



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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Octoberfest La Mesa, Miramar Air Show, SDSU, Balboa Park

Are you ready? This is the question on our 8 foot cross that 4 of us took to the Octoberfest in La Mesa. Somewhere around 100,000 people attended. We handed out about 600 tracts and talked one on one to many asking “Are you ready to stand before God?”

Dianna and I went to the Air Show in Miramar and were able to hand out a number of tracts there. We decided to be somewhat discreet and simply place literature rather than dialogue. Not sure how free speech is considered on a military base so best proceed cautiously.

We had to cancel the Halloween outreach at the last minute but instead I went to Balboa Park the following Sunday afternoon. Must be by providence since I was able to talk with 2 Mormon Missionaries, and 3 other Mormons at their information table for an hour. I felt it was very worthwhile and that particularly one young man promised to research further. Interestingly, one missionary went to the same high school I did in Utah.



Here's Dianna giving million dollar bills to kids at Octoberfest, La Mesa. She had a rather odd dialogue with an elder in a Presbyterian Church. He said the reason he would go to heaven is because he was a good person and helped serve coffee faithfully each Sunday to visitors.



Tens of thousands saw our cross at the main entrance to the Octoberfest. Unbelievable how many people have no idea where they will spend eternity. These three kids were a real encouragement. They wanted to start some outreach evangelism ministry like ours.



The Blue Angels were at the air show at Miramar. Somewhere around 300,000 attended. We didn't hand out many tracts but were able to put the gospel in the hands of some.

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Are we motivated?

How often have you prayed that God would open doors for you to share the gospel with someone near you or even to strangers.

Ray Comfort of Living Waters ministry has stated: "Why is it easier to talk to God about men than to talk to men about God."

Believe it or not I don't really feel specially gifted to share the gospel but rather have been moved by God that I must. Opportunities are literally everywhere.

I saw a video where Ray Comfort challenged a Christian to share the gospel. The Christian said he could never just talk to a total stranger cold turkey. Then Ray pulled a \$100 dollar bill from his pocket and said he would give him the bill if he'd go talk with some people on the sidewalk and give them a tract. Suddenly the man overcame his fear walked up to the strangers, spoke a few words and gave them a tract.

We shouldn't be motivated by money but rather first it is a great privilege and honor to boast in our God and second we know the destiny of the unsaved if we don't.



Another outreach at Balboa Park. Here John is sharing the gospel with a woman videographer who was very interested in the Christian message. She listened intently as John shared the message of Hope. No matter how busy people are there are always many willing to listen to the ultimate truth if we just take the time.

Have a Plan!

From time to time we have Christians come out tracting that have never given out a tract or spoken with someone about the gospel. Of course their first question is "What do I say?"

Very simple answer. You must say "something". You must take the initiative and begin the conversation. I suggest "Have a plan."

The most difficult part of the witnessing opportunity will be how to get the conversation going. Plan on an introductory statement or question that gets the ball rolling. This is way out of your comfort zone but MUST happen. You MUST direct the conversation to spiritual things. "Where will you spend eternity?" "Will you go to heaven?" "What do you think happens when you die?" Of course it could just be a statement like, "I know your wife has been ill and I have been praying for her."

There is no one absolute golden way, but if you present yourself as one who truly cares, people will talk.



I generally wouldn't insert such a blurry photo but this one is truly special and the only one I have. Billy (sitting in the orange shirt) and wife hidden behind tracts go to Balboa Park every weekend for 5 or 6 hours a day. The blurry man on the right talking to the 2 ladies is "Ozzie". These three have faithfully and consistently proclaimed the gospel to the lost for many years. A great encouragement to us.

What's Happening and What's Coming???

Mother Goose Parade... Lord willing we'll be at the Mother Goose Parade in El Cajon the end of November at the largest Parade in Southern California. We've been there 3 or 4 years in a row now.

December Nights Balboa Park ... I'm trying to get a sound permit to show a Christian video outdoors at December Nights in Balboa Park. It's never been done as far as I know but the potential audience is over 300,000. The senior park security can't give me an answer to free speech used in this way and is communicating with the city attorney who is likewise avoiding giving an answer. Please pray for this outreach.

Pastor calls us about Joel Osteen... The pastor of Faith Bible Fellowship church in Santee called me this week delighted that we are outspoken and take a stand against the teachings of Joel Osteen. He found out we had written a tract about Joel and wanted copies to give to some that are confused about Joel. PTL.

In Christ,

Jerry and Dianna