

# 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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### Jehovah's Witness Convention, Parkway Plaza, Balboa Park

Each year seems to race by faster than the previous. I'm certain this is why the Bible always stresses the urgency of responding to the gospel now.

The JW convention is behind us as well as the "Way of the Master" series I taught at my church for 8 weeks on sharing your faith. Each week as we go out I have the same truth reinforced beyond question, "America is a mission field." The masses have no idea of the meaning of life and have no idea where they will spend eternity nor do they have a clear view of the way. Even among those that say they are Christian have but a fuzzy view of the gospel and what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, a Christian.

We pray that God will grant us passion for Him and the time and health to proclaim Jesus from the housetops.

Remember the old hymn "Blessed Assurance" that has these lyrics: "This is my story this is my song. Praising my Savior, all the day long."

May this be our life.



This is a view inside the stadium. Witnesses spend 3 days here. Once again about 35,000 participated. One thing is certain, they are serious about their belief.



We've done some rather radical outreaches but this is certainly unique. We wanted to have a choir sing for the witnesses but none volunteered. Therefore Pastor Gil, who has an excellent voice, SANG great Christian hymns for the witnesses at the stadium. Hundreds have viewed this on YouTube.



I gave 2 presentations. One on John 1:1 and how the Watchtower tampers with the Word of God and the other how the Watchtower claims you must come to the organization for life. Although witnesses ignore us here thousands have already viewed our videos on Youtube. PTL.

## 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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## *JW's Challenged*

Each week the Jehovah's Witnesses have their table at Balboa Park putting in their time that they keep track of for their monthly report. They often tell you that they are the only ones that go door to door and preach the Bible the way the disciples did.

Actually, no where in the Bible does it tell us that going door to door is God's way of evangelizing. The disciples did teach believers from house to house but this really isn't knocking on doors. Certainly we can use any method to proclaim God's truth. Even Mormons are active going door to door. I myself have been door to door as well.

If you think about it, setting up a table and waiting for someone to come by isn't in the Bible either although we can if we wish to do so.

The reason I generally go by their table is hoping some new JWs will be there which is often the case. I've actually built up a good relationship with several witnesses, no doubt much to the dismay of the elders. I pray that God will bring some of them out of this false organization into His marvelous light.



Jehovah's Witness in this photo are showing what shunning is all about. Although they have a table with information on the Jehovah's Witnesses if they suspect you are an apostate or you are critical of the Watchtower they simply ignore you and speak to one another as if you aren't there.

## *Mormonism Challenged*

Last month I had many discussions with Mormons. At Balboa Park there were 4 Mormon Missionaries that I spoke with about the God of Mormonism. We had a very excellent talk about how Mormonism contradicts the Bible as well as the Book of Mormon. One of the young men seemed especially troubled about this problem and promised to check it out further.

Last week I spoke with a LDS man who had heard all the anti-Mormon arguments and had pathetic answers for all of them. This is not only the most difficult type of Mormon to deal with, but for all practical purposes seems hopeless. How they can claim to believe one thing and have no problem with the maze of contradictions.

This man would say that Joseph Smith never taught that God the Father was once a man and that it was not church doctrine. Then he would admit there were statements by Smith that did teach that. Then he would say he believed all that they taught. I believe there are times you need to walk away and go on to others. This I did after just a short visit.



Lord willing we'll take this 8 foot Styrofoam cross to ComicCon on the 14th. The event is sold out at 130,000. Should get some attention.

## **What's Happening and What's Coming???**

**ComicCon San Diego Convention Center...** Lord willing we'll go to ComicCon the 14th of this month. We'll use an 8 foot cross (photo in this newsletter) to talk with people about the Gospel. We'll report next month on "what happened." Please pray for these outreaches as we strive to proclaim the Gospel to the world.

**Mission to the Border...** It's been a year or more since we've been to the border. Some that speak Spanish have said they would go and help as interpreters. Hopefully we can do this in the next month or two.

**Butterfly Presentation???** We have many opportunities to share the gospel with kids. 5-15 year olds at Balboa Park. Every Tuesday bus loads of kids come to the park because the museums are free. They often eat lunch around the fountain. I'm collecting info on the amazing Monarch Butterfly. I'd like to have a canvas presentation along with a display of several dozen lifelike moving butterflies. They cost \$20 dollars each and are very impressive. Total cost could easily be around 7 hundred dollars. A butterfly tract they can color would be handed out as well with the gospel. Please consider helping with this project.

In His service,

*Jerry and Dianna*