



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

earnestly contend for the faith  
Jude 3

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## SDSU, Grossmont College, Balboa Park, Mission Beach

We have had rain most every week this past month. For the most part we are determined to go “rain or shine,” kind of like the mail. This month we went out several times and it rained HARD. Actually, not the whole time but there were times when we were drenched, even with umbrellas.

Once to SDSU we found cover in the Student Union Center. Everyone was rushing to get out of the rain so it was a great place to hand out damp tracts and talk with people.

I spoke with several students that I have spoken with in the past. Our message is yet the same even with those that we have talked with previously. Quite simple really. Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. We were created for God by God to glorify Him and delight in Him forever.

I began speaking with an ex-Marine at Balboa Park recently. Although he was with his family he stayed back and spoke to Gil and me for sometime. He was from the Philippines and a Catholic. Pastor Gil is from the Philippines and is a former Catholic as well. I stepped aside and Gil was able to disciple him for over 15 minutes.

At one point he was so excited when Gil shared with him the differences between the old and new Testaments. A beautiful light went on when he understood the Old Testament saints were looking forward to Jesus and the New Testament believers were eye witnesses of Jesus. Gil not only shared many verses with this man but actually showed him where it was in the Bible as they both read it together.

As I listened I couldn't help think of the two men from Emmaus where Jesus explained the scriptures to them.



Pastor Gil is sharing with this Phillipino man (Sergio) the gospel. As I listened to Gil explain the gospel to him it was really exciting to hear him teach in both English and Tagalog, the Filipino common language. After Gil finished he gave him his church business card. Sergio said he would visit with his family.



Brother Gary seen with a collapsed umbrella as we are leaving SDSU. The photo doesn't do justice as to how hard it is raining and blowing at this moment. My umbrella collapsed as well moments after this. The rain is coming down almost diagonal. Three of us were soaked when we got to the car, but it was a GOOD soaked. PTL.

## NEWSLETTER

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## More about March...



A beautiful day at Mission Beach. Marc boldly approached this young man at Mission Beach and shared the wonderful gospel.



Faithful Ray on the right is sharing the gospel message with these two teens at Grossmont College.

### A Couple of Letters:

Hi Jerry & Dianna plus all the Saints that Labor with you.

We are thanking the Lord Jesus for your recovery (Noro Virus) to each one involved.

Asking for the Lord's help about Barbara's eyes issue.

Blessings,  
David and Barbara

### Yes indeed we will pray for Barbara.

The following are a couple of excerpts from a letter I received recently from a woman I met at Balboa Park on a Sunday afternoon. She is from American Samoa:

... I now know that this is why I met you yesterday. I needed to see for myself. While I am ashamed of how I've become, I'm so overwhelmed by God's Grace and Mercy. He didn't let me go on in my foolishness or let me fall into open shame. I'm so grateful that He has mindfully dealt with me, not like I truly deserve.

There is so much to be grateful for today and I do thank you, for had you not been out there, yesterday, I could have truly lost my way. I hope that one day, not too far away, God will also use me to be His 'encounter' for someone else. I pray that my love for the Savior will take priority in my life, that I will treasure my relationship with Jesus as much as I possibly can. Like you have.

God bless you and give you the strength to complete your earthly assignment and may more and more people hear about Jesus through you.

Sincerely,  
Marreen

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

**SDSU and Grossmont just 6 weeks to go...** Barely a month away and school will be out. We try and go each week to the campuses during the school year. Fortunately, the summer will bring Balboa Park and the beaches to take their place. Please pray for these outreaches.

**Parkway Plaza?...** We haven't been to any of the shopping malls for some time. I'm hoping that sometime during the summer we can get a permit to setup at Parkway Plaza. In the past they would give us a prime location near Walmart exit. Lord willing we will go there soon.

**New outreaches...** Sometimes I hear about a potential outreach after it has occurred. If you are aware of a unique event in the San Diego area please keep us posted. We are open to most anyplace where there are people.

*In Christ,  
Jerry and Dianna*