

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 and SDSU

We are still attempting to go out witnessing 2 to 3 times a week. School is back in session at San Diego State with thousands of young people. So many have no idea about God, the afterlife, judgement and the gospel.

Humanist philosophy dominates these young people and their thinking. Religion is an option in their life and is rarely central in their thinking. Sadly there are so many luke warm Christians that Christianity has little appeal to them. However, God has a people and He promises to “build his church” and the gates of hell will not prevail (Matt. 16:18)

We live in troubling times and yet exciting that we can boldly proclaim the gospel and know God is working.



2nd day of school at SDSU. We handed out hundreds of tracts and had many one on one conversations with new students and veterans as well. Lord willing we'll go most every Thursday the rest of the year. Please pray for these young people. Join us if you can.

I am amazed at the growing visible signs of Islam in America. Here are 2 Muslim women peddling this cart and in the background, under the tree is a table with 2 Muslim men promoting Islam talking to 2 teenagers.

I see them most every week at Balboa Park and even on campus at SDSU and UCSD. Interestingly, one of the men I've spoken with at length at SDSU several times as well as several times at Balboa Park. His name is Abraheim.

It's hard to image he was raised by his grandmother in a Christian home and he's been to Bible college in San Diego.

How true is the Bible when it states that “men loved darkness rather than light” John 3:19

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 Most Beautiful Words

If you were talking to an unsaved person, what do you think would be the most beautiful words you could hear? In the many years that I have been witnessing I've only heard these words a couple of times. I would say they are "the most beautiful words".

"I would like to become a Christian."

I met a young man (James) from China recently at Balboa Park. He was there with his family. His Children attend a Christian Church. Some of those who attend this church have been witnessing to him. He's seen the change in his kids and has a great admiration for the gospel message and the Bible. I asked him specifically if he was a Christian. He said no but that he wanted to be. I asked if he knew how to become a Christian. He said he had heard you must believe in Jesus. I asked if he knew what that meant? Amazingly he said it was a belief from the heart. We talked at length of who is this Jesus and what he has accomplished on the cross and His resurrection. We talked of the "gift" of faith and repentance that comes from God that we call being born again. Just then his family came up and he was almost instantly whisked away. No doubt this man is crossing from death to life by faith in Christ.



This is Gary in the white t-shirt sharing the gospel with some students at SDSU. Gary is retired and is involved with us now weekly on Thursday. He's active in several prison ministries as well as the Gideons. Thanks for coming with us Gary!

Never heard the Gospel!

This past Sunday I met a teenager at Balboa Park. His name is Spencer. He seemed to be about 15. He was there with his family. As I was sharing the gospel with him I noticed he had somewhat of a puzzled look. I asked if he had ever heard this message before. Unbelievably he said he had never heard this message before. Often times I have shared with foreigners that have never heard the gospel before or at least portions of it, so I asked where he lived. He lives in San Diego.

It is heartbreaking that we live in a culture in America where not only does the family have no religious training, but these families come from families that were not raised in any church as well. Several generations of humanist thinking where God is not even a consideration. Fewer and fewer attend churches and the culture is swamped with humanism.

America is a mission field. We need to be about our Father's business living, growing and maturing in the faith and expressing it boldly and frequently.



Margarita with the hat on is sharing the gospel in Spanish with this family at Balboa Park. Margarita has been faithfully coming out now for nearly a year. What a blessing.

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

Please pray for Thomas... Thomas is an ex-JW and long time supporter of this ministry. He asks for prayer as he seeks fellow Christians in Kansas to go out witnessing.

Temple Square Salt Lake City... Lord willing we'll be in Salt Lake City the first weekend of October to do some tracting on Temple Square. We have reservations but the Lord directs our steps. We're planning on handing out the newly remodeled "17 Little Known Facts About the Mormons". Of course some million dollar bills as well.

Halloween Downtown San Diego... Can't believe it's less than 2 months away, "Halloween". We've gone many times over the years downtown San Diego and hope to make it again this year.

Newport Beach... Just a little over an hour north of us is Newport Beach. We'd like to have an outreach up there sometime in September. Thanks for your prayers and kind support.

Blessings always,

Jerry and Dianna