



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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EarthDay, the Border, and Balboa Park (twice)

The Spanish people have really been on my mind along with outreaches directed to them. Of course the border is where you can find many in a short amount of time which is where one of our Saturdays was focused. Although at least 50 percent knew no English, we were still able to speak with many personally. We gave out 1,000 million dollar bills in Spanish along with over 200 in English! I spoke with one Spanish man (Angel), for about 15 minutes on the Gospel. He lives in Encinada. Initially he believed in reincarnation but now believed in the gospel and was hungry for Jesus. I gave him a book of John to get him started in his desire for truth.

The day before Easter, Ricky and I interviewed a dozen people on video at Balboa Park concerning their understanding of Easter. Less than a third could give the meaning of Easter and believed it. The video is now on YouTube.com for viewing. AMERICA is a mission field!

EarthDay at Balboa Park drew about 80,000 people this year. I spent most of the day there and later teamed up with Eric and Pastor Gil for "Open Air Preaching." I also, did the Darwin presentation 4 times during the day with many intense discussions about Creation and the Gospel.



Ricky spoke with this entertainer, a magician, about Easter. He used to be a Catholic now didn't believe in any religion but that all good people go to heaven.



80,000 at EarthDay was a record. Here in the middle of the street I do a presentation on Creation and the Gospel. Most ignored but some listened.



Pastor Gil handing out tracts at the Border.



This man and his wife were the only ones that had a solid understanding of Easter and the Gospel.

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One LOST and Three Headed for Glory

This area is usually reserved for an article on the Jehovah's Witnesses and the Mormons. However, this month I want to tell you about 2 incidences that happened last month during our outreaches and the amazing contrast. One is the rejection of the Gospel, and the other is the angels in heaven rejoicing.

The day before Easter, Ricky and I were interviewing people at Balboa Park. One woman (in the photo), knew what Easter meant to Christians, however, she believed it was the "greatest hoax of all time". Despite Ricky's strong arguments for the resurrection, she would not be persuaded.

A week later in almost the identical spot, Ricky began a conversation with a family of three. It was obvious that others had watered and planted the seeds of truth, for this family was now ready for the harvest. I asked Ricky to explain what happened in his own words:

On Saturday, 4/10/10, our "fishing crew" went out street witnessing at Balboa Park. God opened the door for me to speak with a family of three ... Andria (the mom), Willie Jr. (the 14 y.o. son) and Emily (the 12 y.o. daughter). I was pleasantly surprised to find they were all willing to engage in a conversation about the Bible, Jesus and salvation issues. They were especially interested in what it meant to be "born again." After answering that



This lady believed the resurrection was a hoax and wants no part of the gospel. A week later in the same intersection at Balboa Park, Ricky led a family of three to Christ. Praise the Lord! What a contrast.

question and many others they had, I simply asked them if they had ever prayed to receive Jesus into their hearts as their Lord and Savior. They all looked at each other kind of quizzically and then looked at me and said that it had never occurred to them to do so. I asked them if they would like to pray that prayer with me right then and there. They all said (almost in unison) that they would love to do that. So I led them in "the sinner's prayer" right there on the Prado. They were extremely excited that they invited Jesus into their hearts knowing that He would now become their eternal Leader, Lord and Savior.

We decided upon a good Bible believing church for them to attend. I also informed them of two good Christian radio stations (KPRZ and KWVE).

All three of them then asked me to pray for Willie Sr. He's the father of the family. Apparently Willie Sr. is a severe alcoholic who has no interest at all in spiritual matters. Would you please also be so kind as to say a prayer for Willie Sr.'s salvation? I can't wait to meet this family again in heaven ... hopefully all FOUR of them.

I give God all the glory for allowing me to speak and pray with this beautiful family.

YBIC, Ricky

What's Happening???

3,000 More Spanish Tracts ordered... Although I know no real Spanish except for Taco, and Burrito, I really feel compelled to have more frequent outreaches directed to the Spanish speaking people here in San Diego. I'm going to try and coordinate an outreach to them at the border again, but this time with at least one interpreter. Pastor Gil knows a man that would like to do this and I'm looking for one more. If you know Spanish and would like to be involved with this upcoming ministry outreach, please let us know. We've already witnessed that the Mexican people will talk to you even when they know little English. This would be an amazing opportunity.

Jehovah's Witness Convention coming... I had so looked forward to the Jehovah's Witness convention but by God's providence, the date changed to Memorial Day weekend, which I have already committed to preaching in Phoenix. However, there is a Spanish convention in June at Qualcomm as well. This may be an opportunity to reach out to them. Although I know no Spanish, I may go there anyway. There are probably many or at least a percentage of the Spanish convention that know English as well. I know of no ministry that has attempted an outreach to the Spanish Convention in all my years in San Diego. Please pray for direction.

26 Videos on the Internet... We now have 26 videos on YouTube.com for all the world to see. Open Air preaching and one on one interviews concerning the Gospel. Nearly 23,000 people have viewed them so far. I've had literally hundreds of emails concerning these videos, most by the way, are from Jehovah's Witnesses. I know that many Christians have been encouraged by them and have stirred them to be more active in their witness as well as to be diligent in their study of the scriptures. The easiest way to find them is to go to YouTube.com and from there do a search by typing my name, Jerry Benson, and all 26 will be listed.

Thank you for your prayers and continued financial support.

Your Warriors in Christ, *Jerry and Dianna*