



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

earnestly contend for the faith
Jude 3

February 2023

SDSU, Balboa Park, Mission Beach, Pacific Beach

I am delighted that the first month of the new year has had many join us in our gospel outreaches. We often have 5 of us going into the world preaching and sharing the gospel one on one and in the open air.

More than a thousand tracts so far this month and many Gospel of John and Romans as well as New Testaments. I know we have the smile of God and one day we many know exactly how our Lord used our efforts for His Kingdom.

SDSU is back in session with some new students as well. We introduced our new tract "The Narrow Path" along with our tried and true tract "Where Will You Spend Eternity?"

Some of the past students would say, "I already have one." Of course I would reply, "Not this one. This is a new one. Check it out." One student told me they used to live where the photo was taken from the front cover of the new tract. It is from the mountains in China. I shared how the Christian life is narrow and a difficult path like the photo. Persecution, struggles, hardship, trials, temptations etc. Many seem to think that when you come to Christ everything is well. Health, wealth, and prosperity. Life eternal is a gift that is granted when you go through the narrow gate Jesus. However, the path that a believer walks is filled with hardships. Through Christ we can press on and finish the race.

I have spoken to a number of seniors at SDSU this year. Several of them stated they had seen us many times over the years but avoided us. I think they have a different view after actually talking to us. We truly have GOOD NEWS.

Please pray for us often as we press on, that the Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified and His Kingdom would grow.



This Chinese lady permitted Gil to take our picture that would remind me to pray for her. She said China strongly enforces atheism and that she had never heard of Jesus or the message of the cross. She would be traveling back soon. She has the tract and the gospel of John. I am so glad God brought her to America to hear the Good News.



We always go witnessing "rain or shine." Gil and I went to Pacific beach in the rain and handed out just 4 or 5 tracts. Interestingly, one man, a Catholic, stopped and spoke with us in the rain for 20 minutes or so. Gil is a former Catholic and I had my tract for Catholics. Our friend was so eager to hear this message of salvation complete in Christ he gladly took a handful of literature and a New Testament. His name is Manny.

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More about January...



Rain Rain and super high tides. We went to Mission Beach and the water you see just hours before came crashing over the wall. Seaweed was everywhere and the boardwalk was mostly closed. But we are like the mail, "The Mail (Gospel) must go through." We had many fine gospel encounters despite the harsh weather.



SDSU is back in session. For the first week or so there were many booths set up by various campus groups. It was more than easy to speak with anyone in the booths or people gathered around them. I spoke with one student that was handing out small tracts. I told him I would trade my tract on eternal life for his. He handed me a tract promoting marijuana. A lively discussion followed.



This is "Little Ray" at Mission Beach sharing the gospel with some tourists. We call him "little" because of all of us big men, he is certainly the littlest. Actually, I think a better name for Ray is "faithful." Faithful Ray.



In 1741, Jonathon Edwards gave a sermon entitled, "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God." Today that sermon has circled the globe in many languages. I gave an overview of Edwards sermon while doing open air preaching here at SDSU. Although most students ignored me these two listened intently and cheered at the end. This is Michael on the right and his friend on the left in front of Hepner Hall at SDSU. I've posted the video on YouTube. Just do a search "SDSU. Sinners in the Hands."

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

Grossmont College coming... The pandemic has nearly halted Grossmont College activities for roughly 2 years. They say in February the plan is to open completely. Perhaps by the end of the month we'll go there once again. Of all the schools and colleges we go to, Grossmont is by far the most open by students to have a discussion about the gospel.

New 10 foot banner... After studying Jonathon Edwards sermon from the great awakening, I decided to have a double side 10 x 4 foot banner printed which pertains to America today. Lord willing, we'll give examples how we've used it next month.

Please pray for us and those that hear... The vast majority of our encounters are just a single event. For this reason we must speak clearly and precisely without compromise the truth of the gospel. However, perhaps if we passionately ask the Lord for some that we might disciple, God will answer. Please pray to that end.

*In Christ,
Jerry and Dianna*