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# POINT OF VIEW

Those who serve in Assemblies of God U.S. Missions Chaplaincy Ministries are working every day to bring the gospel to all people in every walk of life –

but the way they are accomplishing this might surprise you.

Chaplains are ministering to the lost and hurting in hospitals, prisons, military barracks, corporations, and even at places such as bike rallies, rodeos, racetracks and disaster sites. When ministering in such places, the hood of a HUMVEE or the table in a break room suddenly becomes a pulpit or a place to serve communion. Sometimes pastoral counseling takes place on a Harley or in the belly of an aircraft carrier. For chaplains, ministry opportunities change almost every day.



Each day thousands of people who have never committed their lives to Christ are passing into eternity. As long as people are hurting and yearning for more than this life has to offer, there will be a need for qualified chaplains who are willing and able to take Christ's message of love and hope to those who are spiritually lost.





# »» MINISTRY ON CUTTING HORSE CIRCUIT

BY  
JOHN KENNEDY

Assemblies of God U.S. Missions chaplains Mike and Rosemary Randolph have been working with horses all their lives. The couple grew up in the western sub-culture of Texas and met while attending Texas A&M University, where they both competed collegiately in rodeos.

After being evangelized by an old friend at a rodeo, the Randolphs came to know Christ as Savior at age 30, a decade following their marriage vows. Three years later, the Randolphs sold everything they owned, including their home, cattle and horses, to answer their ministry calling. Although Randolph initially became a pastor to fulfill God's call, for the past 15 years he has been a chaplain to cutting horse competitors, blending his passion for ministry with his own unique background in cowboy culture.

"We understand how the cowboy culture is different from the Christian culture," Randolph says. "We relate to the experiences of this lifestyle and try to keep people from going down the same road we went down."

Randolph's ministry is intertwined with cutting horse competitions, which pit the skills of a horse and its rider against a herd of cattle. Although they are technically based in Belton, Texas, the Randolphs spend virtually all their time on the road, living in the close quarters of a specialized horse trailer with a tiny apartment that contains bare necessities, and can accommodate tack and four horses.





Randolph remains active in competitions. He and Rosemary have won four world titles between them, but he is quick to acknowledge God's hand at work in their triumphs.

"It's not because I'm a great horseman," Randolph says. "It's because God is involved in finding horses for us. All the horses we've had were rejected or overlooked by others. I like getting a little underdog and proving him. Any success that we've had in the cutting pen is because it has served His purpose to give us credibility to the people we serve."

Over the years, Randolph has gained the trust of many non-Christians on the circuit. Generally, such people are independent-minded and laid back, but suspicious of the church. Even though they don't know God personally, by and large such folks are searching for answers.

Randolph isn't only talking the talk; he walks the walk with an attitude of eager



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service to his fellow competitors. He performs weddings and funerals for the unchurched via his rodeo connections. He sees many of the same people over and over since they travel to the same events. Because there is down time waiting for turns to compete, Randolph has one-on-one opportunities to talk to fellow contestants and horse trainers about problems they face. Subsequently, many view Randolph as their only link to God.

"We approach folks with an unguarded openness and genuine patience, exposing them to the love and kindness of God," Randolph says. "We hope our lifestyle shows there is a more excellent way. We see a lot of people who are hurt and suffering who really need someone to love them. I hope we have a reputation that we are real."


Nearly all facilities allow Randolph the opportunity to conduct a regular church service, microphone in hand, while participants often listen from horseback during cattle changes in the arena.

"It is an amazing scene to watch the growing number of cowboy hats removed respectfully from contestants' heads to cover their hearts during prayer, as horses shift beneath the weight of their riders," Randolph says.

Randolph believes life is changing on the circuit, with more self-identifying Christians participating, confirming the effectiveness of their ministry. He leads



more discipleship Bible studies and receives more prayer requests than ever before. In spite of the grueling work and pace they must keep, the Randolphs love their mission field peppered with cowboy hats and shiny belt buckles.

“God owns the cattle on a thousand hills,” Randolph says, referencing Psalm 50:10. “I knew God was a cattleman.” 

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# A SIGHT TO BEHOLD: THE VIEW TOGETHER

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## WAYS TO HELP

1 Partner with Chaplain Randolph in prayer.

2 Support Chaplain Randolph financially with a one-time or monthly gift.

3 Partner with Chaplaincy to reveal Jesus to a world in need.

**Chaplain Randolph is a fully endorsed U.S. missionary.**

He is able to minister as a cutting horse chaplain because of the generous support of people who believe in the work God is doing through this ministry.

If you would like to partner with this ministry, please see the WAYS TO HELP on the left.

To make a one-time or recurring financial donation to Chaplain Randolph, please visit <http://s1.ag.org/randolph>

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## BY THE NUMBERS

25,000: ANNUAL CUTTING HORSE contestants, not including families.

1,500: COMPETITIONS every year for the cutting horse industry.

15: YEARS THE RANDOLPHS have been chaplains to the cutting horse competitors.

4: WORLD TITLES WON between Mike and Rosemary Randolph.

1.34: AVERAGE NUMBER OF competitions the Randolphs attend per week.

1: NUMBER OF AG CHAPLAINS engaged in the cutting horse industry.



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