

Challenge Ministries



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

earnestly contend for the faith
June 3

Fishers of Men

June 2009

Hoover High, the TJ Border, Mission Beach, North County Fair, Balboa Park (twice), & Greenfield Middle School

I think this was a record. 7 outreaches in 1 month. 2 NEW people helped this month and hundreds heard the gospel.



May 1, Hoover High. Pastor Gil and I handed out hundreds of the \$100,000 gold certificates. We spoke with dozens of kids about the gospel.



May 2, Border Crossing. Dianna with the white pants handed out most of the 500 tracts in 2 hours! We hope to go again soon with Spanish tracts and interpreters.



May 9, Mission Beach. Monty, his first time with us, sharing the gospel.



May 16, North County Fair. Ricky and John sharing Christ with 5 kids at once.



May 23, Balboa Park. Another new fisherman, John Mark on the left talking with a lady. Ricky sharing with a man on the right.

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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Mormonism Challenged

The only TRUE CHURCH

Mormons believe they belong to the only true church on the face of the earth and that all other churches are in a state of apostasy.

LDS scripture is very clear on this fact. The Book of Mormon states:

“And he said unto me: Behold there are save two churches only; the one is the church of the Lamb of God, and the other is the church of the devil; wherefore, whoso belongeth not to the church of the Lamb of God belongeth to that great church which is the mother of abominations; and she is the whore of all the earth.” 1 Nephi 14:10

Of course Mormons believe they belong to the church of the Lamb of God, which leaves all non-Mormons, the church of the devil.

The *Doctrine and Covenants*, section 1 verse 30 states, that the LDS church is **“the only true and living church upon the face of the whole earth”**.

The *Pearl of Great Price*, another LDS scripture says this about other churches:

“...they were all wrong; and the Personage who addressed me said that their creeds were an abomination in his sight; that those professors were all corrupt” (*Pearl of Great Price*, Joseph Smith-History 1:19).

Nowhere in the Bible does it say there is a “true church” or that one must be associated with an organization or church that is the true church.

Born again Christians belong to the body of Christ which is the church or bride of Christ. Visible churches and organizations contain some true Christians and some that are not. All that have been born again by the saving work of the Lord Jesus Christ are members of the true church and come from many different denominations and cultures.

Jehovah's Witnesses Challenged

Jehovah's Witnesses, God's only true organization

Much like the Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses are taught they alone have the truth and all the churches belong to Satan's organization. Here is a sampling from their own books.

“Outside the true Christian congregation what alternative organization is there? Only Satan's organization...” (*Watchtower*, 3/1/1979, p. 24).

“Yes! Genuine Christians are now being gathered into a united brotherhood earth wide. Who are they? They are the Christian congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses...” (*The Watchtower*, July 1, 1994, p. 7).

“Consider, too, the fact that Jehovah's organization alone, in all the earth, is directed by God's holy spirit or active force. Only this organization functions for Jehovah's purpose and to his praise.” (*The Watchtower*, 7-1-73, p.402).

“It is only logical that there would be one true religion...We do not hesitate to say that they are Jehovah's Witnesses.” (*You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth*, p.190)

Sadly, the witnesses miss the heart of the message of the Bible that the truth is contained in a person, not an organization.

The apostle Peter did not say “to what” shall we go away to. Or what church or organization should we join.

Rather, he said, “Lord, WHOM shall we go away to? You [Jesus] have sayings of everlasting life.” (John 6:68, NWT)

If witnesses would read their own translation of the Bible without the aid of Watchtower materials, I believe they could discover the truth of our Lord Jesus.

What's Happening???

Jehovah's Witness INTERNATIONAL Convention!!! Lord willing, as you read this we have just completed or are about to attend perhaps the largest JW convention in Southern California ever. Witnesses have made this year an International Convention! I have a permit for 10 to be on the inside sidewalk. Qualcomm tells me they plan on 40,000 plus people per day! Nearly three times the number in the past. More next newsletter.

\$1,000,000 tract... I have wanted for several years to complete our own million dollar tract with a gospel message and now it is a reality. I have printed several hundred on our laser printer and tested them with incredible results. We have had many tell us this is the “most realistic” money tract they've ever seen! We've used the “Way of the Master” million dollar bills for 2 years handing out near 10,000 or more. Now we have our own custom tract. I spent several months working on the new tract which not only has the gospel message, but an e-mail address for further contact plus our web site. We've ordered 5,000 which should be available by mid June. We plan to give all away on our web site. Please help us financially if you are able.

Preaching in Utah June 14... (Lord willing), I will be preaching in Utah at a thriving Baptist church that my parents started 45 years ago when I was a teenager. The church (located in Bountiful, north of Salt Lake City) has grown where recently they bought the very LDS ward that my wife attended as a Mormon! By the providence of God, Dianna was one of the first to be baptized in the new Grace Baptist Church, some 44 years ago. God works in mysterious ways.

City of San Diego APOLOGIZES to Challenge Ministries... SD City counseled with the City Attorney and sent us a formal letter apologizing for their error and misinformation concerning our tracting on the boardwalk in Mission Beach (we previously were told to leave). They end their letter “Please accept my apology for the misinformation our staff gave you. We hold ourselves accountable for the error and we have taken steps to avoid recurrence.”

Thank you for your prayers and continued financial help.

Your Warriors in Christ, *Jerry and Dianna*