



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 and Balboa Park

Perhaps our greatest outreach of the year is the San Diego District Convention of Jehovah's Witnesses. This year we went one evening only on Saturday (May 25) as they were leaving. Witnesses will refuse to talk to us and refuse any literature. Our only method of communication is either signs, or open air preaching. Although witnesses won't stop and listen they do go up on the internet and check out the videos they weren't supposed to watch. I receive emails daily where witnesses comment on our many videos.

Usually I go inside the stadium discretely for 15 minutes or so and take some videos and listen to their message. In all the years that we've gone I've never had an issue. However, this year after I took about a minute of video, 5 JW elders quietly told me I'd have to leave. When asked why they just repeated the same. I told them I would go but I'd received an invitation and had read on the internet from the JW web site that ALL were invited. With that the 6 of us walked quietly out. Later we would do open air from the sidewalk.



This is definitely a first. The gentleman on my right is Raymond and he's my interpreter in Spanish. We did a gospel presentation in two languages which is now on YouTube. We did this presentation at the Spanish speaking exit of the stadium. The convention is divided in 2 sections, Spanish and English with about half and half of attendees.



Pastor Gil singing "There is a fountain filled with blood" before 35,000 Jehovah's Witnesses. Video now on YouTube.



Just a small piece of the large crowd of Jehovah's Witnesses at Qualcomm Stadium on May 25, 2013. These witnesses are serious about their faith. They spend 2 and a half days in the hot sun to hear what the Watchtower has to say.

NEWSLETTER

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Plea from the Philippines

These are excerpts from a heart breaking letter we received recently from the Philippines. We plan on helping them:

“My name is Pastor Peter _____. I am an Evangelist here in the Philippines. I have been here for four years and work for my Savior Jesus Christ. I travel around the islands preaching and teaching and I have found that these native pastors do not understand these cults which have infiltrated their culture. Many people are drawn toward them, for the cults use money, food, and comforts of a beautiful church. Most Filipinos are very poor and are striving to meet their everyday needs and when they are offered money and food, they will go in that direction. The cults also offer pastors money to join them and give them a monthly stipend. The Devil uses many tactics to lead people astray.

I am asking for materials which may be out-dated from your office. If you have such material I would be blessed in receiving them and this material will help in giving the Gospel to all the lost.

Thank you for your time and God bless your ministry.”



John holding up his sign at the Stadium. It would be hard to miss the statement and the verse. This is so clear even in the Witnesses New World Translation that they have difficulty responding to it.

She's 83 years old!

From time to time we receive letters from people describing their witnessing encounters that always are of great encouragement to us. The following are portions of a letter written by an 83 year old supporter of a “divine opportunity” she had.

Dear Jerry and Dianna,

I love your newsletter. This item was especially thrilling to me [last month's newsletter stating “By divine providence”]. I really do believe that the Lord often leads us in our encounters with JW's-- and with others. I'm sending a couple of notes I gave to my pastor recently. They illustrate that point. Enclosed is a check to help with the cost of your million dollar tracts-- but with the “overs” only. (Good try, Dianna).

Do you think this could have been a “divine appointment”?

On Saturday Wally and I were having lunch at a Chinese buffet. Two men were sitting in a booth right behind me. One man was explaining to the other man the definition of a “cult”. It soon became apparent that Jehovah's Witnesses were conducting a study with the second man. He said, “I use the NIV, but I check it against their New World Translation, and I've never found a difference.”

As we were leaving, I handed the man two tracts about the Watchtower Society being a false prophet organization, and how JW's are being misled. I said, “I think God put me right there so that I could hear what you said.” Please pray for this man.

God bless,

Laverna

Please know Laverna that your encouragement helps us to press on and I'm sure others are encouraged also to “always be ready to give an answer” I Peter 3:15.

To overhear a conversation of someone in serious trouble and NOT respond would be heartless. To boldly reach out with a gospel tract and risk ridicule surely pleases God.

Blessings Laverna.

He is “High and Lifted Up”

This is usually the place for our “What's Happening and What's Coming” section. However, this month I felt compelled to remind our brothers and sisters of the majesty of God. If only I could describe Him in words that are loftly enough to give us a glimpse of His beauty and splendor I would truly be blessed. I will therefore give you what He has breathed for us to receive from the Bible. Just 3 verses. Perhaps the greatest description of God in all the Bible.

Isaiah 53:1-3... In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

May God bless your efforts to serve Him,

Jerry and Dianna