

SHARING YOUR STORY

Here's a three-minute plan for telling your story—how Jesus gave you hope and what He's doing in your life today.

- 30 SECONDS:** TELL WHAT YOUR LIFE WAS LIKE BEFORE YOU RECEIVED JESUS.
- 30 SECONDS:** EXPLAIN WHAT CAUSED YOU TO TURN TO GOD.
- 60 SECONDS:** SHARE THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF HOW YOU RECEIVED HIM INTO YOUR LIFE.
- 30 SECONDS:** REPEAT THE PRAYER YOU PRAYED TO RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST.
- 30 SECONDS:** EXPLAIN HOW YOUR LIFE HAS CHANGED SINCE JESUS BECAME YOUR LORD AND SAVIOR.

A SAMPLE PRAYER YOU CAN USE

Once you share your story, invite your listeners to do what you did and receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Ask those who want to make a decision to pray with you:

“DEAR LORD JESUS, *I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from running my own life, and now I ask You to run it. I invite You to come into my heart and life. I trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior. In Jesus' Name, amen.*”

OUR NATION NEEDS THE HOPE OF JESUS CHRIST

WORKING TOGETHER with local churches and Christians like you, the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association will hold a nationwide outreach in November 2013, called **MY HOPE AMERICA** with **BILLY GRAHAM**, to coincide with my father's 95th birthday. We will proclaim the only message that can change our communities and transform our nation—the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The need is urgent. Will you join us—before it's too late—to lift up Christ so that

“in his name the nations will put their hope”
(MATTHEW 12:21, NIV)?



FRANKLIN GRAHAM
President, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association

What's your idea of the average American community? White picket fences, manicured lawns, and two cars in the garage? The real America is not so picturesque, and it underscores the urgency of our work as Christians. Research shows, if you live in the typical community—with 100 average neighbors—here's the reality:

- 7** OF YOUR NEIGHBORS STRUGGLE WITH DEPRESSION; SOME CONSIDER SUICIDE
- 14** FEEL CRIPPLED OR TRAPPED BY FEAR AND ANXIETY
- 7** ABUSE OR ARE ADDICTED TO DRUGS OR ALCOHOL
- 8** ARE STRUGGLING WITH THE LOSS OF A JOB
- 3** ARE GRIEVING THE DEATH OF A LOVED ONE
- 60** DON'T PROFESS TO BE BORN AGAIN

“I feel a deep burden for so many Americans who live with no lasting hope. Together, we can help them find it.”

—BILLY GRAHAM

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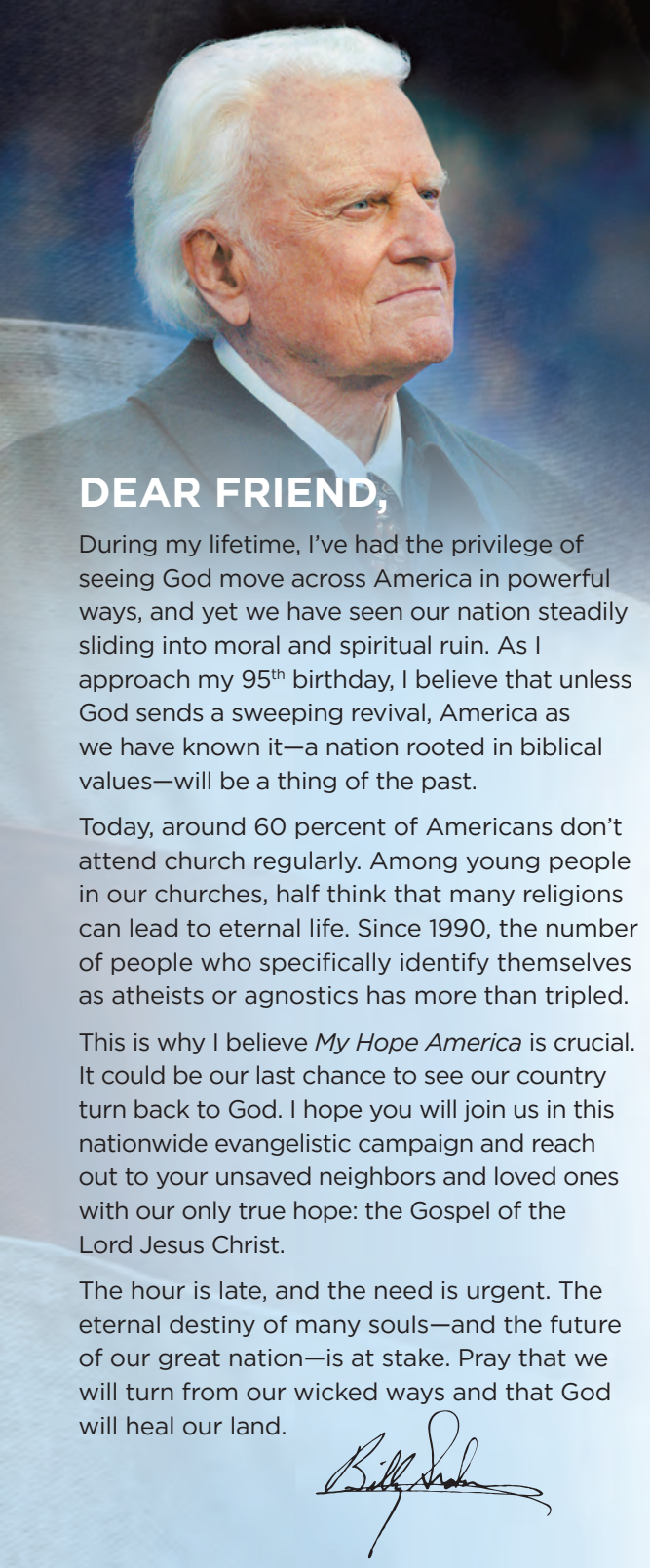
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**MATTHEW
AND
FRIENDS**
MATTHEW 9:9-10

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2013

**MY HOPE
AMERICA**
WITH BILLY GRAHAM



DEAR FRIEND,

During my lifetime, I've had the privilege of seeing God move across America in powerful ways, and yet we have seen our nation steadily sliding into moral and spiritual ruin. As I approach my 95th birthday, I believe that unless God sends a sweeping revival, America as we have known it—a nation rooted in biblical values—will be a thing of the past.

Today, around 60 percent of Americans don't attend church regularly. Among young people in our churches, half think that many religions can lead to eternal life. Since 1990, the number of people who specifically identify themselves as atheists or agnostics has more than tripled.

This is why I believe *My Hope America* is crucial. It could be our last chance to see our country turn back to God. I hope you will join us in this nationwide evangelistic campaign and reach out to your unsaved neighbors and loved ones with our only true hope: the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The hour is late, and the need is urgent. The eternal destiny of many souls—and the future of our great nation—is at stake. Pray that we will turn from our wicked ways and that God will heal our land.

WHAT IS MY HOPE AMERICA WITH BILLY GRAHAM?

At its heart, this outreach is friends sharing Jesus with friends. It's simple:



INVITE

Invite your friends and neighbors who don't know Jesus Christ to your home for a meal or dessert—or gather them at your church or favorite hangout.



WATCH

Then, watch one of several new evangelistic programs featuring life-changing testimonies and powerful messages from Billy Graham.



SHARE

Next, briefly share how Jesus gave you hope and tell what He is doing in your life today.



ASK

Ask your friends if they would like to make the same decision you did to receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and pray with them.

THE APOSTLE MATTHEW INVITED PEOPLE INTO HIS HOME

to meet Jesus (MATTHEW 9:9-10). Now you can join concerned Christians across America who will also invite friends and family into their homes, or another gathering place, so that they can hear the life-changing message of the Gospel.

Millions of people have done it. So can you.

Many are nervous about sharing their faith. However, as we have done this outreach around the globe, people like you have shared how *My Hope* made it simple for them and they have been able to help impact lives in a way they never thought possible.

You will get all the training you need to:



LOOK AROUND and identify your friends, neighbors, co-workers, fellow students, and family who do not know Jesus Christ as their Savior. Write their names on the attached list.



LOOK FORWARD to the event: Invite every person on your list, prepare your three-minute story, and pray for God's help as you invite your guests to receive Jesus into their life.



LOOK UP and pray every day for each person you have listed.



LOOK AFTER those who give their lives to Jesus Christ and help them grow in their faith, and continue your relationship with the others.



LOOK OUT for opportunities to build your relationship with these people.



Write on the lines below the names of your friends, neighbors, and family who need Jesus Christ and His hope. Start with two or three, and God will bring more to your mind as you pray. Pray for them every day and build a strong relationship with them. Then invite them to your home in November 2013.

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GET STARTED TODAY.
REGISTER NOW.