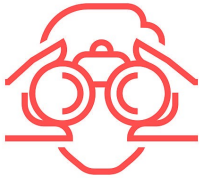


# Festival Banner



*Partnering with Churches & Ministries  
To reach the Unreached by taking the  
GOSPEL beyond the church walls*



## Looking Back At 2024 . . .

As we begin this journey of looking back at 2024, I want to express my most profound gratitude to each of you who have participated in this journey through your prayers and gifts! God has richly blessed Across Festivals with Friends and Partners in ministry like you! Across Festivals journeyed almost 30,000 miles by car and another several thousand miles by air coming alongside churches and other ministries taking the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ across the world! Let me share with you some specifics!

In January I traveled with an amazing Medical Missions Team to Narok, Kenya to work alongside 'The Smallest Seed Ministry'. Some days we would travel 3 or more hours to our destination and work for 7-8 hours and then return to our hotel. The Maasai People are an incredible people living off the land. They received us with open arms as we ministered to their bodies and souls. Every person was examined physically and spiritually. There is nothing like praying with people and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with them. Our Team had a Oneness of Unity unlike any *(continued on page 2)*

### YEAR-END GIVING & CONTRIBUTION RECORDS

If you desire to make an end-of-year gift please remember: **postmark it by December 31st** in order for it to be recorded as a contribution for 2024. Gifts can also be given online at [www.AcrossFestivals.org](http://www.AcrossFestivals.org). A record of contributions given in 2024 useable for tax purposes will be mailed to donors in January 2025. Across Festivals is always happy to serve you. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions.



O Come let us adore Him!

Christ the Lord!

Merry Christmas

John and Jeanette





Mission Team in Kenya

Looking Back At 2024 (cont. from page 1)

team I have ever been with on a trip. We were there for the people and were there for each other! From this trip came an opportunity for John to begin discipling some Kenyan medical students using MasterLife. Over the past eight months John and his co-leader, Rich Thomas, have met with these students using the Zoom app for two hours almost every Saturday. It has been an incredible time! These young men are already discipling other students and are involved in evangelistic outreach through the Christian Union at their University. Please pray for Jackson and Paul as they disciple on their campus and take the Gospel across Kenya. John plans to travel back to Kenya in June 2025 if not sooner.

John has traveled and come alongside many churches in South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Louisiana, and Kentucky over the past year. It is a privilege to pray, teach, encourage, and go to each and every place. Besides traveling to these different places, God has used John to connect churches with others who have the gifts of evangelism and discipleship! This is at the core of what Across Festivals is to be about!

Across Festivals continues to come alongside churches and ministries in Jacmel and Anse du Clerc, Haiti. Many of you have helped as we fund 3 schools, supply food for thousands of people, do crusades, plant churches, and many other ministries. Our two main partners are Pastor Francky Jeune in Anse du Clerc and Pastor Marc Cloveus in Jacmel. These are very hard times in Haiti, but these men are visionaries and missionaries and great leaders. Please keep them in prayer and let's keep helping them.

Beginning in April of this past year, John came alongside some prayer warriors from various churches in Pike Road and Montgomery, Alabama to conduct a Fire in the Field

**+ FIRE IN THE FIELD**

Tent Crusade. This crusade was birthed in prayer and carried forth in prayer! An army of almost 90 people chose to be Counselors/Friends through training and participated nightly at the crusade. They also made a commitment to stay connected to those they counseled for the next year to help their new friends begin to grow in Christ and find a church home. This area of Alabama is fortunate to have several prayer ministries praying daily over their cities and county. We were able to go into several schools and share the message of Jesus. The Lord moved mightily through the week. At Fire in the Field we saw over 160 people come to Christ plus many other decisions! Thank You Lord for drawing people unto Yourself!

Across Festivals is in conversation about different outreaches for 2025 and would appreciate your prayers. Until then, we press on each day and every way the Lord allows! **To God be the Glory!**



Paul Karanjap



Jackson Ntini



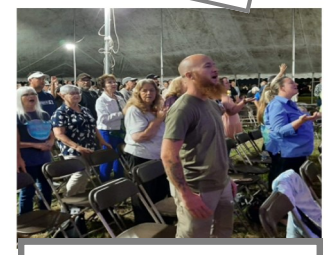
Tent & Truck in the field



Altar Call



Counseling Tent



Worship



## From the heart . . .

In March 1973 I received the greatest gift that I could ever receive in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ. I am more than thankful that the Lord loved me so much and never stopped pursuing me. There is nothing more gratifying than knowing His Love! Thank You Father for giving Your Son on my behalf and the behalf of all people everywhere! I love You Lord, and I do lift my voice in praise and adoration unto You this Christmas Season and every Season! I am glad that I know that the only way I can have a Merry Christmas is in You! Merry Christmas Everyone!



The second greatest gift that I ever received is the person that is my Bride, Wife, Best Friend, Co-laborer, Mother of our Children, and best GramMa ever,

*Jeanette Colleen Benedict Bush!!!*

I dedicate this newsletter to her! Jeanette and I met on a cold Sunday afternoon in January 1976 when she and Reba, her roommate, threw snowballs at our dorm window inviting us to come outside and play in the snow. My roommate, Fred Luper, and I headed down, but Fred stopped in the lobby to read the Sunday newspaper as I went on outside. Jeanette and I even got in trouble for throwing snowballs at the seminary snowplow. That's another story! Later that afternoon when I went back to my room, I told Fred that I was going to marry Jeanette someday. It only took me four years to finally pop the question, to which she answered, "Oh my gosh!" which I interpreted from the Greek as a YES! We have just returned home from celebrating 44 years of marriage. We traveled back to Kansas City where it all began. Jeanette has been more than a wife and mother of our kids to me! She has walked in faith with me never wavering when I would tell her what I believed the Lord was speaking to me. She was willing to sell everything

we owned to go from Winterset, Iowa to San Marcos, California to plant churches. She was willing to homeschool our children and teach them biblical truths to guide them into a life worth living. She was willing to step out in faith with me on January 1, 2003, as we began Across Festivals with no idea how God would provide for us. Since that day she has never received a salary from anywhere but has totally emptied herself alongside me no matter what. There is no way I could or would want to do ministry without her! She sees what I don't see and helps me stay focused. She is a true Disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ and Disciple-maker! There are not enough words to express my gratitude unto the Lord for bringing this gal from California and this guy from Alabama together in Kansas City, Missouri! Thank You Lord! I give praises unto You! Thank You Jeanette! I give praise unto you for being such a godly woman of faith and being steadfast, loving, giving, and forgiving unto me all these years! I dedicate this newsletter honoring you because I want everyone to know what a Gift you are to me and to the Lord's Kingdom Work! To God be the Glory; Great things He has done!

In Christ Alone,

*. . . John*

### **PRAYER: The Strategy**

*"Prayer is not a substitute for action.*

*It is an action for which there is no substitute."*

*Throughout the newsletter you see requests to pray for many things. We ask you to pray with us. We know there is power in prayer.*

*"The power of prayer does not reside in the prayer... But in the God to whom the prayer is addressed."*

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**MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT**
**PASTOR FRANCKY JEUNE**

ANSE DU CLER, HAITI



I first met Pastor Francky in April, 2011. He was our first translator and go-to guy! Since that time, we have done much ministry together. Pastor Francky lives in Anse du Cler on the tip of Western Haiti and is totally devoted to his people and country. And, that is an understatement! He is a nine lives person. I have seen him supposedly near death on several occasions, and the Lord has continued to raise him back up. He has had ample opportunity to leave Haiti many times, but believes deeply that God has called him to his people and continues to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ powerfully in Word and in deed. Pastor Francky oversees several churches and three schools in the western region of Haiti. He is considered a great leader in the church and also in the community. Over the past several years Across Festivals has partnered with Eric Searcy, in Alabama, in helping pay the teachers in the schools

and distributing food to the many people who are without. Our partnership with Pastor Francky is one of great investment in the Kingdom of God. Many of you have faithfully joined us in these endeavors through your prayers and financial gifts. While the world has given up on Haiti, God has not and neither have you! Thanks so very much!

I need to share with you a most urgent prayer request! Last spring Pastor Francky found out that he has a very serious medical need. He needs a heart catheterization sooner than later. It is a very serious matter! Eric and I have been working nonstop in trying to get him to the United States to get this procedure done. We have enlisted medical personnel

ready to move forward in Montgomery as soon as we can get him here. Please pray that we can get his Visa renewed so he can travel here. Please pray that our U.S. Embassies will open their doors and get this done. Because of the unrest in Haiti and closing of our embassy there, it has not happened. We have had help from Congressmen and their staff, but no doors have opened. Please pray with us! There is not another man who has emptied himself out for Haiti more than Pastor Francky. And



we sure want him to continue in the work the Lord has set before him! Thank you Pastor Francky for staying the course! We are with you! Thank You Lord for ordering Pastor Francky's steps! We give him to You anew!


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