



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

earnestly contend for the faith
Jude 3

April 2024

SDSU, Balboa Park, Grossmont College, Santana High School & Jehovah's Witness Memorial

Just one week before Easter was the Jehovah's Witness yearly Memorial. Witnesses are very zealous inviting the public and expect 20 million worldwide to attend. More than double their membership observe this event.

Lisa, Pastor Gil and myself went to the La Mesa Kingdom Hall where there were overflow crowds filling the parking lot and flooding over onto the streets. We took advantage of this by open air preaching from the driveway, sidewalk and tried to hand out tracts as well. Gil video taped me preaching unhindered for a 15 minute video exposing the Memorial as well as fundamental Watchtower doctrines. As witnesses left they were forced to walk in front of me picking up a few sentences of Biblical truth concerning Jesus.

Near the end of the video I was asked by a JW Elder to move closer to the sidewalk (about 5 feet). I complied and in the darkness took a tumble face first into the soft dirt. 2 JWs kindly helped me to my feet where I was able to complete my preaching. Fortunately, the ground was soft and I was unharmed. It once again demonstrated that witnesses are kind, humble people that have simply been misled.

SDSU, the Gospel, and the Providence of God

There was an interesting encounter that Lisa had earlier in the month at SDSU. Here is what happened in her own words:

"I had such an unexpected encounter earlier this month. Prior to that day, I had begun a friendship with a young lady from my church, Patricia, who received Jesus as her Lord and Saviour over a year ago. I was privileged to be in attendance at her baptism with many others from church last Spring.

I invited her and a family from church over to my home for lunch last April. Patricia decided to join the military and relocated to Washington, D.C. last fall. I'm sure Patricia must have mentioned having sibling(s), but I did not remember this information. As I was beginning my time at SDSU one day, I walked up alongside a young lady and offered her a tract. When she turned her face toward me, I was shocked to see that she just looked like my friend, Patricia.

While I was looking quizzically at her, the young lady (whose name is Paulina) smiled and asked if I knew her identical twin sister, Patricia. Well, the mystery was solved! We chatted for a few minutes as I accompanied her to the library. It felt like I knew her, and yet I didn't. I soon embarked on spiritual conversation, as I thought I would not have much time to share the gospel. Though she had a test later that morning to study for, Paulina did not seem to be in a great hurry (already being quite well prepared for her exam). We sat down near the library and she listened attentively as I explained the Good News to her.

Though she did not receive Christ right then, she did express interest in receiving a New Testament, which I had with me. I showed her how to look up Bible verses as she didn't know how to do that. I am sure that Patricia has been praying for her twin sister to come to know Jesus. It was a great experience to be a partial answer to her prayer!"

God orchestrates all things for His Glory. PTL

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More about March...



JW Memorial La Mesa, Sunday evening the 24th. Can you imagine 20,000,000 witnesses and visitors all just watch the elements pass by. Everyone denies Christ. I did open air preaching as they left. Lisa was nearby where witnesses were personally escorting visitors to their cars restricting them from taking tracts. Fortunately, we placed the video on YouTube where hundreds will watch the video. This man and his son went out of their way to slowly walk close to me and listen carefully. Perhaps God is at work in their life.



This is faithful Ray who was sharing with this Grossmont Christian. What wonderful smiles of the joy of Christ in spite of circumstances.



This is Lisa and Bob, one of the Elders at the church we attend. They are sharing and encouraging this Christian student at Grossmont College. We not only have forgiveness of sins in this life but the hope of a new body like Christ in the new heavens and earth.

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

EarthFest Saturday April 20... This new event will be at Balboa Park and is the replacement for the previous and now defunct Earth Day San Diego. Previously the entire park was used but the new event will be just a small portion of the park. If I can get a team we may go this year. Another great opportunity to reach the lost.

Carlsbad Street Fare coming... The first week of May is the largest one day street fair west of the Mississippi. We have gone a number of times as this event draws about 125,000 people with 800 plus booths. Will report next month. Thank you for your continued prayers as we press on as soldiers of Christ.

*In Christ,
Jerry and Dianna*