



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 International Convention, Balboa Park, Lindbergh Airport, La Mesa Car Show

I feel that the JW Convention at Qualcomm Stadium was by far the most effective JW event we have ever had. 38,000 JWs on Saturday and 42,000 on Sunday. Instead of standing idly on the sidewalk where witnesses refuse to take the literature or talk, we did the talking. 2 hours each day, non-stop open air preaching from 3 exits simultaneously!

5 of us, Gil, Jeff, Neil, Dianna, and myself rotated with a 10 minute message. We criticized the organization for insisting you cannot come to truth apart from the Watchtower. We pointed out how the Watchtower has falsified scripture, do not teach the truth about the resurrection or the deity of Christ, and pointed to the true gospel in Jesus alone. We posted a 10 minute summery video of the event on YouTube.com. Somewhere around 5,000 views by the time you get this. The title of the video is: **42,000 Jehovah's Witnesses and 5 Christians**. Address:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hi63jI6w2_o&NR=1

Because of incredible effort that went into this outreach we decided to use the entire newsletter with photos of the event.



This was only half the stadium. 42,000 from 50 countries. I was able to walk up and down the rows shooting some film on Saturday before we were to open air preach.



Pastor Gil Open Air Preaching on Saturday before they built a wall around us, forcing people to walk around.



Sunday the witnesses pulled out all the stops and built a wall around us as we shared the gospel. Neil and Jeff had the longest wall. There were more on the left side of the photo.



Dianna did her first ever "open air preaching". Several JWs broke the rules and took her picture.

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I was in the middle of a circle of JW elders as they routed the people around me and back into the stadium and then back out the next exit. It really was rather comical if it wasn't so sad. Dianna was in the inner circle taking videos



Jeff preaching from on top of a flower pot on the edge of the sidewalk. From this point he could see over the 15 elders making the wall. Eventually, he was "busted" by security and had to move to the sidewalk. Interestingly, security forced the witnesses not to "totally" block the public sidewalk with their human wall.



Stadium security was constantly on us. The "hand" is a security officer blocking the camera. I know witnesses made his job nearly un-bearable with their barrage of phone calls. He insisted that our permit did not allow us to hand our literature and if we did not cease he would call the police. I calmly told him the fee we paid was to "clean up" any literature that was discarded as was clearly in the official rules. Notice the guy in the background with the sign, it's the faithful Bible John.



Neil preaching and holding up one of the tracts that we handed out. In two days and tens of thousands of witnesses that were offered the tracts, only about 50 or so weren't confiscated by the elders or forced to be thrown away.

What's Happening???

\$1,000,000 tract??? We printed 5,000 million dollar bills and received them about 2 weeks ago. Unfortunately, they were all very faded compared to the original digital version. I contacted the supplier and submitted samples from our laser printer compared to the faded ones. They agreed there is a serious problem. Since they out sourced them we have to wait for the final decision. We're hoping for a reprint.

International Sand Castles, Imperial Beach... (Lord willing), Next month is perhaps the largest gathering of people in Southern California taking place in Imperial Beach. Last we heard somewhere around 300,000 on a single day, on equal ground with the Miramar Air show. We're planning on a fishers of men outreach. We have room for you.

Mission Valley Mall... (Lord willing) we'll also go to another new site next month, Mission Valley Mall. More next month.

Our expenses are rising for all our outreaches. As an example, our Darwin banners, easel, and sound system was around \$1,000. We are filming more events for the internet and are in need of additional hardware. We continue to send out free books and tracts. Please help us financially if you are able.

As always, thank you for your consistent prayers in our behalf.

Your Warriors in Christ,

Jerry and Dianna