

Unexpected Adventure

By Lisa Teague

In last Sunday's sermon, Pastor Kevin Miller referred to Children's Pastor, Rob Brooks' recent motorcycle journey across America with his friend, Mike Hinton. Rob was excited to view the amazing display of God's creation. "I was looking forward, honestly, to getting away from it all and just enjoying the ride, the destinations", said Rob. "But Mike changed my perspective when he said 'The best part will be the people we meet.'" This became their focus as they intentionally met and conversed with people from across the United States and around the world.

Pastor Kevin encouraged us to pray that God will open doors to share Christ. As Christians, we need to look for ways to be intentional in our everyday conversations. This does not necessarily mean that we need to share the entire gospel of Christ or lead someone in the sinner's prayer of repentance every time, although we should be willing. But our conversation should be "seasoned with salt"; filled with truth, humility and grace, so that through us, God can draw those who don't know Him a step closer to Him (Colossians 4:6).

Rob and Mike approached every encounter with an openness to see God move. "We struck up conversations everywhere we went. We met a teacher from Florida who was traveling alone to visit her ailing sister in Utah; Alan, a Brit riding his motorcycle across the U.S. for a month; a man from Arizona traveling to Vermont with his five large dogs; then there was Julie. We met her in Perdido Key, Florida. Julie is a lonely recovering alcoholic who was sitting on the beach with her puppy. We were able to pray with her." Rob explained. These moments are what made the trip unforgettable.

"Truly an unexpected adventure," described Rob. "We were able to conversationally share our faith in Christ and what He means to us." By the time they returned home, Rob explained, they "hopefully planted a lot of seeds. And we were enriched by each one of (the encounters we had)."