



# Pastor's Comments

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### Triumph From Tragedy

Three weeks ago on a Saturday afternoon, a 20-year-old man was instantly killed in a motorcycle accident in front of our church. This accident has greatly impacted his friends who have set up a memorial at the accident site. I have been able to talk and pray with several of the friends as they came to visit the site. While attending the funeral of the young man, I was given the opportunity to present the Gospel and to emphasize the importance of not delaying accepting Jesus as Savior to the more than 100 there. One week after the accident, I met three young people who had come to mourn at his memorial. After hearing them share how this death has impacted them, I asked if they would like to come into the church where we could talk and pray. I was amazed at their openness and spiritual hunger! As I explained about being born again from John 3, I felt their excitement building. At one point, one of them put it all together and exclaimed, "So just like when they were bitten by the snakes and they believed and looked and lived, we must believe in Jesus and look to Him and be born again." I responded, "Yes, that's it!" Then he said, "I'm ready now!" The other two young people were also ready, and as we all knelt, they prayed out loud as I led them in a sinner's prayer. Then I asked them to pray as I prayed for them. **They were gloriously saved!** One of them could hardly believe it was happening! He exclaimed, "**Everything bad is gone inside—I feel at peace and clean inside!**" Then he said, "How did you do that?" I answered that I didn't do anything—that it was the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit! I told them to go and tell the others how they had been born again. They did, and the next evening 11 young people attended the church service. **Three more young people prayed to receive Christ in that service** and other friends and family have attended since then. **God is bringing triumph from tragedy!**