



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

earnestly contend for the faith  
Jude 3

August 2023

## Balboa Park, Mission Beach and Freeway Overpass

If you recall, last month there was a photo of Dianna being loaded into an ambulance. She returned home only to again a week later make another trip to emergency. This time they kept her for 3 days working at bringing her racing heart rate down. She's had lots of tests and a new combination of medicines to bring her heart somewhere near normal. She is doing better. Please continue to pray for her.

It's been exactly 3 months since my hip surgery. I'm moving around with a cane. My hip is still tender but I'm able to stand for a considerable amount of time without too much trouble. Thank you so much for your prayers.

Covid seems to be by us and people are moving everywhere it seems. Lots of activity at Balboa Park and the beaches. Also good news that we often have 4 people or more join us at each outreach twice a week. Please pray that others will join us. Although we find there are some who will speak to us, the masses are quite resistant even in accepting a tract, especially if they can see the title, "Where will you spend eternity?" However, there are crowds where ever we go. We are still able to speak with dozens each week one on one.

One of our tracts which is always easy to give out is actually an excellent help for those new in the area. A map of the park. It includes a little history of Balboa park, photos and a suggested walking path to see the park in 1 hour. The majority by far except this helpful guide with gratitude. We will usually simply say, "Would you like a free map of the park?" Even locals that don't know the park well will accept. We usually are able to point out where we are in relation to the park and a couple of suggestions on where to visit or eat with limited time. On the back panel is a clear gospel message as well as an e-mail for questions or comments.



I'm talking with this very confused young man. He grew up in a Christian home and now is leaning towards the Hare Krishnas. I can see that he could be easily misled in that he is very trusting in just about anything and everything. I tried to emphasise the exclusiveness of Jesus as the only means of salvation. Perhaps God will open his blind eyes.



I would rate this the greatest event of the year thus far. Literally thousands of Muslims at Kennedy Park, El Cajon on the 4th of July. This was a brand new event for us and we had no idea of the scope of Muslims at this event. 3 of us handed out hundreds of tracts before the fireworks. Pastor Gil is praying with this young man that God would grant him understanding. His friends were mocking him until Gil rebuked them.

### NEWSLETTER

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## More about July...



Lisa is speaking with this gentleman about the gospel. Lisa attends our church is a former missionary to Africa.



This is faithful Ray on the left talking to some JW's at Balboa Park. They often leave their group with their magazine display and take a break as is seen here. Practically every time we go to the park JW's are there in mass.



This is Trish, one of the nurses at Kaiser who was looking after Dianna during her 3 days in the hospital. Dianna shared the gospel with her and found out she was Catholic. By the providence of God she gave her our tract "8 questions every Catholic should ask." Trish quite surprised said, "Someone gave me this tract at Pacific Beach recently." Dianna told her that it was probably "my husband" that gave it to her. Trish was very pleased and said she was seriously considering what the tract had to say. PTL.



The young man on the left is Christian. He attends my church. He and his two brothers met me at Balboa Park on a Saturday to hand out tracts. This is his first time doing this. He's using our map to help those at the park find their way around which also has the gospel message on the back to take with them.

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

**Another surgery...** About the time you are reading this I will be undergoing another surgery. This time a lower back surgery to hopefully help with numbness and burning feeling in my feet and legs. This is not considered a major invasive surgery and the recovery time is estimated at 6 weeks. Thank you for your prayers.

**Shopping Mall outreach...** I have wanted to schedule an outreach at "Parkway Plaza" shopping mall for quite some time. We have done this in the past but it's been many years. You have to get a permit from the administration. In the past we set up a table in front of Walmart which was an excellent location. We can legally in the mall hand out tracts and Bibles from this location. This will be one of the first things I arrange after my back surgery. Thank you for your prayers.

*In Christ,  
Jerry and Dianna*