

## **FAMILY NIGHT AT THE FAIR**

The Margaret Lackey State Missions Offering was hard at work in Pontotoc County on a warm Mississippi summer night. Through gifts to the State Missions Offering, Pontotoc County Baptist Association was able to host "Real Encounter," a Dirt Bike/BMX stunt team that uses their special skills to share the gospel in a unique and effective way. Twelve people came to know Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior that night.

The Pontotoc County Fair Association worked with the Pontotoc County Baptist Association in promoting "Family Night at the Fair." Area churches were encouraged to move their Wednesday night service to the Pontotoc Agri-Center. Admission to the fair was a canned good, donated to the Association's Food Pantry. The results: great attendance for the gospel presentation, a huge boost to our food pantry inventory, and a much larger than anticipated Fair crowd.

The Fair Board President initially field complaints the Fair Board would lose too much money with the canned good admission charge. At the end of the Fair, when proceeds were tallied, it was the best Fair week financially in 20 years!

The Margaret Lackey State Missions Offering assists with associational initiatives for evangelism ministries and mission strategies in local communities to impact the Kingdom.

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