

Challenge Ministries



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

earnestly contend for the faith
Jude 3

December 2022

SDSU, Santee Halloween, Balboa Park

We began the month with something we have never done before, handing out candy and tracts on Halloween. We took about 900 candy bars to the same area in Santee where the Christmas lights are. We loaded our jumbo size wagon with candy and gave each child the choice to choose 2 candy bars (one for each hand) and gave them or their parents a gospel tract and an invite to church. In 2 hours everything was gone. It was a very fun time and such an easy way to use Halloween to reach children and their parents with the gospel message.

I had an interesting talk with a student at SDSU this week. This young man said he'd seen the "Eternity" tract for months and wasn't really interested. However, recently he has found the subject of the gospel has really gotten his attention. As a matter of fact, not only had he read it several times but wanted to meet the person who wrote it, which of course is me. We had a very warm heart to heart talk for 20 minutes or so. He even stated that he intentionally missed his next class to talk about what it meant to be saved. His name is Gabriel. Please pray for him as I hope we can somehow connect again.

I had a heartbreaking encounter recently at SDSU. The conversation was only a few sentences long but very distressing. I handed the Eternity tract to a young lady and asked what she thought of the question, "Where will you spend eternity?" I could tell by her outward attitude that something was deeply troubling her. She responded, "I tried to kill myself yesterday. I wish I was dead." then she walked away. As she walked away, I said "I will pray for you." She gave me a quick thumbs up and was gone. I still look for her but haven't seen her yet.



This photo is worth a thousand words. David is in the electric wheel chair and is not able to walk and can barely speak. He comes most every weekend with some Christian brothers who set up a canopy with gospel tracts. David has enough strength to lift his forearm offering a gospel tract (as you can see) for those who notice and are willing. Praise the Lord for great warriors like David.



I think this is the only photo I have of "little Ray" sharing the gospel verbally. Although Ray is our champion "tract distributor," because of Cerebral Palsy he struggles to speak. But on this rare occasion this student understood and listened to the gospel from Ray. PTL.

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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More about November...



14 youngsters and adults, assembled, bagged and boxed 1500 bags of goodies in just a couple of hours. The energy of the kids and their enthusiasm kept the adults moving at light speed is our reason for success. Thank you all!



Brother Marc is speaking with the smallest man I have ever seen here at SDSU. Less than 3 feet tall. I gave him a tract about a month ago and now Marc has another opportunity. I pray that we will be able to talk further and that God would save his soul.



We had no idea what to expect on Halloween Santee. We arrived before dark, as you can see, and already masses of trick or treaters enjoying the evening. You can see the large wagon with Gary in the green prepping the tract distribution and Marc in the red directing the kids excitement to pick their own candies.



Brother Marc and I in our Halloween Costumes which we wore to the Santee, Halloween tract outreach. Seems like two likeable guys wouldn't you say?

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

New tract almost here... By next newsletter we'll have another new gospel tract, "The Narrow Path."

December Nights Balboa Park... Although just days away, with all that is going on we are not sure how this years December nights will work out. We will report next month.

Christmas lights closer yet... We have tentatively targeted the 11th and 18th of December for our Christmas outreach. What a great time of the year to proclaim the King that became a babe. God manifest in the flesh. May we proclaim from the housetops that Jesus is Savior and worthy of all praise and worship.

Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and kind support this past year. Merry Christmas and may God bless your efforts to serve Him.

*In Christ,
Jerry and Dianna*