



## the Deatons to SWITZERLAND

“The **greatest hinderance** to the **furtherance of The Gospel** message isn’t that sinners are no longer willing to hear it, but that **Christians are no longer willing to share it..”**

-Dr Scott Pauley

The last several weeks have been filled with many meetings, divine appointments, opportunities to share The Gospel and even an ER visit! I wasn’t there for me, but to be an encouragement and blessing to someone else. The Lord had different plans, and before leaving, I would run into a gentleman named Aaron who was a great encouragement to me!

When I arrived at the ER, Aaron was nervously walking around in the waiting area, occasionally glancing at me and staring at my Bible. I could feel the leading to strike up a conversation and so I did. After small “chit chat” I asked him if he knew Jesus. He reassured me he did and had an amazing testimony. He had been in and out of rehab for several years and it was through the ministry of a local church that he attended services at rehab and gave his life to Christ.

He now found himself back in rehab for his alcohol addiction and was quickly approaching his 30-day milestone. “Thats awesome!” I shouted; I was so happy for him, but the feeling wasn’t mutual. He was excited about the success he had seen in the program and the sobriety he achieved but he was not happy about leaving the program.

He explained to me that being in the program and staying “clean” was the easy part. He had no access to alcohol and very little to no temptation, but the true test came when he left the program. He said leaving the program meant that he would be surrounded by the pressure of old friends, advertisements and quick access that so easily overtook him in the past. You could tell he was so scared to leave. He made the comment “I’m so tired of letting everyone down and wasting time and resources. My family has abandoned me and I don’t blame them...”

I encouraged Aaron at that moment to remember God never abandons us! He is always there to lean on in times of need and loves us so much. I gave him several scripture verses and you could see his face light up. He was overwhelmed with the love shown to him as I explained the importance of having a church family and how he doesn’t have to go through these tough times ahead alone. I gave him the contact info for a local church that I was familiar with just 20 miles down the road and my phone number as well. We prayed together in the middle of the ER waiting room and I walked away encouraged knowing God orchestrated that divine appointment so two brothers could be encouraged.

Who around you needs encouraged? Are you willing to stop and encourage a fellow brother or sister in Christ? The need for encouragement is all around. If you don’t see it, you’re just not looking!



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LOADING ... **29%**



BEST “Flight crew” EVER!!



In Kentucky, we had the opportunity to participate in “Migrant Ministries” and pass out The Gospel.



Miles Driven: **3,878**  
States traveled: **10**  
Gallons of Gas (approx): **259**



“We had so much fun at the missions conference at our home church!! They literally built a Swiss village in a classroom AND a Boeing 747 in the hallway to “fly” all the kids to Switzerland!!!”

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