

Challenge Ministries

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

earnestly contend for the faith
Jude 3

November 2024

Octoberfest, SDS and Starlight Circle

I'm not sure where to begin. We could use a couple of extra pages this month in the newsletter just to highlight this past month's activities.

Our first photo is from a large LDS Ward in Claremont where Mormon Apostle David Bednar was the featured speaker along with several of the general authorities of the Mormon Church. The announcement circulated primarily among Mormons and included an invitation for visitors to attend.

I asked Marc if he'd go with me and he agreed. I did not intend to disrupt or even hand out tracts just wanted to experience this extremely rare event. At one point Bednar asked how many were new converts in the last year. About 20 or so stood up. I carefully looked them over as I did intend to speak with 1 of them on the way out. I believe the Lord moved 1 man to move away from his watchful missionary companions on the way out. Amazingly I had 5 minutes, uninterrupted time to warn him of the dangers of this religion. I also gave him the "one" tract that I planned on giving out. I asked him to please put it in his pocket and don't look at it until he got home. He is a former Catholic and it had only been 3 weeks since his baptism into the LDS Church. I told him on the back was my contact info. He was overwhelmed but appreciate of my concern. Perhaps he'll contact me.

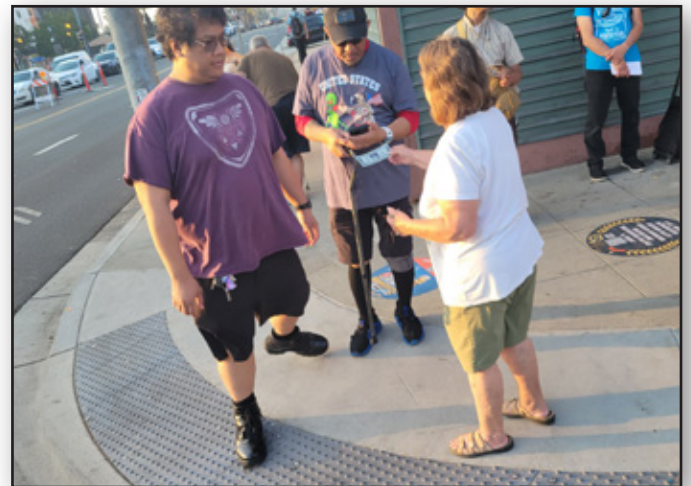
Halloween was truly amazing this year as we learned much from last year. We gave out 600 full size candy bars at SDSU with our new Halloween tract and another 600 at Starlight Circle in Santee. The numbers of people far exceeded what we thought would be there. As we left the streets were so full of people there were no room for cars without people moving out of the way. What an amazing opportunity!



Advertisement on Facebook announcing LDS Apostle speaking in San Diego.



They asked not to "record" the event. Since I didn't record, just took a quick pic I think it was O.K. Marc and I went an hour early and the place was half full to see Mormon Apostle David Bednar. Apostle Bednar spoke at the last General Conference. 4 leaders spoke this evening of the LDS message and NEVER mentioned Jesus crucified.



Dianna at the Octoberfest in La Mesa. More than 100,000 attended over 3 days. We had many conversations about the gospel. This would be an excellent location for churches to either obtain a booth or do as we did, hand out tracts and talk to people. The fields are ripe unto harvest but few laborers.

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More about October...



This is Matthew, a longtime Jehovah's Witness. I don't think I have ever talked with a Jehovah's Witness that I believe was so near seeing and understanding the truth about Jesus. He had no answers about Jesus and the bodily resurrection but insisted he would find good answers. I sensed that he was troubled about being a Witness. Please pray for him.



Halloween at Starlight Circle in Santee. This is our battery powered, illuminated wagon with candies and tracts. In just 2 hours we gave out more than 1,000 candies and about 700 tracts.



Errol and his wife Shiela behind him. Errol is a Gideon. They gave out candies, in the basket, and Halloween tracts and Gideon Bible app. This proves there are ways that you can serve the Lord even though you are handicapped.



We had some children help with tracts and candy at SDSU. This is Morgan, (along with officer Dianna), who helped with her little brother Simon. Morgan was nearly 100% on the number of people that took tracts and candy bars from her. PTL for little kids who want to help.

A Word From Dianna:



Hi everyone! Here we are at Thanksgiving time again. On October 3, 1863, President Lincoln set aside the last Thursday of November as a day of thanks. Jerry and I are so thankful for Challenge supporters. Thousands of tracts have been handed out again this year and all completely paid for. Each supporter, in a way, has handed out these tracts. It is because of your support and prayers that every one has been personally given out.

Thank you so very much,
Dianna

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

Prepping for Christmas... We're getting tracts ready and preparing to buy Candy Canes for this years Christmas outreaches. Please pray for these upcoming events.

Another new tract... "I AM the Light of the World"... We have another new tract that we can use anytime. The focus is on the identity of Jesus and of course salvation in Him. If you would like some of these to give out please send us a message. We initially printed 1,000.

Thank you so much for your continued prayers.

*Blessings,
Jerry and Dianna*