Celebrate Minnesota // Mike Silva Festival // August 10-13, 2023

Just wanted to pass along a recent ministry update.

We had an exhilarating weekend at Celebrate Minnesota (August 10-13).

It was an amazing festival to experience personally here in greater St. Cloud, MN.

Lots of action; loads of people; tons of food & school supplies given away.

Local police reports suggested attendances of 17,000 on Friday, and 25,000 on Saturday.

We had 30 area churches serving together and 15 Hispanic churches partnering as well.

There were 24 community/business donors and 22 food truck/service contributors.

Presenters included: Mike Silva; Blanca; Christine De Carlo; Epic Works; Exile Dance Team;

Lecrae; Stunt Dudes; Switchfoot; Zach Williams; and, Chris Tomlin.

We have received, truly, hundreds of thankful comments about …

Good family fun, really praise-worthy music & worship, and positive, lasting memories.

There were very clear, powerful messages given of hope, love, and life in Jesus Christ.

We also received responses from more than 350 people about personal decisions for Jesus.

My memories of this experience will have lasting effect.

So many faithful volunteers serving the Lord in physical, tangible, and spiritual ways.

Interactions with people, pastors, and team members about faith, hope, and eternity.

The opportunity to reach out and share Jesus Christ openly and honestly in my community.

I have written these next thoughts to many of my family and friends alike …

I believe that we can joyfully say … Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow.

The Spirit of God is actively at work in our lives, families, churches, and communities.

And, I have been reminded once again … to enjoy each day, and God’s gifts to me in it.

It is Always in His Name,

Dave Genberg (Associate Pastor, Discovery Church, Sauk Rapids, MN)