

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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Shadow Mountain Church, Gay Festival, ComicCon, Balboa Park, and El Cajon Hot Rod Show

Last month we were all over the county. We began with a rather odd outreach to Shadow Mountain Church. If you recall Peter Barnes was a teacher there for many years. I helped Peter publish 2,000 books entitled, "The Watchtower in Light of Scripture," an aid for Christians witnessing to Jehovah's Witnesses. Our desire was to see Christians use this book.

Dianna and I went to Shadow Mountain on a Sunday recently after the main service and handed out over 200 free copies. Sadly, we received as much opposition as we did gratitude. Many refused to be convinced that we were Christians and NOT JW's. They would refuse to take the book no matter how hard we tried to reason with them. Several men with badges that said they were "Deacons" refused as well and said they would NOT witness to JW's and promptly would tell them to get off their property. One kind member of Shadow Mountain was so disturbed by the Christians that she saw giving us a hard time, stopped and helped us. She stayed or over an hour giving copies away. Even though there

were frustrations with belligerent Christians, many were genuinely grateful for the free witnessing book.

More troubles came at ComicCon. One by one, all my helpers cancelled and I was left alone. However, my faithful wife cheerfully said she would help. Together we handed out over 700 tracts on Saturday afternoon at ComicCon. We had many personal encounters with young people. NBC tried to have us removed from the sidewalk for practicing our free speech.

I hate to refer to the homosexual festival in Balboa Park as Gay but this is what our culture has sunk to. Although I have never gone in over 30 years, this year with the "gay marriage" issue I decided to attend with my friend Doug. I prayed much and decided the message I wanted to deliver the most was the Holiness of God. This doctrine is so central to Salvation that no homosexual can miss the implications of man's depravity and need for the Savior. I had a sign made attached to an 8 foot cross quoting Isaiah 6:3: Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God. The response was blasphemous and can not even be printed. I've experienced glimpses of this radical rebellion before but never in such mass. 10's of thousands of depraved youth, hell bound spitting in the face of God. I do not know if I will ever go again. I have to be honest, this was a time that I was grieved to be a member of the human family.



These two young men were seminary students from out of town visiting Shadow Mountain. They were very intrigued about our efforts and took several books each.



This is the kind member of Shadow Mountain that stopped and helped us hand out Peter Barnes' book. I am in the background giving a book to another member.

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ComicCon

So what is it like standing in the midst of 126,000 young people from all over the world? Well, when the Lord is with you it is amazingly exciting to wonder how He will be glorified in this outreach and how it will work for our good.

Dianna and I were alone and took a spot directly across from the convention center. Mobs of people move by this location. NBC had a promotional booth nearby and definitely did not want us on the sidewalk. For over an hour they tried to bully us into leaving. I made it clear to them that we needed the SD Police to confirm that we were not allowed on this pedestrian sidewalk. Although they had at least 5 of their security and other spokespersons insist we had to move they never brought the SD Police who know better.

I called the city the next day and spoke with the chief of the SD Police security and once again they confirmed that we were within our legal rights and NBC had over stepped their authority.

I spoke with many about their soul. One young man was very troubled that he had abandoned the faith but was now rethinking his choices. I told him perhaps God was rescuing him.



Dianna spoke with this young man at ComicCon. 126,000 others were nearby.

Gay Festival?

The homosexual lifestyle is hardly gay but such is our culture. Their parade in San Diego is one of the largest in the world and attracts hundreds of thousands. Following the parade they have another celebration at Balboa Park. I've never been before but went this year. I know a handful of Christians that go and try to witness to them.

My message would not be primarily about the sin of homosexuality, but rather of the Holiness of God. You probably are wondering why the "Cox" logo on the cross. Actually it says "Cox Customer". Cox is a strong supporter of the event and has even sent me emails promoting it since I am a Cox cable user. This has really irritated me. Rather than blast Cox I decided to display their name on the cross. Obviously, many were very irritated. They thought Cox was supporting this "anti-gay" message.

Of course the sign does NOT say that. When people asked I would just smile and say "What does it say?" and leave it to their own imaginations. I believe this is what is meant to "be wise as serpents but harmless as doves." By the way, "Vons" logo was on the other side.



The Homosexual Festival in Balboa Park followed their parade in San Diego. Interestingly, quoting the Word about the Holiness of God stirs the wrath of men.

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

Weekly Hot Rod Shows El Cajon and La Mesa... El Cajon and La Mesa host an entire summer of Hot Rod Car Shows each Wednesday and Thursday. Lord willing we will attend most of them.

Border coming very soon... I know we've announced this before but it really is getting closer. I've talked to several already that are planning on coming on an outreach to the border. At least one interpreter said they would come.

Full time street preacher and evangelist coming... A friend of mine, Lawrence DuBois, is a full time street evangelist who lives in the Oakland area. We've worked with him before when he comes to San Diego. He'll be here for about a week in October. Larry is a very soft spoken Christian with a tremendous heart for the lost and has dedicated his life full time to street evangelism. Lord willing we'll work together when he comes.

May God bless your efforts to serve Him,

Jerry and Dianna