

God Showed Up

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God gives us special times in our lives, little glimpses, of his power and awesomeness. Our trip to Anchorage was one of those instances. I believe one of the reasons why God's work was so evident was our team was expecting Him to show up. They were prepared to go to battle for Him. They were prayed up and trained up! They were willing to be flexible at a moment's notice and totally change a performance around to fit a new schedule that was given to them right before they were to go on stage. When the Revolution was done with their performance it was so reassuring to see them over off to the side praying as I was preaching the gospel. They yearned to see God change lives everyday and He did! This team was united through spiritual warfare. We worked in areas like other big cities with big city problems; drugs, prostitution, alcohol, homelessness, divorce, hunger, no work, etc. They expected God to show up and begin to bust the chains of sin and addiction just like the drama they perform (the last skit in their performance) where a teenage girl is tempted with all kind of nasty stuff that Satan and his demons throw at her and she becomes bound and chained to these devices but Jesus is the only one who can save her just like He did in Anchorage.

Alaska is the most un-churched state in America. Some of the churches that are there are somewhat apathetic. For example, we stayed the week at a church that was a big 3-story multiple building campus in a big community. They have only twenty regular attendees. This is not uncommon for whatever reason. Just around the corner we did a block party and did a karate demo then shared the gospel. That night 27 people gave their life to Christ. The pastor more than doubled his congregation. Those people were looking for Truth. They were hungry for Hope. We expected God to show up and He did! The Pastor was literally dancing in the park and said he never thought something like this would happen in his community.

Many of you know that Harry Brown went into eternity via Anchorage last Friday morning. Tammy and I tried along with the EMT's for an extended period of time to revive him, but Harry had already made up his mind he was staying with Jesus and was not coming back. I met with the team and broke the news to them and we were all pretty devastated to say the least. I gave them the choice on whether they would be able to perform their ministry demo. I gave them a few minutes to pray about it and promised them I would honor whatever decision they made. Needless to say they 100% said they were dedicating their demo that night to the life of Harry Brown. You see, they were expecting God to show up that night in Chester Park and change that community and He did! Even though Satan tried to mess things up with messing with the power and disrupting things, God's message still got out. The powerful ending skit was performed, the spiritual battle was fought and won. Harry Brown went out an evangelist! God's Word was preached with no mic outdoors (I think I screamed the message). 50+ were saved (mostly adults and older teenagers) and a new church was planted! We expected God to show up and HE did!

