



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

earnestly contend for the faith
Jude 3

Fishers of Men

August 2012

Peter Barnes home with the Lord

Peter died in his sleep among friends at the Good Samaritan care home in El Cajon where he lived the final years of his life. He continued weekly Bible studies there until the Lord called him home. Well done good and faithful servant.



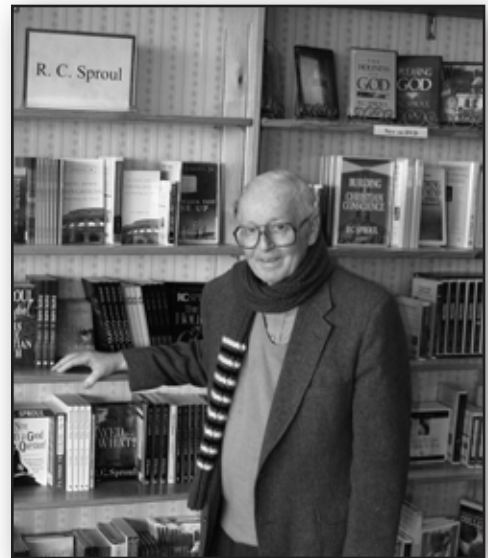
Peter Donald Barnes
August 31, 1928 - July 13, 2012

A very rare photo of Peter without a suit jacket wearing a t-shirt! Picture taken in our back yard on his 75th birthday. We had the t-shirt made for him with his picture and the words, "Pita Buns". When we would go for burgers they would ask for his name. Then they would call out "Pita Buns, your order is ready". With his accent this is exactly what they heard.

Believe it or not, our relationship with Peter and Ada began while Ada was still a witness in the 70's. She visited our small church where an ex-JW was speaking. She refused to enter the sanctuary but sat instead in the back. Shortly after she became a Christian. Just months after that Dianna and I met Peter and Ada officially at a small Baptist Church in La Mesa where he was exposing the Watchtower. We became friends and along with Ron and Marcy Neinest would often go door to door handing out tracts exposing the witnesses.

We would team teach frequently on the Mormons and JW's. For many years we would go to the JW convention with signs and phone messages. I along with many others would take Peter to Bible studies. Peter joined with Challenge Ministries for several years before retiring. After Ada died Peter lived with us for most of a year before moving to the Good Samaritan.

Peter was very instrumental cultivating and enhancing our passion for the gospel. He was used by God to lead many from the Watchtower to the Savior and grounded hundreds in the truths of the Bible.



Now this looks more like the Peter we all knew. Jacket and sweater. I took this photo at Evangelical Bible Book Store. Peter's favorite area was any new book by R. C. Sproul.

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July Evangelism

ComicCon San Diego and Balboa Park

Just three of us went to ComicCon this year. Doug, Kenny and myself handed out many tracts and did one on one witnessing along with some open air preaching. I think there were around 30-40 Christians holding signs and talking to people. Sadly only 3 or 4 churches were represented.

Balboa Park holds so much diversity. Every week we speak with people from 5 or more countries. I spoke with 2 fourteen year old guys on bicycles for 15 minutes or so. They seemed so hungry for an adult to take an interest in them. I'm convinced that if someone follows and waters the good news they will become Christians.

I always go by the JW table at the park. Most of the time it's the same people that refuse to talk to me. Even if I just walk by they call out "leave us alone." Almost demonic at times. This week I spoke with Paul who's been a JW for 30 years. If you recall I had talked with him on the

phone several times until one day it abruptly ended. He warmly greeted me in front of several JW's which is a big no no.

We had a very pleasant conversation for about 10 minutes. I pray that God is working in his heart and will bring him from the Watchtower.

Just after this I spoke with a man that appeared homeless. He said he was a Christian. He spoke very slowly with few words but so precise and beautiful that I felt unusually close to the presence of God. As if he were sent for encouragement to me. What a blessed conversation we had of our Great God and Savior that I will never forget.



130,000 people attended ComicCon. Many saw our 8 foot cross and heard the gospel. I'm reading from Hebrews 9:27 while these youngsters mock the message. There was a considerable mocking and defiant crowd. This seems to be a growing trend as a rebellious world becomes more blatant in their hatred for God and the gospel.



This is Gozde. She is 18 years old and from Turkey. A Muslim background. She works for free and gets room and board and the privilege to learn English. This table is a front for the Hare Krishnas. She loves hearing the gospel and the message of Jesus. She is very near the Kingdom of God. Pray she will meet other Christian girls that can help her.

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

Mission to Children... Balboa Park has an immense number of children visiting with schools and other groups. They are brought in especially large numbers the first Tuesday of the month. Pastor Gil and I are preparing a flannel graph presentation for kids along with a science and gospel presentation. We'll give away pressed pennies with the 10 commandments on them after we finish. Please pray for this outreach

Mission to the Border... Lord willing this month or next at the latest for the border. We've ordered 1,000, million dollar bill tracts in Spanish to be given out. Currently we are seeking interpreters and plan on video taping some gospel evangelism in 2 languages.

Butterfly Presentation??? We are continuing the work on the Monarch Butterfly presentation. We have the large custom Plexiglas case and the 16 butterflies. Still need the Monarch tract and a lot of work to put it together. This is a large project which will probably take a few months to complete. Much thanks to those who have given towards this project.

In His service,

Jerry and Dianna