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Dear ZM Friends:

Tampa Bay just came through one of the most exciting times as we hosted SuperBowl XLIII. There were many events, but for Christians it was an opportunity to share the "good news". There was Bible distribution to over 200,000 people, a SuperBowl Breakfast, a GospelFest concert, SouperBowl to feed the poor, home renovations, and high school assemblies. I teamed up with "The Tenacious Group" out of Oakland, California. Featuring NFL players and Chaplains, they did a total of 9 events with over 7000 students and in attendance.



**Kenyon Coleman, NY Jet defensive end prepares to speak at Leto HS.**



**Oakland Raider Chaplain Adam Ybara, Zee and Kenyon Coleman, relaxed before an assembly.**



**Legacy Club student leader Anna shares her testimony at the King HS meeting.**



**Gaither HS Legacy Club pose for their yearbook photo before their outreach meeting.**

## Sometimes Faith Can Do Miracles

"Coach, why are we doing this?"

Grapevine Faith's (TX) high school football coach replied, "Imagine if you didn't have a home life. Imagine if everybody had pretty much given up on you. Imagine what it would mean for hundreds of people to suddenly believe in you."

In Rick Reilly's moving ESPN.com story of how one simple gesture by a teacher-coach can change lives forever, he described what took place on a remote field last November in the little town of Grapevine, Texas.

Kris Hogan, coach of the 7-2 Grapevine Faith, wanted to do something special for his visiting opponent, the 0-8 Gainesville State Tornados, whose players weren't having a good year in more ways than one.

He contacted Faithful fans and exhorted them to split up for the game - he wanted half of them to root for the visitors this one night only.

When Gainesville took the field, a 40-yard spirit line of Faith fans were lined up for them to run between, and a GO TORNADOES! banner was at the end for them to burst through.

Two hundred Faithful fans awaited them in the visitor's bleachers and cheered for them the entire game.

"I thought maybe they were confused," said a Gainesville lineman afterward. "They started yelling 'DEE-fense!' when their team had the ball. I said, 'What?'"

After the game, which Gainesville lost once again, players from both teams gathered at midfield to pray. Leading it was a Gainesville player named Isiah.

"Lord, I don't know how this happened so I don't know how to say thank you," he said. "But I never would have known there were so many people in the world who cared about us."

As the visitors walked off the field, Faith's players watched silently as 12 armed officers escorted the boys into their bus. As they stepped aboard, Faith supporters handed each of them a bag for the ride home. In each one were a hamburger, fries, candy, a soda, a Bible, and a personal letter from a Faith player.

The Gainesville coach went up to coach Hogan and said, "You'll never know what your people did for these kids tonight. You'll never, ever know."

Every Tornados football game is on the road because Gainesville is a maximum-security correctional facility.

As the bus pulled away, all the Gainesville players crammed to one side and pressed their hands to the window, staring at these people they'd never met before, watching their waves and smiles disappearing into the night.

With the economy six feet under and Christmas running on about three and a half reindeer, it's nice to know that one of the best presents you can give is still absolutely free. Hope.

**For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)**

It is always interesting how the Lord works out ones schedule in ministry. Many of the most rewarding meetings come without planning. I had lunch with the author of the Ryrie Study Bible. Over 2 million of these study Bibles have been sold and it has been translated into many languages since 1978, and soon it will be in Chinese. We had a great discussion at lunch about the obstacles to faith in the future. Dr. Ryrie believes that the lack of Bible knowledge and study time will seriously hamper the future of our faith. Dr. Paul Enns, author of Moody's Handbook of Theology and ZM board member arranged this meeting that encouraged us in continuing the battle for biblical discipling of our students.



**2 Giants of the Faith. After giving a chapel at Word of Life Bible Institute with college students, I had the honor of sharing lunch with Dr. Paul Enns, and Dr. Charles Ryrie of The Ryrie Study Bible.**

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## January Monthly Report: 2009

- Shared with 4368 at 18 events.
- Met with 21 coaches/sponsors.
- Spoke at 1 Athletic Chapel.
- Visited 16 schools.
- Taught 9 Legacy Leaders meetings.
- We have 14 total Legacy Clubs in schools.
- Served as Athletic Chaplain on 6 different athletic teams.
- A regular speaker for Hillsborough County School District under SERVE.
- Met with 22 adults to share the vision and work of Zenon Ministries.

*Thanks for your prayers & support! Each of you have been a blessing to this Ministry!*  
**God Bless, Zee & Sue Andrusyshyn**