

Challenge Ministries



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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Vancouver, Juneau, Ketchikan, Balboa Park, Petco Park

One thing I try to reenforce with Christians I meet is that where ever you find yourself is your mission field. Work, home, shopping, play, and yes vacations. We are light and salt to a dying world that desperately needs the gospel.

This month was our weeks vacation in Alaska. Dianna and I set a goal of handing out 500 tracts on our vacation and still have time to enjoy the beauty of God's magnificent creation.

We spent 2 days in Vancouver and handed out over 200 tracts. Sadly we met just a single Christian. I did talk to a number of folks from Vancouver and found this city is much like America, cold towards the things of God and the gospel. Canada like the United States is a mission field.

Although we did go to Balboa Park and Petco Park in San Diego, I want to share several photos from our outreaches in Alaska.



This is the world famous "Red Dog Saloon" in Juneau. 5 Ships were in port that day with about 8,000 tourist. Dianna is giving a group of people the million dollar bill gospel tract. Dianna is on the right of the lady in the red.



You can see 2 ships in the background here in Ketchikan. Tourist from the ships stopped under this overhang to load buses and get out of the rain. Many thought Dianna was a tour guide or something. She helped them the best she could and wished them a good day with a million dollar gospel tract.



Please pray for our room steward on the ship. (He's leaning over so we can see the towels he folded). His name is Nopea. He's a Muslim. We shared Jesus the messiah, and the gospel with him. Several times I was able to read from the Bible to Him that Jesus was the only way to God through the cross. I believe that he is very near to becoming a Christian.

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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SURELY THE TRUE CHURCH MUST HAVE APOSTLES AND PROPHETS.

Mormons are taught that one of the characteristics of the “true church” is that it must have a foundation of Apostles and Prophets. They will quote Ephesians 2:20 which states: “And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone.”

A careful reading of the context reveals that it is not the “church” or an organization that must have apostles and prophets, but rather it is individuals (“YE are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens” verse 19) that are built upon the “foundation” of the apostles and prophets, which is and has always been, Jesus Christ. He is not only the foundation but also the “chief corner stone.” This is exactly what I Corinthians 3:11 says: “For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.”

If, as the Mormons say, every generation needs the foundation replaced (apostles and prophets), then it would seem that we would also need a new “corner stone” or a new Christ as well.

What makes this position even more embarrassing for Mormonism, is that the Mormon church was not built upon the foundation of apostles. The church existed for 5 years and baptized thousands of new members before it ever had APOSTLES! (see *History of the Church*, vol. 2, pp. 180-200)

Just because a church “claims” to have apostles, and many do, does not mean they are “true” apostles or that they represent the true church. II Corinthians 11:14 warns that there are “false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.”

The church mentioned in Revelation chapter 2 was commended for putting individuals to the test who claimed to be apostles: “... thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars.”

The Bible nowhere makes a claim that there is an organization which is the “true church” with a specific name that alone is God’s church. Rather, the Bible attests to the fact that the “church” which Christ said He would build (Matthew 16:18), is not a organization but rather an organism made up of believers from many different religious organizations, from all ages who put their trust in Jesus Christ alone for their salvation and have been born again. This church is the one whom the Apostle Paul said: “And he is the head of the body, the church:” (Colossians 1:18).

Canada orders ministry by Christians shut down!

It’s not hard to prove from the news in America that hate laws are growing to include criticism of homosexuals, Muslims, and practically any group but Christian. Our freedoms are slowly eroding away and appears to be going the same direction as Canada.

The Canadian government has ordered a Christian ministry that teaches doctrine and the differences between Christians and cults shut down because its reference materials were “critical” of the beliefs of those who are not Christian. Much of their material focuses on defending the historic Christian faith against modern religions like the Jehovah’s Witnesses and Mormons.

So what used to be called MacGregor Ministries with offerings in how to recognize and eliminate “faulty fads” in Christian churches has been re-created in the United States, and now operates under the name MM Outreach Media Ministries.

Lorri MacGregor, has dedicated her life to explaining the straight and narrow of Christian beliefs since she found her way out of the Jehovah’s Witness system years ago. However, now Canada’s version of a “hate crimes” law prevented their work from continuing as it had for nearly 30 years.

“Canada is no longer a Christian nation,” she said. “And watch out America!”

They are but one of 2,500 charities that ceased to exist in Canada in 2008, due to government efforts to shut down registered charities.

When it becomes illegal to proclaim there is but one way to God through the person and work of Jesus Christ, true Christians MUST still proclaim this message even at the cost of our lives.

Our forefathers and millions down through the centuries gave their all for the gospel.

Can we do less???

What’s Happening???

4,000 plus Millions given away... As you receive this newsletter we will have only about 1,000 million dollar gospel tracts left (4,000 have been given away). I’ve ordered another 5,000 and Lord willing we will be able to give them all away by the first of the year. If you can help with the \$425 printing cost we’d greatly appreciate it.

PETCO Park and 4 Preachers... 4 men including myself did a 5 minute gospel presentation at PETCO Park, (Padres home baseball field) early in September. We challenged one another to give a concise gospel message in 5 minutes or less on the sidewalk near the entrance. You can check it out on YouTube.com. Just search for “4 Preachers Petco Park”.

San Diego Police almost Apologized!!! Many of you will remember the apology we received from Mission Beach Lifeguards concerning our tracting on city property. Well I received a near apology from the San Diego Police Chief just days ago. We were told we couldn’t tract in front of Petco Park even on the sidewalk. Interestingly, we were permitted to “open air” preach on the same sidewalk. I contacted a number of city officials, city attorney, councilman, and police chief. Bottom line is police officers and Petco security have been notified that we are within our right to practice first amendment freedom of handing our Christian literature. I would say that is a win for Christians!

Your Warriors in Christ, *Jerry and Dianna*