

Challenge Ministries



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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Balboa Park and SDSU

Often times I forget all that God is doing and has done until I start writing our next newsletter. Then I bring up last month's newsletter and read it and look at photos that we've taken since and I am truly amazed. What a privilege to tell the world of His splendor and wonderful gospel.

Each week I lead a team of just 2 or 3 to various places in San Diego adding up to several hundred one on one conversations a month. After each outreach we'll discuss what happened among ourselves and pray for those individuals. I have to say that is so exciting to look forward to each of these outreaches.

Although there are the occasional difficult and frustrating dialogues, by far these outreaches are most delightful to experience. I often find myself 'wishing' I could do this full time.

We are hoping to advertise in a southern California Christian newspaper soon for more "fishermen". What a delight it would be to go out with a dozen or more with this gospel of hope.



John is sharing with these 2 Muslim young men at Balboa Park. They were more knowledgeable in the Bible than many Christians. We need to have answers.



This is Abraham a Muslim at SDSU. I've seen him there many times and finally had the time to speak with him. We had a very pleasant conversation beginning with all historical evidence agrees that Jesus was crucified, yet Mohammed in the Koran said no 600 years later.



This is Margarita in the blue with her back to us. She loves to share the gospel with kids at Balboa Park. Often they are split up from their teachers and we give them tracts and talk.

NEWSLETTER

Challenge Ministries is a non-profit Christian ministry dedicated to the defense and proclamation of the Gospel and Biblical truth.

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2 Jehovah's Witnesses and Divine Providence

Just a week or so ago I was leaving "Costco" and on my way to take my wife to lunch before going to work. I had been thinking about the providence of God and how God brings to pass all things ultimately for His glory. I noticed 2 JWs crossing the street just a block from Costco. I realized that I was about a half hour early for lunch and decided to turn around and see if I could find the JWs. I saw them go into an apartment complex but had no idea where they might be.

After parking I walked into the apartment complex and noticed them walking up the stairway to the second floor. I called out and asked if they were JWs and of course they said yes. I asked if they would come down the stairs and answer a question for me. They eagerly came down and we introduced ourselves. They were both Spanish. One was Ed and the other his sister which I don't recall her name. They were both in their 30's and had been long time witnesses.

I asked if they believed in the Providence of God? By their response I sensed they didn't have any idea what that meant, so I took the time to explain about the providence and sovereignty of God. I shared the circumstances that brought about our meeting and that our discussion was the result of divine providence.

Rather than directly confronting their teachings I instead explained further how God in his divine providence and sovereign will opens the minds and hearts of those he would save. He would do this through His Word the Bible spoken by His people to accomplish Salvation a gift that cannot be earned.

This same God warned of those that would distort the truth. From here I showed them in their own Bible that the leaders of the Watchtower have tampered with the Bible in attempt to make it conform to their particular interpretation. I cited the many times that Colossians chapter one had been altered.

They seemed absolutely mesmerized. We talked 20 minutes or so. By providence I had a tract I had written on the Witnesses. I was shocked they actually took it and promised to examine what I had to say. I have only experienced this a few times in all my years of witnessing to the Witnesses. I pointed out on the tract my address where they could get hold of me in the future. Perhaps one day to the glory of God I will hear they became Christians.

Surely the providence of the Lord was in this for His Glory and my good. (Romans 8:28).



John is speaking with a gentleman that is a 'poet' who is not a believer. He has spoken with John many times at Balboa Park. John is very patient with him and they have built somewhat of a friendship.



Every Tuesday several museums are free at Balboa Park and bus loads of kids come in the morning. Generally teachers are happy to let the kids have a million dollar bill gospel tract which of course goes into the home. In minutes we can sometimes give out a hundred.

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

2 full color tracts printed this month... We are diligently trying to update all our tracts and print in full color. Lord willing we will finish in about a year or so. This month we reprinted our "17 Little Known Facts about the Mormons" and 10 Questions for Catholics". The exciting part is every tract will be free even to ministries.

Jesus of Mormonism... By far our most popular tract ever has been "The Jesus of Mormonism. Although costs for color has dropped for a single letter size page, multi-page tracts (ours is 16 pages) have skyrocketed. Nearly \$800 for 1,000. We've decided to condense the info. and photocopies and bring it to letter size which will reduce the price dramatically to around \$130 per 1,000. Once complete it will be in full color as well.

Earth Day and Parkway Plaze this month!.. 70,000 plus humanist at Balboa Park and thousands at Parkway Plaza in April. Please pray for these events.

May God bless your efforts to serve Him,

Jerry and Dianna