

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

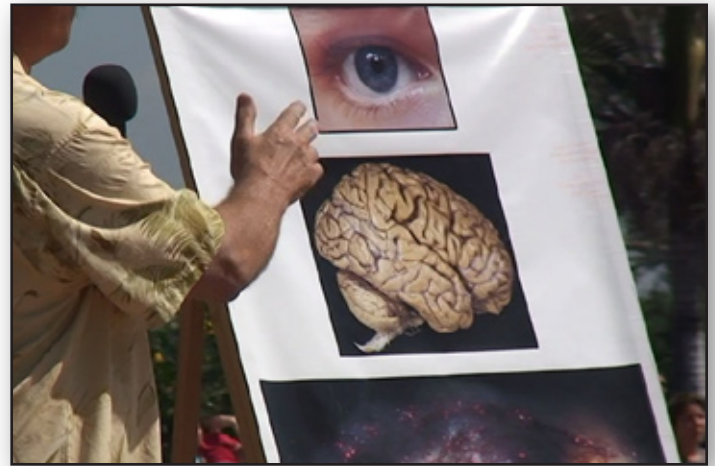
Not very often is there just a single place that we go in a month but this was the month. Actually we went 7 or 8 times to Balboa Park in August. One thing is certain, there are always people at Balboa Park, and they are from all over the world.

I've encouraged our workers that we take advantage of speaking with those that say they are Christians. That we lovingly and with encouragement discuss the heart of the gospel and the essential response to embrace it, grow and mature in the faith, live out this transformation, and of course proclaim the gospel with passion and zeal. I am seeing more and more this encouragement to believers is well received and so very often is a reminder that our treasure is NOT this world but the world to come.

Beginning next week we'll be going back to San Diego State to talk with students about the things of God and the meaning of life. This gospel message is so desperately needed in our world that is in run away rebellion from the creator. I pray that God grant us a passion for Him and that He would grant the gospel to go forth with power every time we proclaim it. Blessings always.



Our first ever presentation just to kids. 200 or more were lined up in front of the Science Museum at Balboa Park (free for kids on the first Tuesday of the month). We used a microphone and battery powered speakers. The video is now on YouTube.



The creation points to a creator. Here I'm speaking from the fountain describing the eye, brain and the heavens that declare the glory of God. We now have new canvases with an eye, brain and galaxy on a separate canvas. Lord willing we'll use this the first Tuesday of each month.



Johnaton is helping Pastor Gil give a flannel graph presentation on the gospel. The fountain is in the background with hundreds of kids lined up in front of him. We're working on a large size presentation that will mount on the easel with the canvases.

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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the Monarch Butterfly

The Monarch Butterfly is one of the most fascinating creatures on the planet. It is the most rapidly growing of any lifeform. Increases 2700 times it's weight in 20 days. Monarchs have compound eyes with 6,000 lens each. They can see all the colors of the rainbow plus ultra-violet light. They shed their skin 4 times before building a cocoon and transforming through metamorphosis into a brilliant butterfly.

The Monarch will then migrate up to 3,000 miles through 3 generations and return 3,000 miles to an exact place it's never been before. Dr. Duane Gish, a creationist Christian, debated all over the United States using this as an example of special creation and against evolution.

I'd like to use this presentation to capture the hearts of children and then explain the gospel.



3 larger than life Monarch butterflies. Tiny wires that run off a transformer and cause a wire to expand which open and closes the wings about every 8 seconds. Extremely lifelike. I'm still experimenting with the display and how to power it. May have lights for evening performance. Great potential.

Smashed Pennies

We've give out thousands of pennies that have the 10 commandments on them. Believe it or not, the words are actually legible and can be read with a pair of good kids eyes.

There are some resourceful entrepreneurs on the internet that sell these souvenirs for a dollar each. We're able to get them for 10 cents each when we buy 500 and give them away.

We always use the law of God when communicating the gospel. It speaks to the conscience, convicts of sin and prepares the heart for the good news.

It also stops the mouth of justifying ourselves that we are a "good person". We have found that even un-believers generally will take these unique souvenirs. Even our civil law has its foundation in the law of God recorded in the Bible.



An actual photograph of a "smashed penny". All 10 commandments are there and readable.

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

Octoberfest La Mesa Comming... Lord willing we'll go to Octoberfest in La Mesa the first weekend of October. We may use the "Are you ready?" cross again. This event draws over 100,000 people in 3 days. If you live in Southern California please consider helping for an evening.

Mission to the Border... Lord willing this month we'll go to the border. We already have 1,000 million dollar tracts in Spanish. We're still seeking interpreters and helpers. Pray the Lord of the harvest will provide workers.

Butterfly Presentation??? I'm still working on the tract for the Monarch butterfly along with a butterfly that kids can color. Little by little we are determined to complete this awesome presentation on the marvels of the Monarch butterfly and the gospel that rescues sinners. I think this will be our greatest visual lesson ever and one that will be especially useful to kids. Thank you for your prayers.

In His service,

Jerry and Dianna