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Grace Baptist Church  
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Dear Friends:

Rock of Ages is interested in reaching souls wherever they may be as the Lord opens the door of opportunity. While the majority of souls saved are in prisons, it is often reported that souls are led to Christ in hotels, restaurants or wherever sinners may cross a missionary's path.

While checking into my hotel room in Chattanooga I handed a 17-year-old young man a Bible tract and witnessed to him of the Lord. His name was Hector, he seemed to be troubled over something. I told him that if he needed to talk to me, he could give me a call. Before I got settled into my room, Hector texted me. I texted him back and asked if this was a good time for us to talk and he replied that it was. I got one of our Rock of Ages New Testaments, took my Bible and went to the front desk and began to talk to Hector about the Lord in his life and how he needed to be born again. Hector read all the scriptures I told him and he prayed asking Jesus to come into his heart and forgive him of all his sins. Hector thanked me for sharing the gospel with him. I encouraged him to find a good Bible believing church and start serving the Lord. God is good!

**Missionary Rick Hurley**

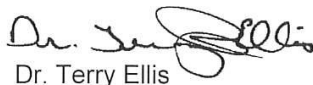
A man in our hosting church requested somebody to visit a lost family member who was in the hospital. In my head, I pictured an old hard hearted man that made a habit of running off preachers. The flesh will create unwarranted fear. What we found was a young man in his twenties. His head lowered as if he had been captured when we entered his room. I asked if he knew what it means to be born again or saved to which he responded, "I'm lost." He was sitting cross-legged in the bed, so I knelt beside the bed and placed my Bible before him. I told him that Brother Cody and I were there to visit him from East Tennessee and he began to weep. I asked him if he was a sinner to which he replied, "Yes, I am." I asked him if he wanted a clean heart and to turn from sin. He sobs again and says he does. We then pray. I asked him if he prayed and if he meant it. He said, "Yes." The next night he came to the Rock of Ages Conference. His first hymn was "Love Lifted Me!"

I can't help but think of Hebrews 11:1 "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." The young man gave his heart to the ONE unseen, and obtained the substance of hope, which is eternal life!

**Missionary Colter Patterson**

In 1912 James Rowe wrote the gospel hymn "Love Lifted Me." The second verse says, "Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves. He will lift you by his love, He your Saviour wants to be, be saved today." Thank you for your gift of \$210.00 to partner with Rock of Ages to share the love of Christ.

In Christ,

  
Dr. Terry Ellis  
President

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*2 Corinthians 4:5* For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

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