ago and the Lord has used it to bring many young souls to Himself. It's always such a blessing to be part of the camp and to see those souls accept the Lord Jesus Christ. Most of those kids we preach to would probably never get the gospel any other way. We had thirty-one groups going out each day for a week. As usual I had a group of boys for which I was counselor. There were about one hundred and thirty-four who accepted Jesus Christ.

I have a lot of experience with black folks. Most profess to be Baptist, but they don't normally preach the gospel. Their invitation goes something like this: If you want to be baptized and join the church come forward. They never mention the gospel; to those who come, just "do you want to be baptized and join the church? They need the gospel as much as those in darkest Africa. I remember a young man in Natchez, MS who went forward in a black church at the invitation, but no one talked with him about salvation. He did remember what I told him two years before about being saved and he asked the :Lord to save him.

We live in a world like that: lost and not really aware of it. We'll continue to get the gospel out.

Yours for souls,

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