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Gary Grant Baer is on a mission: he wants to reach the lost at any cost.

Which is why Baer, a nondenominational preacher, will host Rescue Mission 2009, an event combining preaching, prayer and music.

"I'm not trying to promote a certain church," he said. "We're reaching out beyond the church walls."

A self-described unconventional preacher, Baer has organized revivals in Woodstock and Brantford, and his preaching has taken him around the globe from United States to the United Kingdom.

"People have been disappointed by things in this life through trauma, loss of a job, loss of family, and they've come to the end of their resources," Baer said. "God is the answer and God can take away all of those hurts."

Baer is hoping to attract thousands of spectators to the event. He said the difficult economic times make his message of hope and salvation applicable to everyday life.

The event will take place at Centennial Park from July 31 to Aug. 2. Admission is free. For more information visit www.evangelistgarygrantbaer.com.

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