

# 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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### Balboa Park (8 times) and Kingdom Hall?

Once again, Balboa Park was our main outreach. Twice a week for the whole month. Tuesdays is free museum day which draws a lot of people even in the day. We've had several new fishers come out and literally hundreds of one on one gospel discussions this month.

Although Balboa park was our stopping place, the Jehovah's Witnesses were actually the main focus. They have a Kingdom Hall nearby and have been in the park every time we are there. It's the first stop in the park for us and the last as we leave. Usually new JW's replace the earlier ones every couple of hours. For the entire month the JW's have had a table at each of our outreaches. This is the first time I have ever been personally invited to attend a Kingdom Hall. Since I've spoken with about a dozen JW's in the last couple of months from this Kingdom Hall, I decided to take them up on it and attend one of their Saturday services alone. The purpose was simply to attend and observe, meet Matt and make my presence known and see what would become of it. I made sure several there knew I was invited by Matt. Matt seemed very happy I came and found a seat for me. One black elderly man that I'm sure hates me walked by me several



Kingdom Hall not far from Balboa Park. Actually, quite modern except for no windows.

times during the service. His name is Grant. Finally I saw him and some of the elders talking in the back seemingly about me.

Nothing became of it but they were obviously concerned. I spoke with Matt as I left and thanked him and told him I would talk more with him about the service at Balboa Park. He loves old books and noticed I had an old NWT of the Bible and wanted to see and handle it. 3 days later I saw Matt again at Balboa Park with Grant. In the past, Grant refused to talk to me or even let me approach the table but permitted me to talk with Matt this time. I showed Matt an old 1930 JW Convention newspaper with photos of Rutherford, Beth-Sarim, and Rutherfords Cadillac.

Since one of the sisters at the Kingdom Hall commented on the churches and their emphasis on money I thought this might make him think. Grant was obviously ruffled. Ricky was with me and tried to get him to look at a passage of scripture showing the Holy Spirit was a person. He refused to let Ricky touch a bible on the table and became quite irate. This gave me some time to talk with Matt one on one about Jesus being the good shepherd and that we must come to Him for life.

At this point Grant folded up the table, gathered everything and they left. Hope to speak with him this week. Please pray. Much is happening in this Kingdom Hall.



Inside the Kingdom Hall. I took this photo while they were praying. Several in this photo I've spoke with at Balboa Park. Several witnesses were quite friendly to me. Had they only known.

## NEWSLETTER

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These Spanish JW ladies refused to talk with Ricky and me. Instead they just ignored us and spoke with one another in Spanish as if we weren't there. While they did I read to them the gospel from I Corinthians 15. Quite eerie while we both talked at the same time.



Matt and Grant on another day looking at their cell phones. This was after I attended the Kingdom Hall. I think that Grant now hates Ricky more than me. Matt is very interested in old books. He even brought his great grandmothers old bible to show Ricky and me. Perhaps God will save his soul.



Hazel on the left and Matt looking at his cell phone on the right. We had a wonderful dialogue. Hazel had numerous questions about the trinity. Before we left she stood up and came and held my hand in a warm embrace thanking us for talking with them.



This is a long line in front of the natural history museum near the JW table. The museum was free so many came. Ricky and I started at the stairs and went down the line talking to people and giving out tracts.

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

**Discussions with Paul, 40 year JW ends...** Sadly, my talks with Paul, (who I mentioned last month), ended in the middle of a phone conversation without warning, he hung up on me. I am totally dumbfounded as to what happened. Perhaps a spouse put an end to it or whatever. I've tried a number of times to call but he won't return my calls. A spiritual battle is going on. We must just trust the Lord.

**Pray for Matt, a fourth generation JW...** Matt, in one of the photos of this newsletter, is very warm towards myself and Ricky. We've built up somewhat of a friendship and speak about spiritual things every week now for nearly a month. I think pressure is coming that will force him to cut it off or rethink the control of the watchtower. He seems to be his own man. Please pray for him.

**Parkway Mall (come and gone)...** Greatest tract outreach ever. More next month.

**Octoberfest La Mesa coming...** Second largest event in east county after Mother Goose parade. First weekend of October. Lord willing we will have a presence there.

Blessings,

*Jerry and Dianna*