



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

earnestly contend for the faith
June 3

July 2023

Balboa Park, Mission Beach and Pacific Beach

PTL. Just over half way through the month of June, I have been able to return to our official gospel outreaches. I still have a ways to go but because of your kind prayers and the healing of a gracious God I have returned to the work God has assigned and in which I so love.

My first week Dianna drove and dropped 4 of us off near the center of Balboa Park so I wouldn't have so far to walk. I have progressed from the four legged walker to a lightweight cane which will be with me a few more weeks. I was able to finish off the month with several visits to Balboa Park as well as Mission Beach and Pacific Beach.

Lots of people are out and about and enjoying our San Diego. What a privilege I enjoyed once again of sharing Christ with everyone we could. JW's seem to be everywhere which provided many opportunities pointing out to them great biblical truths compared to the error of the Watchtower.

One of the most tragic examples of the grip that the god of this world has on many, was a long conversation I had with a JW couple at Balboa Park. She had converted to the witnesses in her 20s. Her father is a pastor at Calvary Chapel in Temecula. Despite her upbringing and the earnestness of her father to convince her otherwise, she became a Jehovah Witness some 15 years ago.

I tried diligently to convince them the Watchtower was not a Christian organization. She had little interest in anything I had to say. Her husband seemed much more open as we talked for at least a half hour. We had a very pleasant conversation and he said he looked forward to talking again.

Only God can remove the blinders.



This photo Dianna took from the inside of our car. These were JW ladies on the sidewalk right outside our bank. Dianna encouraged me to talk to them as I hadn't been out for over a month. We really had an excellent conversation and I encouraged them to please study the Bible without the Watchtower materials and see what you find.



Pastor Gil came to Mission beach a week ago with his wife Maricar, to his right, and young 10 year old Josiah one of the children of a member of his church. He asked Gil (PTL) if he could come witnessing with us. He loves handing out tracts and is here holding up the words to the old hymn, "There is a Fountain Filled With Blood." We sang to the beach goers and to a "great crowd" in heaven.

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More about June...



This is Lisa (pink blouse), who faithfully this past month and a half, accompanied the team going witnessing while I was recovering. She's offering our tract "Balboa Park Visitor guide" to these ladies. On the back is the gospel message. Interestingly, the tall building in the background was for 40 years the "Museum of Man." Today it has been changed to a more politically correct name, "The Museum of US."



This is a heartbreaking photo taken at Balboa Park. The JW woman with the white blouse is with her JW husband right behind her. She was born and raised the daughter of a Calvary Chapel minister in Temecula. She is the one I spoke of on the first page of this newsletter.



Marc is sharing with these tourists one of our gospel tracts. As you can tell many of our conversations about the gospel are with more than one person at one time. At times it can be difficult since often you have 3 or more different views. However, the gospel always applies.



This photo is actually another Praise. I'm standing on the second floor of a Kaiser medical center while they load Dianna in an ambulance to shuttle her to Kaiser at Zion. I followed the paramedics to the elevator but was delayed waiting for others to take the elevator down. We spoke with Dianna's physician before the paramedics arrived about her staggering pulse of 160, over double that of normal. Her doctor suggested immediate transportation to emergency. They gave her immediate attention and over the next 6 hours came up with medication that would bring the blood pressure and pulse down to an acceptable range. We are grateful to God for this outcome. Please pray that the meds will continue to give relief to her heart.

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

500 Silver Dollars!... Actually, they aren't silver and they aren't dollars. A silver looking coin that have all the 10 commandments on one side and a simple gospel message on the other. I'm carrying them with me all the time since they are perfect to give to kids. Many times parents don't want a tract but permit me to give these to their kids. This not only delights the kids but the parents also. We purchased 500 to compliment our tracts. If you would like some please write and let us know how many you would like. These are a delight to give out at any time.

Utah outreach... We are now scheduled to go to Salt Lake City for the October LDS General Conference. 3 of us have airline reservations and hotel accommodations reserved. Please pray for this outreach and help if you are able.

*In Christ,
Jerry and Dianna*