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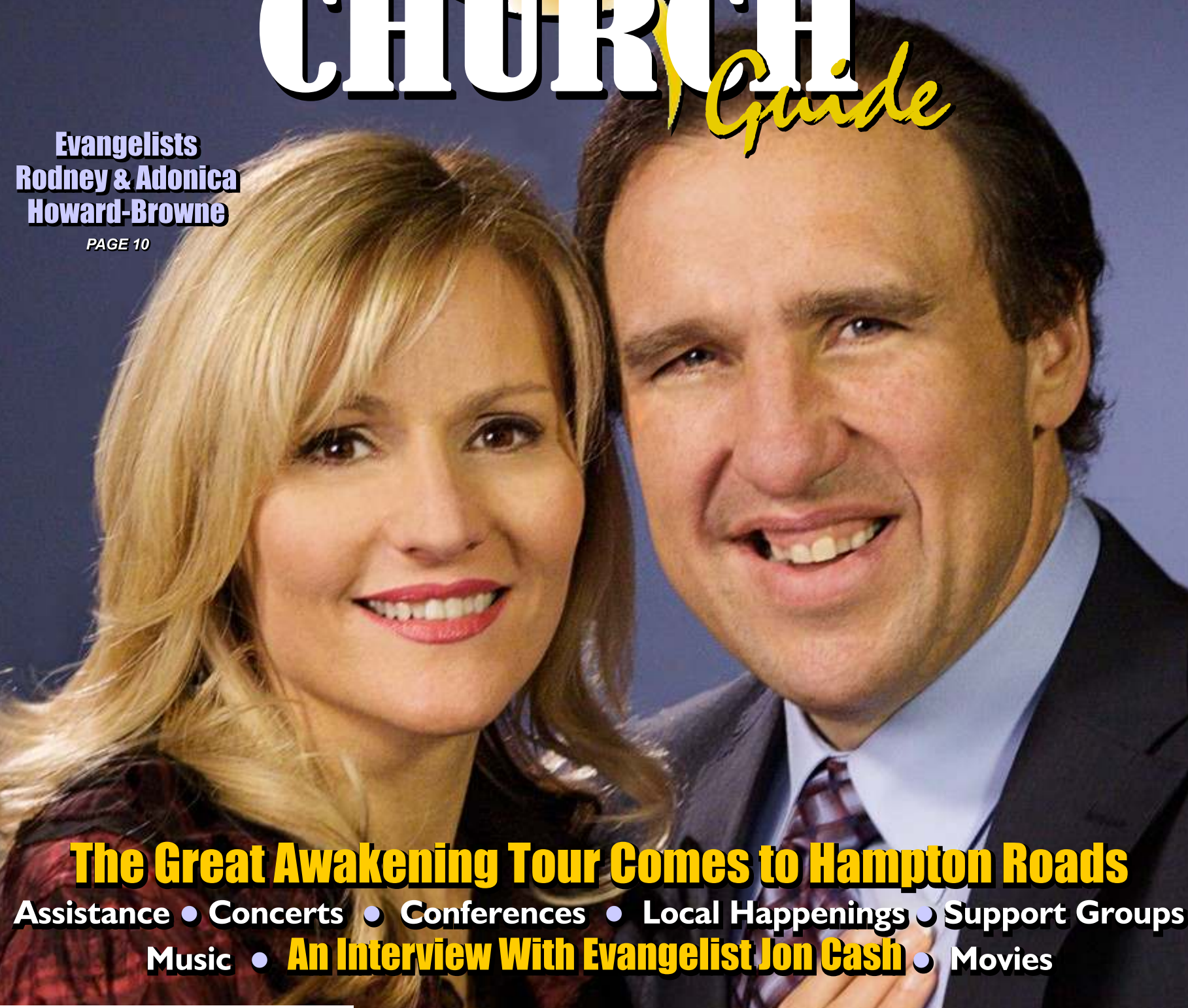
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PUBLISHER'S MESSAGE  
Have You Ever Seen One of God's Stars Burn Out?

Have you ever looked up on a clear, cloudless night at all the billions and billions of stars in the heavens?

I can't help but think that God sees a similar picture when He looks down at all the souls on earth. All those billions and billions of souls that He has seen since the beginning of time, all shining, all important to Him.

And then one of those lights goes out.

A soul is lost.

Sure, you and I don't notice when a star dies and its lights go out, but God knows.

Souls are God's stars. They are precious to Him. Every single one of them.

Just like He knows the number of hairs on your head, God knows the whereabouts and what is happening in the life of every soul on earth.

Every single one.

He loves each and every soul so much that He sent His son Jesus to save each one.

But the lights keep going out. Another person dies who didn't have a relationship with Jesus, the Son who was sacrificed to give them eternal life with the Father. Why didn't they come to know and acknowledge the Savior.

Jesus shared just how important souls are to the Father in His last recorded personal instruction to His disciples:

*An Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28: 18-20*

The Great Commission is the end of a Gospel and the beginning of faith in action for all Christians. Jesus is giving His followers a special calling and presenting specific action that He expects of them. This isn't something that He wishes we would do, it is something that He commands us to do. And as we read verse 18, it emphasizes that Jesus has all the authority to command it. He's omnipotent. It's the very foundation of our faith as Christians.

In verse 19, Jesus gives His believers specific directions to follow once they have affirmed their faith in Him.

"Go!"

Jesus calls all those who put their faith in Him to spread the Good News of salvation throughout the world. We are expected to share our faith, our testimony, and our love for Jesus by teaching His commandments and His truths.

Another important aspect of verse 19 is that it shares the doctrine of the Holy Trinity ... the three persons of the Godhead ... the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

And finally in verse 20, Jesus reminds us that we aren't on our own. He is with us. Even in the darkest areas of this world you are expected to keep your faith in Him, follow His commandments, share His love.

As you are reading this commentary, thousands and thousands of lights have gone out. Souls have been lost.

Did anyone ever try to share the Good News with these people?

Did they choose to ignore the truth?

Did they fall prey to the lies of the devil ... to the idols of this world?

Sometimes the lie comes in the form of false religion or false teachings?

That will kill you.

I believe that God loves each and everyone of us so much that He has put someone or something in our life to share the Good News of Jesus.

Everyone. That includes natives deep in the jungles completely cut off from all of civilization; Muslim extremist who hate Christians and live each day to kill them; the homeless man on the corner with the cardboard sign; the atheist working to take away all of our freedoms to express our faith as Christians ... everyone.

How strong is your faith?

Who has God put in your path desperately needing His love, His hope, His healing, His mercy, His door to salvation.

When was the last time you witnessed to someone and shared what Jesus has done in your life?

Have you ever? If you haven't, you are not alone. Probably 98% of the "believers" sitting in church on any Sunday morning haven't done so either.

Remember someone shared the good news with you. Someone was obedient. And because of that person, or that church, your life will never be the same again. Your soul will be forever thankful in heaven.

Many Christians have made incredible sacrifices; giving up everything they own to share the Good News in the most remote regions of the world.

But your mission field could be your own backyard. Maybe you have a neighbor whose car is in the driveway each time you go to church. Have they heard the Good News?

Maybe you have a coworker who has confided in you the difficulties in their life. Have you given them hope through Jesus Christ?

Wherever we go, every faithful Christian should be compelled through obedience to share the Gospel. If you're a believer in Jesus Christ, where has He called you to go? Who has God put on your heart to share the gift of salvation?

This month the Great Awakening Tour comes to Hampton Roads.

If you aren't sure what to do to be obedient to Jesus; if you have never been taught how to evangelize and share the Good News; if you are uncomfortable or don't know how to begin the conversation ... then I encourage you to attend one of the "Power Evangelism" trainings that will be offered every morning at nine, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup> (except Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup>).

Eric and Jennifer Gonyon and the Revival Ministries International team will teach you and every member of your church who wish to attend, the power of evangelism. You will get the opportunity to practice what you've learned, with all those you witness to encouraged to worship with you at your church.

You can read more about the Great Awakening Tour on pages 10, 11 and 18 of this issue.

It's harvest time.

Note: The mission of The Church Guide is to minister to the One Million people who live in Hampton Roads who do not attend any church and have no relationship with Jesus. We invite you to partner with us through your subscriptions, advertising, and financial contributions in fulfilling the Great Commission here in Hampton Roads. We also welcome Pastors Rodney and Adonica Howard-Browne and Evangelists Eric and Jennifer Gonyon to Hampton Roads. I feel that God has blessed me in my calling to Save One Million Souls with their coming. To God goes ALL the glory.

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**GREAT AWAKENING TOUR**



Dr. Rodney & Adonica Howard-Browne



Evangelists Eric & Jennifer Gonyon

With Drs. Rodney & Adonica Howard-Browne and Evangelists Eric & Jennifer Gonyon

**100,000,000 SOULS THIS DECADE!**

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6 Nights of Holy Ghost and Fire Meetings  
Sunday - Friday @ 7:00 pm

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The Great Awakening was a spiritual renewal that swept the American Colonies, particularly New England, during the first half of the 18th Century. The colonists who lived along the eastern seaboard were mostly unchurched because churches were few and far between. But in the northern colonies of New England, there was a strong Puritan presence.

The Puritans were concerned in what they perceived as a growing decline in their faith, particularly among their youth. The younger generation put little value in religion or worship, and moral values began to decline, resulting in what historians report as a growing number of children being conceived out of wedlock.

Then (as now), all took was a spark of revival to set the region afire with religious enthusiasm. When that spark ignited, the Great Awakening brought people back to a "spiritual life," as they felt a greater intimacy and presence with God. It also ushered in a Protestant evangelical reaction against formalism and rationalism in religion.

With all that is going on in America today, I believe that we, as Christians, are in desperate need of another Great Awakening ... traditional marriage is under attack, homosexuality is being forced on everyone as commonplace, babies are being murdered by the hundreds of thousands (approximately 9,000 a year right here in Hampton Roads), there's corruption in all layers of government, leaders in business are stealing millions from those who trusted and invested in them, sex scandals in the church are making headlines, divorce is rampant even within the church, ... and so much more.

The church in America has fallen asleep. South African evangelist Rodney Howard-Browne is on a mission to spark another great awakening that is marked by a wave of evangelism in the U.S. and abroad.

Since February 2007, the pastor of Revival Ministries International (RMI) has taken the



Rodney and Adonica Howard-Browne

Great Awakening Tour to Latin America, Eastern Europe and to over fifty-five cities in the U.S. They have trained over 31,000 believers how to effectively share the Gospel of Jesus Christ, thereby mobilizing churchgoers to evangelize their own communities. So far, the ministry has registered more than 1,174,000 decisions to Christ.

Revival Ministries International will be bringing the Great Awakening Tour to Hampton Roads in October. Are we ready for revival?

In order to experience His Holy Spirit, we must be ready, we must be prepared.

I implore you and all the churches of Hampton Roads to get ready, and get involved with the Great Awakening Tour during the week of October 24<sup>th</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup>. It is not just another Christian conference. It is not an entertainment spectacle. It's a radical campaign to reach a radical generation and to impact OUR community with the life-changing message of the Lord Jesus Christ.

### Dr.s Rodney and Adonica Howard-Browne

In 1987, the Lord opened the door for Rodney and Adonica to come to the United States of America as missionaries. He called for them to stir up the churches, to get them on fire for God, so they would be stirred to win the lost.

Evangelist Rodney Howard-Browne became well known in the 1990s for leading revival meetings where participants often laughed uncontrollably after being touched by the power of God. Today, Rodney's services are still marked by what he describes as joy, and his current emphasis on evangelism is part of that same movement of God in his life.

But it was on Christmas morning in 2002 that changed the life of this husband and wife team to heighten their efforts in evangelism.

On that day their 18-year-old daughter, Kelly lay dying of Cystic Fibrosis in their arms.

"Before the devil could steal our daughter's life, we offered her as an offering to the Lord, the best gift that we could ever give in a lifetime," says brother Rodney. "We vowed to do everything in our power, with the help of the Lord, to win 100 million souls to Jesus and to put one billion dollars into the harvest!"

And they have been working as hard as they can ever since, to preach the Gospel, to win souls for Jesus, and to train others to do the same.

"Only Jesus can bring peace and forgiveness and change a life, a family, a neighborhood, a city, and a nation!"

God has taken them on a journey and it's evolved into the mobilization of the church to bring in the harvest.

"The people on the streets are more open to getting saved than the churches are to go win them," says Rodney. The Great Awakening Tour ignites the church to change that.



Photos courtesy of Revival Ministries International

### Evangelists Eric and Jennifer Gonyon

Eric Gonyon has quite a testimony to share. Although he was raised in a godly home, he wasn't godly. He was a womanizer and often frequented bars and clubs.

A month before his wedding, he took a simple blood test and was diagnosed with the HIV virus.

He started crying like a baby, and wondered how he would be able to tell the love of his life, Jennifer. He feared she would call off the marriage. He was worried that if he did get married, he might infect her.

Being diagnosed as HIV positive was an obvious consequence of his sins before his conversion to Christ.

But Jennifer told Eric that she would rather die than not-marry him, and declared the wedding was still to go ahead.

Some time after they were married, they attended a healing service at a local Lutheran church. The priest asked anyone who was sick to come forward.

He got some oil and started to pray for people.

Eric didn't have a clue what was going on. Oil was something you put in your engine. The priest put the oil on Eric's forehead and said "In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghosts you are healed."

Weeks afterwards he went in for another AIDS test and was surprised to find out that he had been healed. He was HIV negative.

He dropped to his knees and began yelling "Thank you Jesus!"

Since that time Eric has devoted his life to serving the Lord Jesus Christ. With his wife, Jennifer, at his side, he helps local churches grow through relationship evangelism. He has preached all across the globe, and now leads the teachings in Power Evangelism for Revival Ministries International.

Eric and Jennifer will be teaching Power Evangelism every morning at 9:00 am beginning October 23rd thru the 29th (except for Sunday morning the 24th).



# Is Hampton Roads Ready For REVIVAL



Eric and Jennifer Gonyon interview a youth harvester

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### Power Evangelism and Holy Ghost Fire Meetings

The Great Awakening Tour is six dynamic days of training, worship and praise.

Power Evangelism begins each morning at 9:00 am with Eric and Jennifer Gonyon.

Power Evangelism is a hands on, real life, one-on-one, method to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to your friends, neighbors, and other members

of your community

They call this "Power Evangelism" because Acts 1:8 declares, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

You will notice that the scripture reports that we receive power to be a witness. Many want the power of God but are not willing to be a witness. When the power fell in Acts chapter 2, 120 people were endued with this power that Jesus spoke of and Peter preached the Pentecostal sermon. As a result, 3,000 were added to the Kingdom of God. The purpose of the power is to be a witness.

All of us know people who need Jesus but are not plugged into a local church.

In John 1: 41-42 we find ... "Andrew then went to find his brother ... and he brought him to Jesus." That scripture is the heart of Operation

Andrew which is a simple, five-step plan designed to help Christians reach out to people they know who need Jesus Christ. By following the guidelines of Operation Andrew, you can make a difference for Christ in your community.

The training provides methods, ideas, scripts, and other teachings to help you:

**LOOK AROUND** where you live, work, or go to school - this is your mission field. List names of individuals you know who need Jesus Christ, whom you will pray for regularly.

**LOOK UP** because God changes people through prayer. Pray each day for those on your list, that God will give you opportunities to share His love with them.

**LOOK OUT** for ways to cultivate friendships with each person on your list and earn their confidence. Spend time with them. An invitation to dinner or a sporting event will build friendships which can open the way to talk about Christ.

**LOOK FORWARD** by beginning to talk with each person on your list about attending an outreach event with you. Choose a specific date, pray, and invite them.

**LOOK AFTER** those who respond to Christ or even begin to show interest in the Gospel, for they need your encouragement. Continue to love and pray for those who do not respond.



The Holy Ghost and Fire Meetings begin each evening at 7:00 pm (Sunday-Friday). This is a time when seasoned and newly committed believers come together to worship and praise the almighty living God.

It is sure to be a wonderful time of healing, refreshing, impartation, and reveling in the presence of God. A time to be filled with the Spirit. A time to be set free from bondage and the strongholds in your life. A time to bask in the "fire" and the glory of the Father and to receive His love. It's a time for thanks, repentance, joy, and commitment. You will want to be there each night if you can.

All of the sessions, both morning & evening are free and open to the public, all denominations are invited to participate. In fact, you are encouraged to get involved and be a part of it.

### Why Should You Come To The Evening Meetings If You Aren't Going To A Church In The Area

You do not have to be a member of any church in the area to attend any of the evening worship and praise sessions during the Great Awakening Tour. Just come.

No one is going to judge you or make you feel guilty about not going to church. No one is going to force you into any change of heart or decision to join a church. Just come.

If you feel that something is missing in your life and you want to commit or recommit your life to Jesus. Come. If you feel hurt ... if you need some healing in your life ... if you are desperate and feel there is no hope ... if you wonder how you can continue to go on ... come.

If you have had a bad experience with the church or with religion, but you miss being in the presence of God and feeling His love. Come.

If you have found church boring in the past or the church you attended was dead and you didn't feel the presence of God. Come.

If you feel you've done some really bad things in your life, and you don't feel that God could ever forgive you. Come with a repenting heart and be prepared to receive God's mercy and grace and be forgiven.

### If You Are Attending A Local Church Already, Why Should You Come To Any Of These Day/Nite Sessions

Can you really get enough of God in your day? Can you thank Him enough for all that He has done for you? Wouldn't you like to be totally overwhelmed with joy as you experience the outpouring of His love through the Holy Spirit.

If you have never brought someone to Christ before, you definitely need to attend one of the Power Evangelism trainings.

Jesus didn't request that we evangelize, he commanded that we ALL "go and make disciples."

"And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned" (Mark 16:15,16).

Perhaps you have a burden for souls but you are quiet, or bashful, or afraid to witness to a stranger.

Well, can you witness to a family member, a coworker, a neighbor.

And why should you be afraid? As sons and daughters of the Most High God we are different because we have a Comforter and power to overcome. First, He gave us His Holy Spirit for power and boldness that we would be His witnesses (Acts chapter 1). Second, "God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind" (2Timothy 1:7).

Lastly, Jesus said, "Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matthew 10:27,28).

Most Christians don't evangelize because they don't think they can, or they say they have never been trained. Well, by attending the Power Evangelism training, you will be an expert evangelist. God will bless you so much for stepping out in boldness, sharing the good news, and saving the souls of those who would otherwise be lost.

The will of God is that believers proclaim the Gospel to the world. After a morning of Power Evangelism, you'll definitely want to shout with joy in the evening from leading someone to Christ.

### If You Are A Pastor, Why Should You And Your Church Be A Part Of The Great Awakening Tour

As a pastor you have been given great responsibilities by God in shepherding His children. Your church's primary mission should be to equip the saints for ministry, to prepare them so that they can fulfill the Great Commission and spread the Gospel to all corners of the earth ... beginning right here.

By participating in the Power Evangelism training, you and your church members will be able to bring the training back home for additional and future members of your church. Furthermore, the street training that your congregants will receive is designed to invite newcomers to YOUR own church.

What pastor wouldn't like to see his or her church grow by 25% or more. You can do that by equipping your parishioners to become on fire evangelist for Christ.

For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!" (Romans 10:13-15)

Visit the Great Awakening Tour website to find out more on how your church can volunteer to be a part of this spirit moving event.