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We all feel that the world is rapidly changing. Faith and God are certainly among the topics thought of differently than they were a generation ago. In fact, those with traditional values and beliefs are increasingly being viewed as narrow minded or uninformed. And if you choose to live your faith more openly you may now **often be seen as extreme and irrelevant**. The reality is this is not new and makes the need for the Gospel and what Need Him Global does only that much greater. We have been talking to young people for 20 years. We understand their heart felt needs and have seen how those issues have evolved. The challenge is that younger generations are becoming progressively less interested in God, church, religion and the bible. According to a recent study by Pew Research, 35% of Millennials now identify their religious affiliation as “None” and **less than 50% are “absolutely certain” that God even exists**. Today younger generations do not want to be identified by a particular faith or label. However, the cause is not lost. When interviewed about specific issues and questions this generation shows genuine spiritual interest in matters of faith.

We recently did a three-month test using Facebook to try to create conversations with Millennials. We decided to focus on three “big” questions about God: *Does God exist? Does God forgive? Does God care about me?*



We saw incredible response with **over 50,000 responding in one month**. When we investigated the results and looked through the conversations we had, we realized there are many questions about God that this generation has and wants to engage. No surprise that they actually prefer to read more online about these issues before launching into live conversation with those they don't know.

The result is Need Him Global has launched a new web site: www.doesGod.com. The concept is to have a safe place to find answers to some of those big questions about God and then offer conversation about what it means to have a **relationship with Jesus**

Christ. We have posted the first dozen questions with short and simple articles meant to create conversation. We have several dozen other topics planned as we intend to use this as another means to engage younger generations that think through these questions differently. We are fortunate to have an Advisory Group of Millennials to help us see what they see and use technology in ways they appreciate. They recently came back and said that doesGod.com is the **most exciting and relevant site** they have seen on religion and faith based questions. Our prayer is those initial impressions will be echoed by their peers and that God will use this ministry in yet another way to share the Good News.



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“Time ceases. All troubles and concerns are gone and HE is with me.”

But this wasn't always the story for Kathy Johnson a **Need Him Global** volunteer. Over 11 years ago, a fellow member of her Prestonwood Baptist Church congregation, Dick Adams, invited her to be part of a growing ministry that shared Jesus. After three months of determined persuasion, Kathy finally relented and came to observe and listen in to Dick as he shared his faith and heart with hurting people calling in to **1-888-NEEDHIM**. As she listened in on the conversations, she fought the urge to volunteer and came up with plenty of excuses – but finally realized it was her pride that was keeping her from joining this mission.

Now years later, Kathy can be found on Friday mornings at the Need Him Global offices. She shares how she feels blessed and privileged to share **his fresh love with poor and broken-hearted people**. As she takes chats and phone calls, she knows that HE is strengthening her faith to do HIS will. Although skillful at handling chats, she really loves speaking to people on the phone because



the conversations are so real and dynamic. In fact, there are still times when she is surprised by the conversations and only then does she recognize it is the Holy Spirit speaking through her.

Kathy takes the week between her “shifts” at the **Need Him Global** offices to review the conversations she records in her journal and pray for those she has spoken with as well as those she has yet to meet. She continually asks herself how she can be a good listener so she can patiently take the time to be attentive to each caller's story and problem. Once she establishes trust, she prefers using scripture to answer their questions as opposed to her own words. She focuses the conversation on the Lord – who

is **the source and the answer**.

After more than a decade and hundreds of conversations, Kathy is thankful that this ministry has given her the opportunity to share her faith. She challenges others by stating, **“anyone can do it if I can do it.”**

She now sees that sharing Jesus is not something she just does but that it is a part of her purpose here on earth. Kathy shares that Psalm 90:12: *“Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom”* is a cornerstone of her faith.

To learn more about volunteering with **Need Him Global** and to see more of Kathy's story, go to needhim.org/get-involved.

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Hey, I've been very confused lately and I think talking to you could help. Do you think some people don't deserve to be forgiven?

No, has something happened to you?

I've done a lot of things I'm not proud of. When I pray it feels like I'm talking to a stranger. I feel bad for bringing my problems to God. I've broken my promises to him time after time.

The thing is all people are sinners, there are no people more “worthy” of getting to talk to God.

Well, I grew up in a very Catholic home and was an altar boy until I was 16 but I've started to lose my faith.

What are your doubts regarding the faith?

If it's all real. Is there a heaven & hell? I was always told God doesn't give us anything we can't handle but time after time I feel I get the short end of the stick. I just can't catch a break. I just feel like I need help and I don't think I'm gonna get it because of the continuous bad decisions.

It seems things are pretty intense. The verse you're referring to about God not giving us more than we can handle is from 1 Corinthians 10:13 and it's more about temptation than general hardship.

Well, I seem to always bite on the temptation.

The verse says God will provide a way of escape. Do you believe that you are beyond forgiveness from God?

I do feel that way sometimes.

We believe that no one **DESERVES** forgiveness from God, **YET...** God offers forgiveness anyway because He is gracious and loving.

But how can he forgive someone who doubts him. Someone who questions his power?

Belief is the continual fight against doubt.

But I've been so selfish in the past! I only cared about my needs!

I do know that if you admit you're a sinner, that you can't save yourself, and that you ask for Jesus to forgive you and save you, you will most certainly be saved.

I don't know if I deserve it, but I am most certainly a sinner! I admit I'm in too deep to save myself! I will ask for forgiveness.

Would you like me to lead you in prayer?

Please!

(after prayer and talking more)

Thank you for leading me on this path to forgiveness. I know it's just the first step but it's a lot closer than I was hours ago. I hope I get the strength to overcome these hard times.

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With the backdrop of the beautiful Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs, supporters of **Need Him Global** gathered for a time of prayer, teaching and an opportunity to embrace the theme, **“Join Us To Celebrate God’s Grace – Partner With Us To Transform The Lost”**. Led by speakers Kyle Idleman, Afshin Ziafat and Robert Gelinas along with Christian musicians Mark Schultz and Selah, friends of the ministry joined together to envision future outreach opportunities - as well as dedicate to prayer the essential work being done around the world. Dedicated ministry partners such as Jon Erwin producer/director of the movie “Woodlawn”, Andre Dantzler of Socially U and former Resident Leadership Program graduate Andre Rose also shared on the transformative work of **Need Him Global**. If you would like information on how to host an event to introduce others to the ministry, please contact Julie Schaeffer (julie@needhim.org or 214-484-1274) at **Need Him Global**.



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