

# “Umf” Lo Evangelism Wristband Guide



## WHY AN EVANGELISM WRISTBAND?

For a quarter of a century, I have been teaching at Indiana Wesleyan University. One of the courses I teach is called “Evangelism and Discipleship.” At the start of the semester, I often ask my students the question, “How are you doing in the area of sharing your faith with others?”

The responses vary, but are often narrowed down to three:

- “I start out well talking about Jesus to others, but after a while I get lost in what I am sharing.”
- “I know being a witness is important, but I do not know where to start.”
- “At church, we are told that we should be sharing the plan of salvation with others. I do not know what that plan is.”

A few years ago, while meeting with students, I was convicted by the Holy Spirit regarding my own practice of sharing.

After a class session a group of students came to my office and asked, “Dr. Jim, you are encouraging us to go and witness for Jesus, but are you doing this yourself? When was the last time you saw someone come to Christ?”

I replied, “Oh yes, I am involved in telling others about Jesus. This past summer, ten individuals went to the altar for salvation after I got done preaching at a camp meeting.”

“But Dr. Jim, that’s not what we want to know. We want to know, are you involved in sharing your faith with individuals, face-to-face, one-on-one? Are you doing what you are telling us to do?”

I had to admit that I hadn’t been. I was teaching others how to do it. And yes, I was presenting the gospel when I was preaching. But I was not doing it individually with others.

After that meeting with my students, I went before God and asked him to forgive me. I then told him that, with his help, I was going to be intentional about sharing Christ with others.

To prepare myself, I came up with “evangelism symbols” that I planned to draw on three-by-five-inch index cards as I was explaining the plan to someone.

During one outreach meeting, the man I was sharing with asked, “Why don’t you put those symbols on a wristband?”

His question became the genesis of the “Evangelism Wristband.”

I had bands made up, began praying for God to open opportunities for me to share, and waited to see what God was going to do. **In a year’s time, twenty-five individuals came to know Jesus Christ!**

—Dr. Jim “Umf” Lo

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## WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

“These bands have become conversation starters. People who see them will ask me, ‘What do those symbols mean?’ This opens the door for me to share about Jesus.”

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“I like these Evangelism Wristbands because they are like a road map when I am talking to others. The symbols keep me on track when I am sharing God’s plan of salvation.”

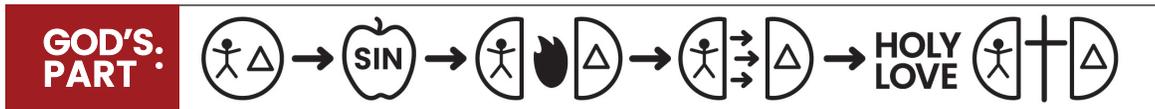
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“When I finish presenting the gospel message, I give the wristband to the person I am talking to. This gives them a reminder of what our spiritual conversation has been about.”

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“Wearing this band is a visual reminder to me that I need to be sharing my faith with others.

## THE PLAN



God loves us and desires to fellowship with us.



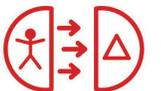
Sin:

- “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:23).



Sin separates us from God:

- “The wages of sin is death [separation]” (Rom. 6:23).
- God is holy. For this reason, he cannot tolerate sin before him.
- God is love. He wants to have a relationship with us (John 3:16).



No matter how hard we try, we cannot reach God on our own.

**HOLY LOVE**



God’s solution:

- Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment we deserve, due to sin.
- Jesus becomes the bridge we can cross over into eternal life in heaven with God the Father.

**Repent:**

- “God . . . commands all people everywhere to repent” (Acts 17:30).

**Believe the following (John 3:36):**

- Jesus Christ is God’s Son.



Jesus died on a cross to take the punishment of sin we deserve.



Jesus did this because he loves us.



Jesus resurrected from the dead.

He is not dead but alive, and because he is alive, we can live on after we die in heaven.

**Confess with our mouths and our hearts:**

- If we confess our sins, [God] is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins (1 John 1:9).

**Receive the gift of salvation:**

- It’s not good enough that we believe. We must also receive God’s gift of eternal life.
- “To all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God” (John 1:12 NIV).

**Suggested Commitment Questions:**

- Would you like to cross the bridge?
- Would you like to become a Christian?
- Is there anything preventing you from crossing the bridge today?



At the point of saying “yes,” pray a prayer of commitment.

## NEXT STEPS

**Pray**

- Speak and listen.

**Read Bible**

- It’s a love letter to us from God.
- It’s a guide for how we are to live.

**Fellowship**

- Attend church.

**Share with Others**

- We are to get involved in reaching the world for God. (John 3:16)
- Show love and serve others in need.



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**GOD'S PART** → (A) → (SIN) → (X) → (D) → (HOLY LOVE) → (A)

**EXPLANATION:**  
 (A) God loves us—desires fellowship  
 (SIN) Sin  
 (X) Sin separates us from God

**OUR PART** ← (A) ← (X) ← (D) ← (HOLY LOVE) ← (A)

**EXPLANATION:**  
 (A) Repent  
 (X) Believe Jesus Christ is God's son.  
 (D) Died on a cross to take the punishment  
 of sin. (HOLY LOVE) because he loves us. (A) Jesus  
 resurrected. He is not dead.  
 (A) Confess with your mouth and your heart  
 (HOLY LOVE) Receive the gift of salvation  
 (A) Point of saying "yes"

**NO** No matter how hard we try, we cannot reach God  
**ISN** God is holy and cannot have sin before him. God is  
 love: He wants to have a relationship with us. The  
 solution: (A) (D)

**NEXT STEPS:**  
 (A) Pray = Speak/Listen  
 (D) Fellowship/Church Attendance  
 (A) Read the Bible—Love Letter/Guide  
 (HOLY LOVE) Get Involved in Reaching the World for God

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