



A Ministry of Compassion

Give Thanks To The Lord

- **Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.**
- **² Let the redeemed of the LORD say so! *Ps.107:1,2***
- **Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thess 5:18 (ESV)**
- **Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Phil.4:6-7**
- ***What are you thankful for?***

Picker Ministry by Numbers

- **Number of meals served – 3284**
- **Number of showers given – 3000+**
- **Number of campers hosted – approx. 300**
- **Most campers hosted at one time – Approx. 200**
- **Number of countries represented - 43**
- **At our peak, 2 portapotties were emptied everyday**
- **Over flowing Garbage bin was emptied twice a week**
- **If they weren't here, where would that have been?**

Picker Ministry by The Spirit

- Predominately, most of our guests were of a Catholic background.
- European Catholics – Apathetic, Nice architecture
- Quebecois Catholics – anger, resentment
- Mexican Catholics – Cultural but irrelevant
- The thing that struck them all, was the compassion shown by team.
- *“I have travelled all over the world and I have never seen a church like this!”* Traveller, Picker, Camper

Picker Ministry by The Spirit

- **The compounding compassion, paid its richest dividends in the last 2 weeks of July.**
- **More conversations about spiritual things asking, “Why?”**
- **Atheists becoming Agnostic by the Spirit using simple tours of the building to conversations about creation.**
- **God’s protection of an Iphone to show people He is still at work today.**

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- **Compassion was the Key to impacting the hearts of Young Adults from all over the world**
- **It does not have to be fancy, it does not have to be expensive, it simply needs to be genuine**
- **Why does compassion make such an impact?**
- **In an age of self centeredness, it is rare.**
- **In a texting age, it cannot be communicated.**
- **It is a character of God, that when reflected in his children, changes to the lives of others**

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- Theme was *“Shaped”* taken from Col.1:28.
- Are we allowing the Spirit of God to use the Word of God to Shape us into the image of Christ
- Compassion is the emotion most often ascribed to Christ.
- The NASB uses the word compassion 105 times. About 90 of those are ascribed to God.
- Is compassion a value seen in our lives?

2018 NAB Triennial Quotes

- **Don Davis – Missions is about Frog Kissing -2Cor.5:7**
- **If the church ain't yo mama, then God ain't yo Daddy**
- **Barry Jones- Shalom is everything God intended it to be. Jesus was a Shalom maker**
- **60% of the people alive today will never enter a church**
- **We do not drift into holiness – Pretend who you really are**
- **Mark Buchanan – At Jesus baptism the Father said you are my son. At Jesus temptation, the devil said, If you are the son of God...prove it!**

Our Journey

- **It is interesting where God has taken us over this past year.**
- **It started in John 15 – learning to abide in Christ**
- **Abiding is about receiving, realizing who we are and what we have in Christ**
- **It is Eph.3:16-21 – It is learning the riches, the power, the love that leads to being filled to the measure of all the fullness of God who is able to do more than all we ask or can be imagine**
- **To letting the love, the Compassion of God be seen in us**