



THE PENTONS' PROGRESS

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The summer wraps up and the new school year officially starts!

Living Like a Rock Star

For the second year in a row, Joel was privileged to speak at a concert at the Allen County Fair. Close to 2000 people attended and Joel was able to share the Gospel just before the bands Barlow Girl and RED took the stage. The response was great, better than any concert Joel has ever done. Everyone paid very close attention as he was walking through the Gospel. Here's a **short video clip from the concert:** <http://blip.tv/file/2595808>

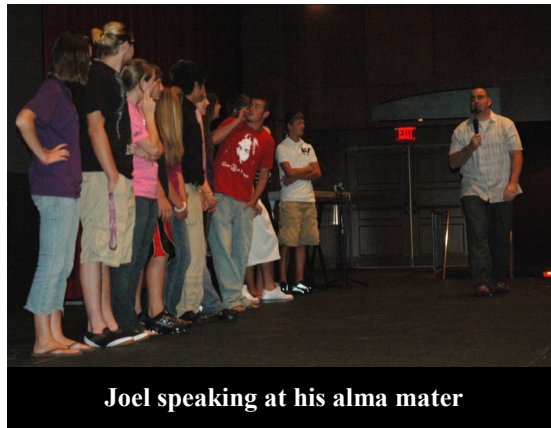


Joel shoots a quick video - Check it out above

Three States in Three Days

The Last week in August Joel spoke in three different states in three days. Joel and the Hollidays' alma mater, Van Wert HS was first in Ohio, then Mattawan HS in Michigan, followed by Maple Creek MS in Indiana. One of our goals this year is to continue broadening our radius to include more states. So far we have been successful booking assemblies. Now join

us in praying that we will be able to book evening outreach events as well in these new regions.



Joel speaking at his alma mater

Speaking at a Fashion Show

You might be thinking, "Joel speaking at a Fashion show? Wow, I bet that was interesting." Well, yes it was but for some surprising reasons. Pure Fashion is a national program that teaches young girls about modesty and purity. The girls spend eight months in training with classes, Bible studies and special time with their fathers. The eight months culminate with a fashion show to celebrate their completion and to model their new modest clothing. Joel loved the much needed program. His favorite quote from the night was one of the girls in a video interview who said "I learned that dressing in a revealing way attracts negative attention. By dressing modestly you can still attract attention, but in a positive way." Joel was able to share about our commitment to stay pure before marriage as well as his testimony and the Gospel.

Until next month ,

-Bethany Penton

Please Pray For...

- Safe Travel
- Comeback Event Bookings
- standyourground.org (see below)

Message From Joel

Teammates,

For the last couple years I have been passing out testimony cards to students at schools where we are unable to schedule comeback events. The cards have an action photo of me on the front as well as a short summary of my testimony and the Gospel on the back. To date I have distributed about 75,000 of these cards. We recently brainstormed and came up with an idea that we think can be more effective. Now I pass out cards that still have a photo on the front but on the back it merely says, "There's more to the story... standyourground.org" When the students go to the site online, the first thing they see is a video of me sharing the Gospel. They then have an opportunity to sign-up for updates that gets them 6 more videos over the next several weeks in which I explain more about what it means to be a Christian and to grow in a relationship with Jesus. There is also a small resource library as well as an FAQ section in which I answer questions via video. Feel free to check out the site and even sign up for updates to see what it's all about. Please pray that God will use this new tool for the advance of His Gospel.

God Bless,

- Joel

