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All of us at *Make It Clear Ministries* are grateful to the Lord for you! Your prayers for us and support of our ministries in the US and around the world are greatly appreciated. It is through your faithful and generous help the ministries of *Make It Clear* continue to grow and reach more people every day with the clarity of God’s Word. This month we feature Gospel Conversations – two from this summer’s travels with Stan and Carol and one from a long-time friend of *Make It Clear*. First, a late-night story from the campground.

A Dog, A Locked Door, and A Locksmith

One evening in July, Carol was out, walking through the campground with Rusty, the Ponzes dog. Rusty is a great conversation starter because he is so cute, friendly, and well-behaved. Of course Carol made new friends with many of the campers along the way. After the walk, Stan and Carol settled in for the night.



Sometime later that night, they were awakened by a knock on their motor-home door. It was the woman from the “next-door” trailer. She had locked her keys, phone, EVERYTHING in her trailer and was hoping Stan could help. They all tried to get the door open, but without success. It was a cold night, so Carol shared a jacket with the woman. Stan called Camper Services for a locksmith. They waited and waited for the service locksmith and no one showed up. They called Camper services again and were told someone should arrive soon. They prayed with their neighbor and waited some more. No one came! Then, Stan says, “let’s just see if we can find a local locksmith.”

He gets on the phone and makes a call, not knowing exactly where the locksmith is located. After a short conversation, the locksmith says, “I’m just eight blocks away and I can come right over and open the door.” It takes the locksmith about five seconds to get the door open with his set of master keys. Once the door is open, Stan shares where he will be preaching the next Sunday morning and invites the neighbor and locksmith to join him. Turns out, the locksmith attends that church! Before they part ways, They shared the gospel with the neighboring camper then formed a circle and prayed together. A gospel seed has been planted.

An Emergency Room Surprise

Rusty the dog is not the only way Stan and Carol connect for gospel conversations. In the same campground, they connected with the couple in the motor-home behind them because they were also from Florida. One evening, this new friend asked Stan to help her move their camper – she needed to take her husband to the Emergency Room! He was suffering from a life-threatening case of diverticulitis.



The next morning, Stan and Carol drove to the hospital in search of their neighbors. Eventually, they found the room and were surprised to see the man sitting in a chair and much better. He was to be released that day! Stan and Carol prayed with the couple, cared for them and shared the gospel. Eventually, they parted ways, sharing contact information.

Two weeks later, a card arrived from this couple. They invited Stan and Carol to meet them back in Florida. They live just a couple of hours from Orlando. A gospel seed was planted and the Ponzes will have an opportunity to water the seed when they meet again.

We hope and pray these two stories encourage you to watch for opportunities in your daily life to have Gospel conversations with people who God places in your path. Maybe you need a little help shaing the gospel clearly. If so, you might want to order some gospel tracts from our *Make It Clear Marketplace* (<https://store.makeitclear.org/product-category/tracts/>) You may have even seen Stan pull one of these out of his pocket and share with someone.

Thousands of Gospel Conversations

Here's one more story from the Ponzes summer road trip. A special friend of *Make It Clear Ministries* joined Stan and Carol at Grace Memorial Church in Denver. Here is Greg Stier's (<http://www.dare2share.org/>) post from FaceBook:

It was so great to hear @stanponz preach at Grace Memorial Church. Got to see some old friends there today too!

This morning's church service brought me back to my roots in so many ways. 45 years ago Stan did a sermon series called "Fishers of Men" that I purchased after hearing him preach at Florida Bible College Camp in Hollywood Florida. I was 11 years old at the time and I listened to it over and over again because it trained me to share the Gospel clearly.

Check out his ministry: Make It Clear Ministries.

Also the "vintage" church he preached at today looks a lot like the little Baptist church I trusted in Jesus at on June 23rd, 1974.

So grateful for friends, mentors and memories! #blastfromthepast



Who knows how many gospel conversations have occurred because of the ministries of *Make It Clear* and *Dare 2 Share*? Many, Many thousands. And how many of those people who heard a gospel conversation will join us in heaven? Praise God for allowing us to be a part of sharing his plan of salvation. You may be thinking, "That's good for Stan and Greg, but I'm not very good at that." Why not start asking God to give you the awareness and courage to have a gospel conversation. It just might make an eternal difference for the next person God places in your path!

Still Time to See Stan and Carol on the Road

If you would like to have Stan speak at your church or event as they wind their way home through Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and the panhandle of Florida, please contact him at StanPonz@MakeItClear.org or call him at 808-220-8423.

There is one more event on the calendar in August at the time of our publication: August 22 Worship Service at Freedom Hill Church in San Antonio, TX

Future Newsletter

In an upcoming newsletter we will focus on the *Make It Clear* Speakers. Through Speakers, our Marketplace, Audio, and Video resources, it is our desire to place resources in your hands to develop your skills as a "gospel-izer!"

The Word for You Today

We are preparing to send out our September – November edition of *The Word for You Today* (TWFYT) devotional. The Lord is truly using it to guide Christians through Scripture to know the Lord better and to apply His Word to their lives. Please contact us now at TellMeMore@MakeItClear.org to subscribe or change your TWFYT order.

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