

MCA CONNECTION



The Jesus Film

Stories from the Field

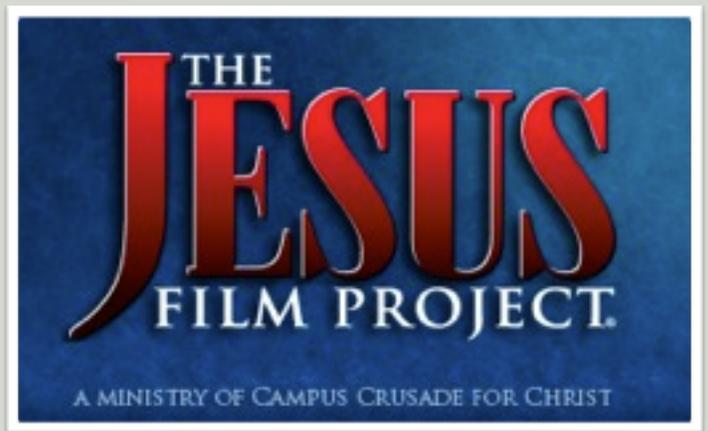
Several years ago MCA under took a project to fund the Jesus Film for a group of people in Nigeria, Africa. The translation of the Jesus Film into the Ron Language continues, but we wanted to share several stories of how the Jesus Film projects impact specific people’s lives. God will do amazing things in the lives of the RON people when their language translation is complete and the Jesus Film is made available to them. Please continue to pray for the translation efforts. Political instability in the region has made more work and progress difficult.

Ariana

This moving report comes from a leader who coordinates showings of JESUS and Magdalena in North Africa.

Ariana was a teenage girl who had been repeatedly abused.

Being a devout follower of her nation's religion, Ariana struggled in her soul. Why would God allow this? Why did men of her same faith devalue her and all women? Twice she tried to take her own life. Desperate, she sought answers from the leader of her local religious center. She explained her depression and asked for help. His reply: "You



have been cursed. Go see the Shaman. He will cast spells over you." She did and nothing changed.

Discouraged, while walking past a house, Ariana noticed a small sign tacked up outside: "Jesus is Love." She knocked on the door. The family invited her in and explained the gospel. She left feeling better, but now was also confused.

A few months later, Ariana failed a critical test at school. Her suicidal thoughts came back. With nowhere else to turn, Ariana cried out: "Reveal yourself to me 'Jesus of Love', if you are real!"

When she fell asleep, the Risen Christ appeared, saying, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." Jesus called Ariana by name, took her by the hand, and led her to the edge of a pond filled with murky sludge. Jesus said, "Jump in." She did and instantly the dirty water became clean and fresh.

"Ariana, I will wash away your dirty sins and make you clean as this water."

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Family Spotlight

Quick Facts

Anniversary: May 8th

Attending MCA Since:
2012

Live in: Millersburg

Occupation: Horse training
and sales at Windy Hill Farms

Favorite Activities:
Spending time with their family
and Riding Horses

Core Group: Salt & Light



The DeHass Family

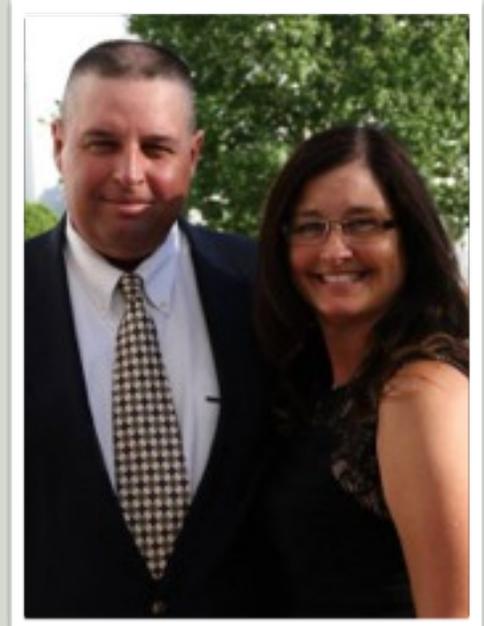
Ted and Kathy DeHass live near Millersburg and have been attending MCA for 2 years. They have three children and two grandchildren also living in the area. Ted started out in Millersburg, but later moved to Lynchburg Virginia when he was 15 years old. Kathy originates from Durham North Carolina and attended college in Lynchburg at Liberty University. Their first meeting was a blind date that was setup by their mutual friend, Jerry Falwell, Jr., and the rest is history. Ted knows what he likes when he sees it and asked Kathy to marry him 3 months after their first date, one year later they were married.

Ted and Kathy lived in Virginia for 10 years before moving to Millersburg to take over Ted's grandmother's family business (Castle Nursing Homes). They now own and operate Windy Hill Farm, where they raise, train and sell horses. They usually have around 100 head of horses. Their horses have been sold to buyers from around the country. Check out their web site at windyhillfarms.net.

The DeHass family enjoys getting together and spending time around the table sharing delicious foods and good company. They love to ride horses around the farm. In January they welcomed their second grandchild into the family, which brings smiles all around.

Recently Ted and Kathy put their faith into action as they opened their home to two young people who wanted to transition from the Amish lifestyle. They provided friendship, shelter, discipleship and love. It is a great example of showing the love of Jesus to those around us who are in need.

As mentioned before the family loves to eat great food. Check out their family favorite recipe for roasted pork and sweet potatoes.



Ted and Kathy

Jerry Falwell, Jr. went on to marry Kathy's younger sister.

Roast Pork Tenderloin with Sweet Potatoes

Total prep/roasting time: 30 minutes

Buy two small pork tenderloin in the 2 pack - *not the large pork loin, a big difference*

1 Tbsp. minced garlic (can use dry, but won't need as much; then it won't make a paste)

1/2 tsp. freshly ground pepper

1/2 tsp. ginger (I like the powdered better than fresh)

1- 1/2 pounds pork tenderloin

4 small sweet potatoes (1 -1/2 lbs. peeled and cut into 1/2 - inch-wide sticks)

Balsamic Reduction

1 Tbsp. Olive oil

1/4 cup balsamic vinegar

1/4 cup firmly packed Brown Sugar

1/4 cup soy sauce

1 Tbsp. chopped fresh parsley (optional)

* You can double or triple the balsamic reduction, just use equal parts of balsamic vinegar, soy sauce, and brown sugar, the olive oil can stay the same.

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Focus On Jesus by Jeff Polen

Sunday, June 29 12:08am

My family and I have had an interesting couple of weeks... It has been great, but a bit crazy.

The craziness started on Saturday morning, June 14. Along with many members of the Area 51 Youth Group, our family left from MCA at 6 AM for Rosedale Bible College. Rosedale was putting on the first annual "SamaKuma". All day long the Youth participated in team challenges and competed against other Youth Groups in the CMC Conference for the SamaKuma trophy. Our Youth did a fantastic job! We didn't win the trophy, but we sure had a great time trying.

SamaKuma ended with a worship concert from Polen. After the concert we packed up all of the gear and the Youth Group headed for home. Our family did not head for home, we headed out for North Topsail Beach, North Carolina. We took a family vacation. Jodi's parents were celebrating their 40th anniversary and wanted us to join them at the beach. We had a wonderful week as a family and it was really good to spend that time together.

On Saturday morning, June 21, while the rest of Jodi's family headed home to Ohio, we set our course for Clayhole, Kentucky!



This year the Area 51 Youth Group is going in 3 different directions for the summer mission trip. One group of Youth decided to join the annual church mission trip to Bethel Camp in Clayhole, KY and we joined up with them on Sunday afternoon. We arrived about an hour before everyone else, so we had a chance to (somewhat) settle in. As soon as the rest of the team arrived we got right to work unloading the bus and setting up for the VBS program that would start in a couple of hours.

Our family spent the week serving the camp by doing work projects during the day and helping put on a VBS in the evenings. It was great for our kids because they had to

miss the MCA VBS this year due to our vacation. It was great for Jodi and me because we got to catch up with old friends from the camp and be with part of the Youth Group and several families from the church.

We finally arrived back home on Friday evening, June 27.

On Saturday, June 28, I had to be at New Creation Fellowship by noon to set up the stage and sound equipment for a Parking Lot Jam that they were putting on (I agreed to this way before the vacation and mission trips were planned). Polen put on a worship concert to end the night. It was a great time of fellowship and worship.

I got home about an hour ago, after tearing down the stage and sound equipment. Jodi was still up when I got home, so we ate some pizza rolls and talked about life. I love those moments (when the kids are asleep and I get to have an uninterrupted conversation with my wife).

Tomorrow morning I will be at the church at 6:30 AM to send off the part of the Youth Group who will be serving in Milwaukee, Wisconsin all week. I will go home after that to pack my bag and will ride with the family back to church for the service.

Following the service I will travel to New York City with the part of the Youth Group who will be spending their mission trip in the Big Apple with YWAM New York. The rest of the family will stay behind this week.

On Wednesday I will fly from New York City to Milwaukee to meet up with the other team, serve with them until Saturday, and then travel home with them. I am hoping to get back to something normal after that.

In all of this, I am reminded of a sign that hangs at Bethel Camp as you are leaving. It simply says, "Focus on Jesus".

Paul said it this way, "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" Col.3:17

The writer of Hebrews said it like this:

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, **looking to Jesus**, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:1-2, ESV, emphasis mine)

The point is not that I am crazy (although that may be true). Nor is the point that I am trying to boast of all the things that I am doing right now (that would just be foolish).

The point is that in EVERYTHING we do -whether it is a special event, a family vacation, a summer mission trip, or just living everyday life... we need to focus on Jesus.

This has been my challenge for the past couple of weeks and I wanted to challenge you with the same. This simple act of focusing on Jesus can change the ordinary into extraordinary. It can make everything become a spiritual act. In the process it can deepen our relationship with the LORD, change our perspective in a positive way, and enhance our relationships with others.

Perhaps the Hymn writer, Helen Howarth Lemmel, captured it best. I'll leave you with the words of one of her greatest songs.

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth
will grow strangely dim
In the light of
His glory and grace**

The Jesus Film Continued...

Then He showed her a choice: heaven and hell. Ariana responded, "Jesus, I want to follow you, what must I do?" He said, "Accept Me as your Lord and Savior."

Ariana awoke, startled. Her pajamas and sheets were soaking in sweat. She immediately went back to the home of the Christians. They gave her a DVD of Magdalena, which is a version of the Jesus Film specifically for women.

She watched the DVD three times. Ariana was overwhelmed by Jesus' love for women and could not stop crying for two days. Transformed, she led her mother and sister to the Lord. Ariana played the DVD

for her fellow students. In just one week, 25 other students came to Christ through Ariana's testimony and that single DVD!

Ariana is now a first-year student at a university. She leads a group of 30 women on her campus. They boldly tell others that "Jesus is Love." They pass out DVDs of JESUS and Magdalena throughout the campus.

Flora

Let me next tell you now about Flora, a young Romanian girl living in a gypsy camp. Like millions around her, she also struggled with shame and a sense of worthlessness. Flora was given a Bible by a volunteer whom I will call Juli.

Juli returned a week later and gave Flora a DVD of JESUS, which they watched together. At the Crucifixion, Flora burst into tears, realizing that Jesus was suffering for her. She believed and gave her life to the Lord.

Flora asked Juli to show the DVD to her sister and family who also lived in the camp. Again, the Word of God (in their heart language) did its miraculous work. They too believed. The family then invited 10 other refugees to join them and watch. Soon, their tiny shack was bursting at the seams, all watching

JESUS. The family asked the workers for more Bibles and DVDs of JESUS which they began giving out in the camp, so more who have never heard might be given a chance to see and believe!

This is how our Lord calls His own out of their darkness. He works through His Word, the accurate portrayal of the gospel contained in JESUS which is faithful to Scripture. Then, the Holy Spirit bears witness that what they see and hear is Truth. This is the reason JESUS has now been produced into more than 1,200 languages of the heart.



DeHass Roasted Pork Recipe Continued...

Directions

1. Heat oven to 475 degrees F. Mash garlic with 3/4 tsp. salt, the pepper and ginger to form a paste. Place pork in jelly-roll pan or large roasting pan; rub all over with garlic mixture.
2. Toss cut sweet potatoes with 1 Tbsp. olive oil and 3/4 tsp. of salt in large bowl. Then arrange potatoes in the pan with the pork.
3. Combine the balsamic reduction ingredients, brush some on the pork. Roast pork and potatoes for 10 minutes.
4. Bring remaining reduction to a low boil, and boil for approximate 5 minutes, it will thicken when cooled. Remove from heat.
5. Brush half the reduction over the pork, and turn the sweet potatoes. Roast another 5-8 minutes, until the sweet potatoes are tender and meat thermometer inserted in thickest part of pork registers 155 degrees F. If pork needs more cooking time I remove the potatoes from the pan and place pork back in the oven for a few more minutes. Don't over cook! (It will dry out the meat)
6. Cut pork into 3/4 inch thick slices. Arrange on platter with sweet potatoes. Pour any pan drippings and balsamic reduction over the pork. Sprinkle sweet potatoes with parsley. Makes 6 servings

Enjoy!

