



be ready always to give an answer
I Peter 3:15

earnestly contend for the faith
Jude 3

Fishers of Men

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St. Patrick's Day Parade, Parkway Plaza, Santee Easter Intersection, Balboa Park, and SDSU

We had the greatest turnout ever at Parkway Plaza the Saturday before Palm Sunday. We had a permit for a table in front of Walmart to hand out tracts. Dianna and I and a dozen Christians from Faith Bible Fellowship spent the afternoon witnessing and giving out tracts and invitations to their Easter musical. This is the first such outreach in their history. I hope to coordinate more events in the near future as their members grow in their passion to share the gospel with the lost.

I have discovered more and more when sharing the gospel with a stranger it is important when someone says they are a Christian to not only ask what it means to be a Christian but also to follow up with a question where they go to church.

Several times recently I've heard what appears to be a good description of a Christian only to find out they are Mormon. At this point I point out that it is essential to understand what we mean by the words we use, such as "Who do we mean when we mention Jesus."



This is Pastor Beezer (with glasses and jacket) of Faith Bible Fellowship where we attend now. Well over a thousand tracts were given out at Parkway Plaza.



Where else would you see so much GREEN but St. Patricks day Balboa Park.



Dianna has figured out a sure fire way for people to take tracts. Take their picture and they will never turn you down! We gave out 500 tracts in about 2 hours.

NEWSLETTER

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JWs Challenged!

Another first at Balboa Park is the witnesses had 2 tables set up near each other. The second table is an outreach specifically for the “deaf”. At this table there were several ladies. One of them could neither hear nor speak. The second lady was using sign language to speak with her and tell her what I had to say. Since I had never seen these women before I could speak freely at first.

I told them I was interested in the Bible. I shared slowly how important it is to carefully test all that we hear or read or else we could be deceived. They agreed. I then told them in John 2:19 Jesus said he would raise His physical body in 3 days but that the Watchtower said it wasn't true and that God disposed of the body.

I pointed out that Jesus clearly told Thomas to touch the very wounds that were in the body that hung on the tree (they don't like to use the term cross). They had no answer and refused to talk or listen further.

This is another example of not only the deception of the Watchtower but man's willful rebellion to the truth.



I've never seen this before. A JW table at Balboa Park dedicated to the deaf and mute. They have another regular table just a hundred feet away.

Witnessing to a Mormon

Recently I had some signs made that we held up on the street about the resurrection. I decided to witness to the man that made the signs. I began by telling him the reason we made the signs and asked him if he went to church.

He said he was a Mormon. I told him I grew up in Utah and had many LDS friends. I had been challenged to read the Book of Mormon and did so. I even memorized one verse in the Book of Mormon, Moroni 8:18 which says that God is “unchangeable from all eternity”. I told him the bible agreed but current LDS doctrine differed. This led to a great dialogue about the character of God and then the gospel.

Interestingly, his father came in the store about half way through, sat down and listened intently about all that was said. Gordon, the name of the owner that I was speaking to admitted that testing what we believe is essential to understanding the truth.

Before I left I went out to the car and got several tracts that I carry with us on Mormonism and gave them to him. Please pray for Gordon. I plan on seeing him again soon.



This picture is precious. Billy (top right) and another Christian man (top left) praying with a woman in the open at Balboa Park. Billy takes his tracts most every week end to the park.

What's Happening and What's Coming???

25,000 tracts ordered! ... We are down to just a few hundred tracts and made the plunge to order another 25,000 (about \$1200 worth). Lord willing these will go out within a year. Last year the printer printed many extras and sold them to us at half the wholesale rate. We pray this will happen again.

JW Convention less than 2 months away... Once again this year the JWs will have a district convention at Qualcomm Stadium the 24-26th of May. Since witnesses won't take any literature we'll do some open air preaching and perhaps some signs as well. Please begin to pray for this event.

Earth Day almost here... Just a couple of weeks away (April 21), 60,000 green people will descend on Balboa Park. They say it's the largest gathering in the world of this kind. Lord willing we'll have a presence there as well.

In Christ,

Jerry and Dianna