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Starting  
Your  
Bus  
Ministry*

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# About The Book

This book, *Jump Starting Your Bus Ministry*, is a book sharing the methods and philosophies used in the bus meeting to stimulate, encourage, and build your bus workers. It is designed to help churches get their bus ministries running to their full potential. It will bring new life to the most productive soul winning ministry in the local New Testament church - the bus ministry.

Any pastor or bus director can take this little book and in a couple of months experience great results in reaching his community for Jesus Christ. The methods and philosophies given in this book are Scriptural and God-honoring and will help your bus workers become so excited that they can hardly stand it. They will enjoy the blessings of seeing boys and girls and moms and dads having their lives transformed.

It will teach you the philosophy of why the bus meeting is so important. It will help your bus director hone his skills and, most of all, it will give you an outline to follow to make your bus meeting an exciting, productive tool in reaching your area for Christ.

Although this little book is written about the bus meeting, the methods and philosophies found in it will work, with great results, in every ministry that you have.

# Introduction

Some time ago missionary Rick Martin came to our church to report on his work in the Philippines. While with us Brother Martin visited our bus meeting on Saturday. It was during our fall campaign and things were really hopping. After the meeting Brother Martin asked me if I had ever considered writing a book sharing some of the things that I do to build enthusiasm in the bus ministry. I was shocked! Me? Write a book?! I do well to preach, much less write a book, but I told Brother Martin that I would think about it.

That day after the bus meeting I went to the hospital to visit one of our bus kids who had been admitted to the psychiatric ward for trying to burn his father to death the previous evening. When I reached his floor, a security guard met me and very bluntly asked me to state my business. I told him that I was there to see little Butch, a blond-haired, blue-eyed little boy about eleven years old. The security guard informed me that Butch could not have any visitors. While I insisted that I see him, our voices grew louder and louder. All of a sudden Butch came out of a room down the hall and yelled, "It's Preacher!" Butch had heard the heated discussion and had come to investigate. The moment he saw me he ran as fast as he could down the hall and grabbed me around the legs, nearly knocking me down. Well, finally the guard gave in and allowed me to enter the ward. He escorted Butch and me to a conference room where we could talk. I asked Butch why he had been placed in the hospital. He just bowed his head and said, "I don't know." "I don't buy that," I replied. He looked up at me with those deep blue eyes as if to search my soul. As he stared at me, I tenderly said, "I love you, Butch." He quickly answered, "I

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love you, too, Preacher." A moment later he told me the terrible story of an abusive father and how he tried to kill him by setting his bed on fire while he slept. I counseled with him, we prayed together, and I left.

As I drove away from the hospital, I wondered how many Butches there were out there and how many young men and women could be spared a life of sorrow and pain if we could reach them. So, in an attempt to help bus kids all over this nation, I decided to write this little book. It is a book about the bus ministry which focuses on the bus meeting. It is a tool which I hope will encourage and motivate your bus workers to reach every kid in your area.

It is my sincere prayer that as you read this little book, you will pick up a number of ideas that will help you fire up your bus ministry, and as a result, see many hundreds and even thousands of people saved.

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