

## THOUSANDS EXPERIENCE FREEDOM IN KANSAS

The Freedom Experience came to Kansas from April 23-25, 2008 and drew out record numbers to Northwest High School in Wichita. The gym was packed for two nights with an estimated 4,500 people of all ages attended the free evening performances. During the presentation of the gospel by illusionist Brock Gill, 528 people made decisions to follow Jesus.

Normally, the largest night at The Freedom Experience ([click here to watch the video](#)) is the third night but due to a scheduling conflict, it was not possible to have a final night in Kansas. *"We know that the strategy is built around those extra nights of outreach as more and more families invite lost friends to the event"* stated Gresham Hill, Director of The Freedom Experience. *"But we really could not fit any more people in the venue so the Lord knew what He was doing. It worked out perfectly."*

*"I know this will have a rippling effect in our community"* said Maeve Starkey, Outreach Director at Westlink Christian Church and the local coordinator of The Freedom Experience. *"The decisions that were made this week will reach out to many others. We are praying that this is just the beginning steps to revival in our community."*

As part of the effort, local churches partnered with the school system to put on 15 non-faith public school assemblies to encourage students to make wise choices. The assemblies were put on by the artists and athletes that perform each evening including world renowned freestyle skateboarder Tim Byrne, the Outcast BMX Stunt Team, Lindsey "The Fireproof" Woman, hip hop artist CZ, pop rock artist Stephanie Smith, rock band Casting Pearls, Columbine survivor Crystal Miller, and illusionist Brock Gill. The artists and athletes separate into four unique school assembly teams that are able to put on 2 or 3 school assemblies each day. The assemblies impacted an estimated 9,244 students and helped strengthen the bond between schools and churches in the community. The response from principals, students, and teachers were positive.

*"The assembly was well worth it. Thanks for all of your hard work."* **Principal, Pray-Woodman School**

*"The assembly was a huge success!! Thank you for all your hard work in organizing everything for us. The team was great to work with."* **Principle Maize Central School**

*"Finally you get something here that we actually like."* **4th Grader Overheard Speaking To Their Principal**

God truly showed up and blessed this unique strategy. Though the numbers are amazing, the stories that we've heard so far are what it is all about. For example, one of the security guards that works with a local church in Wichita brought his high school aged son to the event. He worked as a security person. During the FX, his son went forward to make a decision and the entire family attended church together the following Sunday. Praise God!

Another story was heard by one of the volunteers at work the day after the event. A customer mentioned to him that he saw him at Northwest High School on Friday night. The customer stated that he doesn't attend church anywhere, but his son attends Hadley Middle School and he brought home a ticket so they came as a family. They were so impressed with the presentation. The Lord opened a door for ministry!

There are 4,500 more stories that we can not tell here except to say that God continues to use The Freedom Experience to reach families with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Praise God! And Pray for FX!