

40 DAYS of LOVE

TESTIMONIES

Airport Evangelism (An estimated 3 million people came through the Orlando International Airport during the 40 Days)

We were given permission by the Orlando International Airport to distribute evangelistic tracks (the 4 Spiritual Laws, “Smiles” tracks) and Jesus Films during the 40 Days of Love. Thousands of evangelistic tracks and many Jesus Films were distributed to people of all walks of life during the 40 Days of Love. In one two hour block an estimated 1,700 evangelistic tracks were distributed. Only God will know the fruit of this outreach.



(These two men were interested in receiving the Jesus Film)

Stats – During the first year of the 40 Days of Love, 40,000-60,000 believers were exposed to personal evangelism across the state of Florida. An estimated 40,000 Prayer, Care, Share Guides were distributed along with tens of thousands of evangelistic materials. From this first year the 40 Days of Love began to expand to many cities around the United States and to many other nations.



Orlando Police Department:

Senior OPD Chaplain Andrew Wade came onboard with the 40 Days of Love and encouraged all the other OPD chaplains to participate. Not only that, but his congregation also participated.

Full Sail University: One of the premiere film/media universities in the country.

Cru & local pastors partnered together on campus during the 40 Days of Love. Here's one pastor's testimony of what God is doing:



Pastor Phil Waisanen, Church Alive

“We witnessed 50 salvations take place outside of our regular church services during outreaches conducted during the 40 Days of Love! Specifically during the last five weeks, in partnership with Cru on Full Sail University’s campus, we have seen 22 college students give their lives to Christ!”

The outreach begun on campus during the 40 Days of Love is now continuing on indefinitely!



International Outreaches: In partnership with various ministries, outreaches were conducted to many international sections of the region. On one of those outreaches this woman was led to Christ. When we spoke about Jesus she said, “I love Jesus!”

Teams have even been invited into local mosques and God is opening the door for relationships to form.

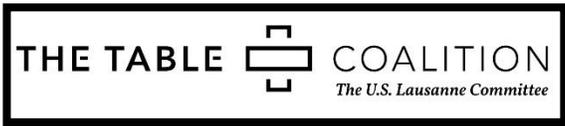


Prayer, Care, Share Salvation (West coast of FL):

“The Lord has blessed this Prayer, Care, Share lifestyle. I have 'prayed' for my 55 year old next-door neighbor for years. After his mother passed away a few month ago I began 'caring' for him. This 'caring' included cutting his grass, helping to sell his house and driving him around since he has no license. Yesterday he became very sick and I took him to the hospital. As we sat in the Emergency room I 'shared' Jesus and His plan of salvation and he prayed to receive Jesus as his Lord and Savior! He was very happy when I left him a Bible to read.” We anticipate many more testimonies like this in the coming days.

Doctor's Office Testimony:

After learning of the 40 Days of Love a local doctor took 100 of the prayer, care, share guides back to his office. He started by handing them out to his staff so that they would begin to pray for, love on, and share the Gospel with those in their sphere of influence. Now they are also handing the guides and 40 Days of Love evangelistic cards out to patients as they come into the office. Jesus is truly being glorified in this workplace!



“I want to see this so saturate the conversation in America that people all across the country choose to engage with the 40 Days of Love!” Kathy Branzell, National Coordinator, LOVE2020 Initiative

An open door has come as we have spent the last several years partnering with the Mission America Coalition (now known as the Table Coalition) to take the 40 Days of Love across America. Dr. Paul Cedar and Kathy Branzell are two of the national leaders within the network who have been very supportive of the 40 Days of Love. Dr. Cedar has personally helped to give leadership to the 40 Days of Love in his area of Southern California the last two years.



Prayer Station in New York City

Nick Hall the current leader of The Table Coalition has also expressed support for the 40 Days of Love and given us opportunities to share about it with the Coalition.



Dr. Paul Cedar sharing about 40 Days of Love (Southern, CA)



Dr. Paul Cedar & Chris Vennetti



Sharing about the 40 Days of Love with Nick Hall

Specifically we have seen college leaders sign up to get their campuses involved, city networks and even leaders from as far away as Australia and Uganda have expressed interest in joining with us as a result of our partnership with the Coalition. The Rhode Island testimony on the next page is a specific example of how our partnership with The Table Coalition is bearing fruit.

Powerful Testimony from Rhode Island:



"28 Churches participated with the 40 Days of Love from around the state. Last night believers from multiple churches gathered for an hour in West Warwick and North Kingstown for two Unity Prayer Gatherings to seek God's face and appeal to God in prayer for a new work of God's Spirit in our midst. More prayer meetings will happen tonight in Swansea, Middletown, West Warwick, and North Kingstown.

In one of those gatherings, someone "wandered in" who hadn't planned to come but "saw the lights on" and was invited to stay. At the end of the meeting he approached a pastor and asked, "**So how do I get saved?**" Stunned by this immediate answer to the prayer, "Lord, cause the people of our region to begin to seek God," the pastor was able to share the gospel and led this young man to Christ!"

Dr. David Gadoury, Together - Executive Director



Thousands of the 40 Days of Love prayer guides were distributed and 34 corporate prayer gatherings took place in 19 different congregations to prepare the way for what God wants to do in Rhode Island!



Francesca is 87 years old. God used her to go door-to-door and distribute 1,200 Jesus Film DVD's by herself!

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Panama

In 2018 we ran a pilot project of the 40 Days in David, Panama. For 40 days many diverse outreaches took place across the city through partnership with 100 local

congregations. One of the big things that the local pastors stated was that the 40 Days of Love helped them realize that they didn't need to wait for foreigners to come in order to serve and evangelize their city. Apparently there was a tendency in the past to wait for foreign teams to come and this outreach served as a catalyst to get the local churches working together to love their communities to Christ. God has placed them there to serve the people around them in an on-going way and we were just there to support them. They stated that an outreach like this has not been done in as long as people could remember.

There was a great amount of excitement over what God did and now requests have come to do other trainings and 40 Days of Love in Mexico, Costa Rica and other parts of Panama. We have agreed to stay in communication and work together towards sustainable Gospel transformation.

Photo of those who came forward to receive Christ for the first time at one of the outreaches during the 40 Days of Love in Panama



Large outreach at local gymnasium



A special moment of repentance at the pastors and ministry leader's conference



40 Days of Love: Photos of corporate prayer gatherings in different locations



“Through the 40 Days of Love I saw how God was uniting different ministries to be of one accord. To be unified in prayer and in agreeing with one another in how God is wanting to move on each other’s behalf. It’s truly is an amazing work of John 17 being fulfilled in our city!”

Daniel Mironichenko, Living Christ Ministries

“This is my 3rd year of participating in the 40 Days of

Love. Each time it is exciting to see the numbers of new churches and believers that are getting involved. My experience is that once we have asked God (in the prayer phase) who He wants us to focus on in the Caring and Sharing phases, the walls come down and those people that He gave to us are actually open to hear what we can do to help them.

This outreach of God’s Love is a tangible opportunity for every believer to get out of their “comfort zones” and physically SEE God in action. Can you imagine how different our city, state, and nation would be if we all got together in the unity of Christ’s Love instead of the division of hate that exists today? The 40 Days of Love concept is a blessing from God!”

Chris Bright, Encounter Church / Child Evangelism Fellowship



Praise Report of Praying, Caring and Sharing with the Jewish people in Orlando:

“A group of believers gathered together to pray and seek the face of God about intentionally reaching out to Muslims with the love of the Lord Jesus. There were ministry leaders, pastors and brothers and sisters in Christ gathered together to pray. We prayed and worshipped for an hour. Then we stopped and listened for the Holy Spirit to speak to us.”

The Lord spoke to us through those assembled and said through the power of the Holy Spirit, "The Jew first then the Greek". We were surprised and not ready for this. But we rejoiced that He spoke to us. We all felt led to pray for 40 days and

seek God's face to inquire further from Him what this meant. During this season of prayer He continued to confirm this focus of our outreach.

Subsequently, believers from different congregations ended up adopting all 15,800 Jewish households in the Orlando area to pray daily for them for a minimum of 30 days. These believers took the Jewish names, 46 on a single sheet of paper, and prayed for them daily. After praying for at least 30 days, each person was to write a personal letter to those on their list in order to share their personal testimony, let them know that they were prayed for and loved and encourage them to visit two relevant websites. We included cards with the websites: www.isaiah53.com and www.ifoundshalom.com. We believe that this a powerful and precious foundation for the spreading of the Gospel in Orlando, as we obey the Lord our God.

Letters will continue to go out, and many of us are still continuing to pray for our list of God's precious people. All glory and honor be to our King Jesus. May He lead us in all things as we desire to serve Him faithfully." (Testimony from a representative of Christ for All Peoples)

Photos from the Bless Israel Summit – A follow-up event to the 40 Days of Love:



Testimony from a Jewish woman who attended the Bless Israel event:

"My parents were born in Poland, and grew up there during the 1920's and 30's. There they experienced anti-Semitism to a degree which is almost unimaginable. If a Christian approached a Jew on the street, it would be to beat him up. Jews stepped off the sidewalk if they saw a Christian approaching. If Christians came into a synagogue, it would be to break up the furnishings or rip the beards from the Jewish men. Jews were confined to ghetto areas, and were not permitted to own land, own houses, or belong to trade unions. Their synagogues had to be lower than the lowest church. And on Christmas and Easter Sunday, Jews hid in their homes, because the Christians would come out of their churches on those particular days, all fired up from what they had just heard, ready to beat and kill Jews.

As a child, I learned never to walk on the same side of the street as a church, because danger lurked there.



This was the world my parents knew. When I came to the Bless Israel event this weekend, I was blown away by what I saw and experienced there. The auditorium was filled with Christians, all of whom were very respectful of the Jews in their midst, very accepting and even loving toward Israel as the homeland of the Jewish people, and raising money to support a Jewish organization in Israel. I have also seen Christians come into our synagogue on Saturday morning (our Sabbath), and sit through the (very long) service, quietly and respectfully.

I am amazed by all this. The change began in 1945, when the Allied soldiers went into the concentration camps and people saw what the Jew hatred had led to. Since then, the change has been enormous. Over the last 70 years, the attitude of Christians toward Jews has shifted to a degree that never would have been thought possible. I attended the Bless Israel event, and I consider the love which the Christian people there showed for the Jewish people and for Israel to be an example of one of God's miracles on earth today. I wish that my parents were alive to witness this miracle. Based on their experiences in Poland, they would never have believed it could happen.”

Lakeland/Polk County Testimony:

Someone signed up to go from church to church and bring some of the 40 Days of Love brochures to the pastors. We have another person who organized 40 days of Prayer in the center of Auburndale at City Hall every day of the 40 days. We have another person who organized a letter campaign to the juvenile correction center in order to send letters to two inmates every day of the 40 days of love to let the inmates know that they are loved by God. Others had a heart to take this to students and into local schools. We also sought to have businesses sign up as participants in the 40 Days of Love.

(Photos from some of the 12 congregations that participated in the 40 Days of Love from the Dominican Republic)



Other parts of the U.S. & other nations reached: New York City, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Nigeria etc.



Personal testimony: Marveils works at a local CVS. She asked Jesus to forgive her of her sins as tears ran down her face.

Family Testimony:

A family with five children got involved. God gave their 4 year old daughter 15 names to be praying for.

Pastor of South Orlando Baptist wrote stating:

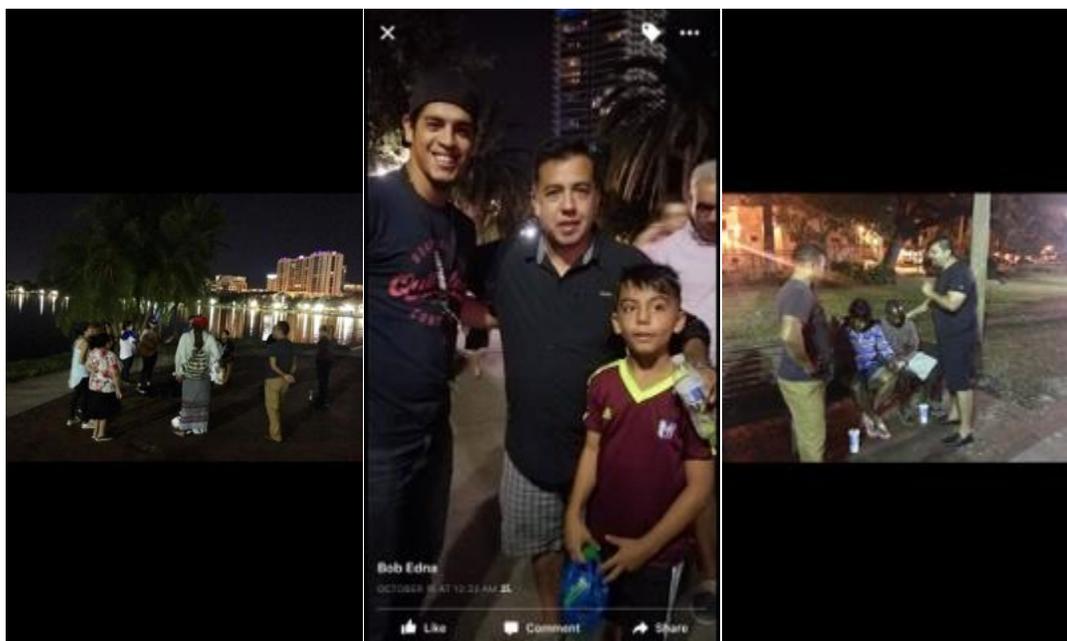
“I want you to know that many people in our church took up the challenge to engage in the 40 Days of Love and we have some pretty cool stories. One of the best is that there was a woman this last Sunday who skipped Sunday school, because during breakfast she got into a conversation with her husband about the gospel. As a result she ended up leading her husband to Christ!

We also have another man who went on a vacation during the 40 Days and witnessed to so many different people. He was able to get all their names and information, and he is following up on them and asking for the prayer warriors of my church to pray for them by name.”

Among my personal list of 10 people I've had two neighbors that God has opened the door to witness to. One of them had a heart attack the week after I shared Christ with him. By God's grace he survived, and we're continuing to seek to reach out to him.”

Youth Outreach at Lake Eola in Downtown Orlando:

A local youth group went out to the streets to pray for people on two Friday nights during the 40 Days of Love. The youth were challenged in their faith and encouraged to see God use them to touch lives.



(Photos of youth group praying in downtown area)

Pastor Frank Reynoso – FCA / Pastor of Body of One Ministries:

“As a result of the 40 Days of Love our congregation has started an outreach team and a special interest group for evangelism!”

Report from a 40 Days of Love Participant:

The Lord gave me favor as I followed His lead in blessing people during the 40 Days of Love. Every one that I approached accepted the love of the Lord when I handed them a small gift of a dollar bill or a snack size candy bar along with a 40 Days of Love card. Many said they would go to the website and check it out.

During the 40 Days of Love, God led me to an assisted living facility where I was able to share a candy bar and a 40 Days of Love evangelistic card with some of the staff and a few of the residents. Amazingly, just that morning, one of the staff members had just been praying that the Lord would show her how to reach out to others with the Gospel. When I shared with her about the 40 Days of Love, she took a pack of the 40 Days of Love evangelistic cards to share with co-workers and

friends. The same thing happened with a clerk at Kohl's. Just that morning she had been praying about reaching out to others. The Lord led me to approach her and she took a pack of the evangelistic cards. I have since talked with her and we now have a bond and she took more cards the second time I saw her!



Then the Lord gave me the idea of giving people a dollar at Wawa Gas Stations and blessing people by buying their coffee and giving them a 40 Days of Love evangelistic card. People joyfully accepted the cards, one woman said that Jesus had sent me because He knew she needed to hear of His love that day. Another clerk at Walgreens said the same thing. She had a friend who was dying and I have since seen her, and we have talked and I was able to pray with her. It was a blessing to be a blessing and to share the love of Jesus!

At Wawa, the Lord led me to a homeless young man who proceeded to share His faith in Jesus with me. Also at Wawa I was led to a distressed looking young man dressed all in black. He took my hand and thanked me for sharing Jesus' love with him. From professionally dressed women who were rushing to work to workmen, students and grandmas, many were blessed by the love of God. By the Lord's grace they now know that God sees them and loves them.

City of DeLand

“During the 40 Days of Love there have been acts of kindness and love that have been poured out on our community in DeLand. We gave out “new mover” brochures to help people moving into our community get acquainted with the things we offer in our community. During the 40 Days we also put together a community canned food drive and collected donations for “Grace House” a

pregnancy center and for the abused women shelter in Daytona Beach. Several congregations cut trees down and removed limbs in order to help those who came through the hurricane which hit our state during the 40 Days of Love.” Pr. Mark Shrade, The Sanctuary

Over a thousand Prayer, Care, Share guides were distributed among various congregations in DeLand so the city was bathed in a prayer, care, share lifestyle!



“Love Fruit” – During the 40 Days of Love, a hurricane came through the state of Florida. As a result Fred and Yvonne’s fruit trees were destroyed. Instead of wasting the fruit God gave them, the idea came to their minds to load it into a wheel barrel, and take it around to distribute to their neighbors. This “love fruit” was a tangible expression of the Love of God in the midst of a storm.

40 Days of Love – Tony Allen - One of our main representatives in Polk County:

During the 40 days of Love we were able to bring 10,000 pounds of food to the flood victims in Louisiana and 40,000 pounds of food, along with 8 pallets of medical supplies to Haiti. We did an Outreach at the Lakeland Mall and two people accepted Christ as well as many people receiving food. Through one of the

ministries that partnered with us, prayer took place at the courthouse in Auburndale every day during the 40 Days of Love! Other ministries participated and we are still in the process of gathering those testimonies. We know that seeds were planted for God's Kingdom during this time!

Testimonies from Miami:

Veronica Diaz: The first four people on my list are my boss & coworkers, who for the past five years that I've been working there I've tried to sprinkle the Gospel here and there to them. This past week I was able to go to lunch with the four of them and the topic of "religion" arose. Each said what they believe, and when it was my turn I was able to present the truth of the Gospel to them from Genesis to Revelation; their eyes peeled staring at me as if taking in every word! The seeds that I had previously planted were being watered & it was beautiful to witness what only prayer can do.

Elena Gil: Since my daughter was in Kindergarten I have been praying for one of the teachers at her school. Multiple times I have invited her to church simply to hear a solid "no." Today I ran into her and decided to once again invite her, assuming I'd hear the same answer I've heard for four years. God is so good and truly answers our prayers. The teacher said YES! I looked at her in disbelief and asked her if she would really come. She looked at me and said, "I've never told you yes before. I will be there." Praise the Lord!

Yoani Sanchez: Before the 40 days of prayer began I had been praying for my boss and hoping to invite him to church. This man is the last person I ever thought would come to church. He asked me today if we will be doing a baby shower for my coming son, and I told him yes, at my church we might do one. He excitedly told me, "Well, have it at your church so I can finally go to your church with you." I told him, "If a baby shower is what it takes to get you to come to church, then the baby shower is 100% sure to happen." I didn't have the courage to invite him, and he ended up inviting himself! God is good.

40 Days of Love – Peter Dettman – West Coast Testimony:

"God is saving children in our elementary schools, middle schools and high schools! I was told one congregation is planning the baptism of 20 teens this Sunday! During the 40 Days of Love, a 62 year old man was saved in one of our 24 hour prayer currently disciplining him and his wife."



In preparation for the 40 Days of Love approx. 100 pastors/ministry leaders went through the Christ-Like Lifestyle Training offered by Disciple Nations International. Two phases of the training were conducted in order to equip leaders in a lifestyle of deeper intimacy with God that results in effective prayer, evangelism and discipleship. This training helped provide a foundation to the leadership team that gave direction to the 40 Days of Love.

Testimonies from the Christ-Like Lifestyle training as we prepared for the 40 Days of Love:

“I was very challenged on many levels! What would it look like if I were walking in God’s vision for my life? What’s the hold-up? What am I willing to do? I believe that the difference this training will make in my life when I put it into practice will be immeasurable. That I will begin to see God’s purpose of being conformed into Christ’s image manifested.” Pastor Everett Watson, Dunamis Ministries



“To be honest this was such a timely training for me. This was such a fresh re-orienting of my lifestyle. What I felt was my soul was longing for some input from the Lord as a leader, to sit at His feet. The training was not just teaching it was really allowing us to integrate and experience the Lord. It's so effective I just can't even say enough of how the Lord will use it personally in your life if you come.” Nancy Wilson, Cru, Global Ambassador

“The Christ-Like Lifestyle training will inevitably cause a ripple effect within our marriage, children, and church family.” Johnny & Bonnie Bryant, Encounter Church



“We need this kind of training! In my personal opinion we should have started this 100 years ago! If it had started even 20 years ago we could have put our country in a better position. We lost our children, we lost our families because no one was there to guide them. It is vital to continue and as much as possible we need to expand the Kingdom of God and especially this training to every part of the (globe).”
Johnson Matthew, Pastor, The Fellowship at Central Florida

“This training came at a perfect time. I am getting ready to lead others and I desperately needed to hear everything that was taught on leadership. It was perfect! I just loved it all!” Nela Wainscott, Christ for All Peoples



"I am going to recommend this training to the leaders in our congregation and I'm going to be a mouthpiece in our county to other leaders to let them know of this opportunity!" Phil Waisanen, Pastor, Church Alive

“I was challenged by the inventory of inner woundedness. The Lord brought things for me to deal with. Also, I was challenged to train and mobilize our members for a level of fruitfulness that just hasn’t existed. As we put this training into practice we will see transformation in our church and community!”
Pastor Glen Freshour

“This training convinced me to go back to the first love that I had 19 years ago when I received Jesus as my Savior for the first time! It awakened me from spiritual sleepiness and initiated me to draw near to God. It was a wonderful and life transforming training for me!” Pastor Tesfaye



For more information on how to integrate the **Christ-Like Lifestyle Training** into your ministry/regional network and/or to learn about DNI’s free online materials get in touch with us at:

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A few photos from the Statewide Launch in Orlando, FL

