

Day 3: Cowboy Church in the Rodeo Arena

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Jeff Smith loves riding horses and talking to other riders that he meets on the trails about Jesus and His love. Being a cowboy missionary gives him the opportunity to share his faith in many different ways. He is able to witness saddle to saddle, preach at rodeos and share his faith online by video.

A few months ago, Jeff preached at a rodeo. After the mutton busting, calf scramble, steer riding, and just before the bull riding, Jeff rode into the arena standing on the back of a big flatbed truck. With a horse trough full of water on the truck, Jeff preached for about 15 minutes. Twenty-four people became Christians that day, and Jeff baptized 11 of them right then in the horse trough in the middle on the rodeo. Jeff says that is what he calls "Ridin' for Jesus!"

Jeff also finds other opportunities to talk about Jesus. One way he has found to tell others about Jesus is to get up early on Saturdays and go to yard sales. He says people are happy for you to come to their yard sale and eager to talk to you as they hope you will buy something. Jeff wants to talk to them so he can tell them about Jesus. Recently, he stopped at a yard sale and started talking to a man in his 30s. In just a few minutes, he had developed a connection with him as he talked about many different things. Soon, he was able to talk with the man about his relationship with Jesus. They ended up talking for over two hours. The man realized that he needed to follow Jesus and told Jeff that his family would start coming to the cowboy church.

Please pray:

1. For Jeff's family while he is away from them doing missions.
2. For Jeff to continue finding many opportunities to tell people about Jesus.
3. For all the cowboy churches who are helping people who do not feel comfortable in a regular church building learn about Jesus.

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