



be ready always to give an answer
I Peter 3:15

earnestly contend for the faith
Jude 3

Fishers of Men

September 2010

U.S. Open Sand Castles, El Cajon Car Show, La Mesa Car Show, Balboa Park (2 times)

Three of us spend a half day at the Imperial Beach Sand Castles. Attendance was estimated at 200,000 plus. We had many talks with non-Christians and Christians alike and handed out about 700 tracts.

At the El Cajon Car show, I spoke with 3 youths from Iraq. All three were Christians who understood the gospel. One of them in particular I was encouraging to go back to his homeland and proclaim the gospel to his people. I shared with him that it may be of great cost but the Lord would use him in a mighty way. He seemed eager to be used of the Lord Jesus.

Later in the evening Ricky and I meet some older couples, again from Iraq. They had begun attending a Baptist church in town. They had only a very basic view of Christianity but were amazingly hungry to hear about Jesus and the cross of Christ, and how they could be forgiven. Their English was somewhat broken but it was a delight to talk with them.

I had several very unique conversations at the La Mesa car show. One was with a Spanish woman. When I asked her where she would spend eternity she said definitely in heaven. When asked why, she said because of her relationship with God. He had changed her life. When pressed further, I noticed there was no mention of her sin, Jesus, or the cross of Christ. When I brought this up it seemed of no concern to her. How sad that this so called "relationship" had nothing to do with Jesus.

Later, a young man training to be a leader in the Methodist church, told me the scriptures changed as our experiences changed. Each must find his own path and the blood of Christ was not central to the solution of our sins. I tried to redirect his thinking and encouraged him to study the word carefully.



We handed out lots of tracts here in Balboa Park the last Saturday of August. Great fishing area!



Gil, Jerry, Shane, Emma, Ricky, and John at Balboa park. The young couple in the middle have only been Christians for 1 year and wanted to go out witnessing with us. What a delight to see this passion early in their Christian walk to follow the command of Christ to share their faith.



Ricky talking with 2 sheriffs and one Sand Castle committee member asking why we can't hand out religious literature. I'm taking a quick picture just before one deputy sheriff tells me, "Leave or be arrested".

NEWSLETTER

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FREE SPEECH?

Imperial Beach Sand Castles, August 7. Ricky, Gil, and I were told not to hand out literature anywhere at the U.S. Open Sand Castle event even though it was open to the public. We moved from the street to the sidewalk and finally to the public pier where Gil and I preached open air until told to cease by a Sheriff's police officer. First amendment rights are not valid here we were told. Since we had been there nearly 4 hours total and were about through we reluctantly agreed to leave.

I've contacted the Sheriff's department since and received apologies that our rights were violated and the police were in error to threatening with arrest. I was told further that steps would be taken to enlighten all officers about our first amendment rights. The city of Imperial Beach said much the same.

However, no one wants to commit that next year we won't have the same problem. I'm currently communicating with the Captain of the Sheriff's department attempting to resolve this important free speech issue.

As of this date we have been refused free speech at Pacific Beach, the Border, Horton Plaza on the street, and Petco Park. Each time the authorities were in error. This is happening all over America!



Little by little "Free Speech" is going away in America. This officer is telling me I cannot preach openly on this public pier. One day, no doubt, Christians will not be able to publicly proclaim Jesus as the only way to God.

Thousand of JW's disturbed!

If you recall, we had an outreach at Qualcomm Stadium for the Jehovah's Witness district convention. Although witnesses won't talk or take literature, we took 4 videos preaching open air about the serious errors of the Watchtower. These videos are now on YouTube for witnesses to view privately. The videos are also available to the public to view the Watchtower control as well as hear of their non-Christian beliefs. If some are dissuaded from joining the Jehovah's Witnesses or even one questions the organization and becomes a true Christian, this will be worth the difficult effort of producing these videos.

Nearly 3500 have viewed these 4 videos in less than 3 months. I've had many upset JW's email me and a few Christians that have been encouraged to continue to try and reach the JW's with the true gospel.

Anyone is allowed to comment on the videos for anyone to see. I have the option of deleting any that I find inappropriate. I leave most all comments even if they are derogatory. I delete only the obscene and cursing comments.

Here are some of the comments copied and pasted from the internet:

YOUR EVIL SLAVE, THATS WHY IM CONVINCED JWS HAVE TRUTH BECAUSE OF YOUR BROWBEATING THE FELLOW GOOD,DISCREET ONE. THANK YOU FOR REAFFIRMING MY FAITH.

no you got it backwards, to think we don't believe in Jesus is ridiculous, and shame on your for talking against God's people, they are spreading the good news like Jesus commanded, all your doing is talking against those who do God's will.

This video is a lie and trash.you see there is no trinity and and jesus is not as powerful as jehovah his heavenly father. jesus calls jehovah his god. this video is only meant to mislea those with no knowledge of what the bible really says.jws have the truth,

Keep up the good work Jerry, I am an Ex-JW, And i have to tell you that im happy to see someone Who loves this people so much to waste your time trying to help deaf ears

You are still a liar. I do not see the love and compassion that Jesus Christ showed when he preached in you. You are ravenous wolves in disguise.

So, what's the point of your preaching? Do you think Jesus and apostles did it in such a way? How many hearts did you reach? I would like to see you preaching also to other people, not only to Jehovah's Witnesses.

You guys made a fantastic presentation. At least we can benefit from it online, even if they didn't get the point at the convention.

May God bless these videos to His Glory.

What's Coming???

Catholic fruit?... At the Catholic youth conference I spoke at length with one of the chaperones, Joseph. We are currently dialoguing through email concerning the fundamentals of the faith. We are planning on praying together in the near future. Ricky has spoken with the other Catholic gentleman that we talked with at the conference. He is still interested in meeting together. We are still trying to find a convenient time that will work for all. I am very hopeful that God will use these discussions to bear fruit.

Louis Palau September 11... Lord willing we will go to the Lousi Palau Cityfest here in San Diego. There will be lots of youth, many confused concerning what is a Christian. Although this is a Christian event we will go and hand out tracts and attempt to speak one on one with them concerning the faith.

Street fairs coming... Several opportunities to attend street fairs in the San Diego area are coming in September. It's a great opportunity to hand out tracts and talk with people about the gospel. We will report more next month.

We are available for your Church... We are seeking churches where we can speak on the subject of Christians sharing their faith, Mormonism, JW's, and Creation vs. Evolution. If you would like to have us in your church please let us know. There is no charge.

We live in difficult times. Most non-profits are struggling for support. We are trusting the Lord that each month He continues to meet our needs. Please consider how you can help. Thank you.

Your Warriors in Christ, *Jerry and Dianna*