

‘A Harvest of Souls’ in Record Response to the Gospel Along US Southern Border

EAGLE PASS, Texas – Along the U.S. southern border, record numbers of people are responding to the Gospel. It’s part of a 10-city evangelistic tour by Franklin Graham that’s ministering to those hard-hit by the border crisis.

In an interview aboard his tour bus in Eagle Pass, Graham told CBN News that last year he felt the Lord prompting him to preach in the many border communities that are struggling.

“This is kind of a forgotten part of the United States,” he said. “You have cartel people who take advantage and smugglers that take advantage and you’ve got just good people that live here that get caught in the middle of all of this stuff and they have to deal with it.”

The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA) is reporting a record number of responses to the Gospel invitation so far on the tour, surpassing any response the organization has seen since 2019.

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Graham’s “God Loves You Frontera Tour” began Feb. 24, in Brownsville, Texas, and concludes Mar. 9, in Chula Vista, California. It includes stops in McAllen, Texas; Laredo, Texas; Eagle Pass, Texas; Del Rio, Texas; Presidio, Texas; El Paso, Texas and Tucson, Arizona.

“We’ve had a higher response to the Gospel invitation here than anywhere else I’ve preached in the United States,” said Graham. “People are hungry and they’re hurting. They’re hungry

for truth.”

After seven stops, the BGEA reported more than 33,000 people have come out to hear the Good News and more than 4,000 have made decisions for Christ.

Each stop centers on preaching by Graham with translation in Spanish alongside bilingual worship featuring musician Marcos Witt and former Hillsong singer Taya.

In Eagle Pass, the crowd began gathering hours ahead of the event and thousands packed the Maverick County Amphitheater despite evening temperatures dipping down into the 50s.

“It’s a breath of fresh air with all the kind of negative news towards Eagle Pass,” said Gus Castaneda.

High school senior Anahi Martinez said she had high hopes for the evening. “I want them to come to know that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior but I also wanted to bring revival to the church,” she said.

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High numbers of migrants crossing into the U.S. in and around Eagle Pass have taken a toll on the community in the last year. The Eagle Pass Fire Department has recovered a record number of bodies in the Rio Grande river. The state of Texas is building a base in the surrounding Del Rio sector to house 1,800 troops, and pastors are aware of the stress on those they minister to.

“Our law enforcement officials are seeing things that they’ve never seen before,” said Pastor Brian Sisneros at Access Church. “It affects them psychologically, it affects them emotionally.”

Churches in Eagle Pass as well as other locations along the

tour have prepared for months with discipleship classes and evangelism training.

“I’m praying that there’s a lot of people that are saved,” said Pastor Abner Chavez Gallegos at New Journey Church.{eoa}

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