

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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SDSU, Balboa Park, December Nights, La Mesa Overpass (again)

We were greatly blessed in 2013 and again in 2014 are determined to be zealous for the gospel message and to conform more and more to the image of Christ.

For the third year in a row we were able to experience over 100 outreaches in the San Diego area and thank God for His strength and provisions to press on.

We spoke with dozens of students at SDSU and handed out about 500 tracts at December Nights at Balboa Park. Although we wanted to go to the Rose Parade it didn't work out but we had a great outreach New Year's Day at Balboa Park.

We really do covet your prayers especially at this time. In our entire married life we have never been under such stress. Work has required me to work many 12 hour shifts but the Lord in His time is giving relief. Blessings always.



December Nights drew about 200,000 this year at Balboa Park. The man with the sign was with a group of Christians that came down from L.A. A great encouragement.



Zoomed in view of Dianna holding the cross just 40 feet above the freeway in La Mesa. 200 cars a minute were going by for an hour and a half.



This is John talking to a "very strange" man with "very bazaar" ideas at Balboa Park. Somehow John seems to get his fair share of those that are a little different.

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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Testimony of an ex-JW

Dianna asked one of our long time supporters, **Thomas Hodgson**, to give us his testimony how he left the Watchtower and became a Christian:

When I was in high school my Aunt, Uncle and cousins on my mothers side got involved with the Jehovah's Witnesses. I went along with them to a few of their meetings. I also sat in on their bible studies. Of course, at that time I was not aware of the dangers behind the Witnesses. They gave me some books and the J.W. bible. This was around 1971. Although I never read the books, in 1977 some circumstances in my life were causing me to do "spiritual" searching. Although my dad was not a J.W. he felt they could help me. So, I dived in. In about 6 weeks I was sold out to the organization and spent the next 21 years of my life dedicated to the Watchtower.

Around 1998 things in the organization were causing me to take a second look and I began to do some important research which started when I obtained and called the 1-800-why-1914 helpline. This was the beginning of my journey to get out of the Watchtower. I was disfellowshipped and it was the best thing that could have happened.

I ordered 2 books by Raymond Franz which exposes the doctrines of the Watchtower. After reading these books I finally saw what I had known all along in my heart that the Jehovah Witness organization is not from God.

I felt a peace that I had never felt before as the Holy Spirit led me to read His word and truly search for truth. I received Jesus Christ as my Lord, God and Savior and understand and appreciate His wonderful sacrifice. God is so good.

Now, I want to help as many J.W.'s as I can to realize who the Jesus of the Bible is and show them how they too can receive Him as their Savior.

Thomas Hodgson

Amazing JW Encounter

I have spoken with hundreds of JW's personally over the last 35 years but never have I experienced what I did today (New Years Day 2014).

Dianna and I decided to start the New Year by going to Balboa Park and witnessing to whoever God sent our way.

A group of 6 spanish speaking JW's came by with their magazines. I tried to talk with the leaders but immediately they did not want to discuss anything about their beliefs. Their son was with them so I walked up to him and asked whether he would go to heaven. At this the whole group decided to leave. I thought I would walk along and speak to the young man, (about 20 years old) until they asked me to leave. To my surprise they walked in front while I spoke to him in the back. We walked from one end of the park to the other with us talking. We spoke of the diety of Christ, the resurrection, failed prophecies, testing for truth and of course the gospel.

I know he was troubled about many things and had no answers. I felt as if I had truly experienced God closing the mouth of the lions. His name is Isaaic. Please pray for him.



I shot this photo as 6 Jehovah's Witnesses walked away from me at Balboa Park. The young man in the black is Isaaic.

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

Parkway Plaza Mall... It's getting closer to the top of the list. Still working on a permit.

Earth Day Balboa Park... It's several months away but we are already working on an outreach there with some 60,000 visitors.

Gilbert Mormon Temple Open House... This is a potential outreach in the Phoenix area. Our work schedules may conflict but we're trying to work it out.

SDSU... School will be back the middle of this month and so will we, Lord willing.

May God bless your efforts to serve Him in this New Year,

Jerry and Dianna