



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

earnestly contend for the faith  
Jude 3

## Fishers of Men

December 2010

### Parkway Plaza (twice), Mother Goose Parade, Balboa Park (twice)

This month we were able to hand out over 2,000 tracts. Bible John and I handed out 800 in an hour and a half at the Mother Goose parade!

I think of all the places we've ever been, Parkway Plaza Mall has got to be my favorite. This mall is located in the city where I live (El Cajon is just east of San Diego). I was so pleased with the first Saturday we went that I immediately applied for another permit the following week. Many that I spoke with were visibly moved by the gospel. I felt that some were very near becoming a Christian.

On our first trip to Balboa Park Doug shared the gospel with 2 teenage girls. Both said they were active in a youth group in church. Sadly, neither had any idea where they would spend eternity or how to get to heaven. Doug shared the gospel with them and urged them to repent and receive Jesus as Savior and Lord. Both were eager to respond in prayer just a short distance from the fountain. Doug encouraged them to read their Bible and speak with his pastor if they had further questions. I see more and more that many that attend churches have only a fuzzy understanding of the gospel and what it means to be a Christian.

Our ministry is not only one of sharing the gospel with the lost, but encouraging Christians to get serious about their faith.



Parkway Plaza was like this for over 2 hours straight. It was amazingly easy to talk with people. Many were very interested in talking about the gospel and that great work done in our behalf on the cross. Douglas prayed with a man that wanted to receive Jesus as Savior and Lord. PTL.



Bible John and I each took one side of Main Street handing out tracts while people waited in the rain for the Mother Goose Parade. Very few refused the million dollar bill and many came to us asking for it.



Pastor Gil and I put on our costumes from Halloween and presented the Law and the Gospel at Balboa Park. This is a great skit and many listened. Just type my name on YouTube.com to view all our videos including this one.

## NEWSLETTER

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## *It's about the Cross*

May we ever be mindful this Christmas season...

It's not just about the manger  
Where the baby lay  
It's not all about the angels  
Who sang for him that day

It's not just about the shepherds  
Or the bright and shining star  
It's not all about the wisemen  
Who travelled from afar

Chorus:

It's about the cross  
It's about my sin  
It's about how Jesus came to be born once  
So that we could be born again  
It's about the stone  
That was rolled away  
So that you and I could have real life someday

It's about the cross  
It's about the cross (musical group GO FISH)



These are the 2 girls that Doug prayed with to receive Jesus. Although they attend church and youth groups, they had no idea how a person could go to heaven. When they heard the simplicity of the gospel they both received it. Please pray for their growth in the faith.

## *Goodbye Erma*

I have received word that my friend Erma Houston has died. I never had the pleasure of meeting Erma (she lived in Nebraska) yet we became friends through the mail. Erma hadn't seen or heard from her daughter Janice in over 40 years. When Erma and her husband became Christians and left the Watchtower her active JW daughter cut her parents off. Please lift Janice up in prayer.

Erma was a long time supporter of the ministry and even though she was on a very limited income she was faithful in giving and would write me notes of encouragement. I do so enjoy the notes I receive and try to write back. In one note she said about the newsletter, "Enjoy those pictures of your out reaches. How people need to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ."

Erma's donations (like yours) made it possible for us to print or purchase tracts that have gone into the hands of many thousands. I think in eternity we will get to share our joyful accounts of salvation and Erma will hear tell of those that started their journey to Christ from a tract. Come to think of it, a tract is what started my eternal journey. Someone paid for a tract that was put in my hand. Erma helped put tracts in many hands. Erma was 94. I'm glad I will get to meet her someday. In His love, Dianna



Doug gave the JB Big Boy mascot a jumbo \$100 bill gospel tract seen in his left hand. After this photo the mascot went all over the mall showing everyone his large bill and giving them a hug. Many came over to our table asking for one of the tracts and of course we could then talk to them.

## **What's Coming???**

**Another 5,000 tracts...** I've ordered another 5,000 tracts to take us into the new year. We desire our next printing to be our greatest number ever. 25,000! Please consider giving to this cause.

**Lady Gaga, Joel Osteen, and Darwin...** What do these have in common? Lord willing we will have an outreach at each of these events by mid year next year. If you recall, last time Osteen was here we handed out 1,000 tracts to those who came to hear him. We are hoping to double the amount in May when he returns to San Diego State University.

**Over 100 outreaches in the last 2 years!** We have earnestly attempted to be consistent in frequent outreaches all over San Diego. There are very few places in the San Diego area we haven't been at least once. Lord willing we will keep up the pace in the new year. Thank you for your prayers and kind support.

We want to wish all of you an exceedingly wonderful 2010 Christmas. We thank each of you for your kindness this past year and encourage you to make a strong stand for our great God and King, the Lord Jesus Christ. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2:14.

Your Warriors in Christ,

*Jerry and Dianna*