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## One Million Contacts for Christ: One-by-One

**Dallas, TX – December 20, 2007.** One-by-one, for more than 13 years, people have contacted Dallas-based NeedHim Ministries to ask "how can I get to Heaven?" In November 2007, the ministry received its one-millionth contact from someone seeking to begin a personal relationship with Jesus. In 2007 alone, more than 1600 people accepted Christ as their personal Savior.

NeedHim Ministries exists because the Great Commission exists. It's that simple. Most of the contacts made are across the ministry's toll free number, 888-NEEDHIM, however, in recent years the ministry has added the ability to respond to emails, instant messaging, and chat from around the world. Every day NeedHim volunteers respond to these requests. People contact the ministry to learn about their eternal relationship with God. Ministry volunteers share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and encourage the person to settle his relationship with God once and for all.

"Its especially rewarding for me because I remember the very first phone call and now to be here for the one-millionth is amazing," says Drew Dickens, Executive Director/President, NeedHim Ministries, "But its also easy to get lost in the magnitude and forget that the bible teaches that all of the angels in heaven rejoice when just one person puts their trust in Jesus."

One caller said, "a few weeks ago I called 1-800-NEEDHIM for spiritual guidance. I spoke with a man named Drew. He prayed with/for me and my family. Since then the great glow of God's love has surrounded us like a shield. Joy and hope have entered my heart. Thank you, thank you Drew, and thank God you were there for me when I most needed you." Emily

Volunteers are a vital part of the ministry. Larry describes a typical week like this: "I have the privilege to answer email contacts sent from people all over the world. This week I responded to 51 email messages: 11 were from folks making a first time decision to accept Jesus as personal Savior; 31 were from folks recommitting their lives to Jesus; four were seekers, not yet ready to accept Jesus; four of them were from believers with whom I have an ongoing dialog; and one was looking for ways to be a more effective witness. These emails came from people in Poland, India, Nepal, Canada, Nigeria, Qatar, Rwanda, Tunisia, Egypt, South Africa, Syria, Tanzania, Jordan, Ghana, Zimbabwe, Sri Lanka, Tuvalu, Iran, Cambodia, and Kenya. Many were from the US, of course. Since I started doing volunteering for NeedHim Ministries, I've answered over 1400 emails and have had over 300 of those folks write back at least once for further dialog. Our God is at work in a mighty way throughout the world, and the Internet - which has been used in so many negative ways - is one of His tools."

**NeedHim Ministries** began in 1996 as a partnership with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, Campus Crusade for Christ, Moody Bible, and several other evangelical ministries. **NeedHim Ministries** was created to provide an evangelism response strategy to enable anyone to speak live with a trained volunteer about how to begin a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. More than 1200 radio and television stations, billboards, and newspapers across the United States promote the special call-in number (888-NeedHIM) and website (needhim.org).