



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

earnestly contend for the faith
Jude 3

September 2024

Balboa Park

Just received 4 more boxes of tracts. 1,000 more Balboa park "Visitor Guide" with map and a gospel message, along with 3,000 more "Narrow Path" tracts. We have several churches that now use our tracts consistently and a number of ministries that also request our tracts. Please don't hesitate to mention to your church that we would be happy to provide tracts at no cost for their evangelism.

I think God prepared me for this exciting privilege of sharing the gospel with Christian tracts shortly after I was saved at 9 years old. I was literally raised with strict and consistent Church attendance. My parents made church attendance and activities a major part of our life which I am forever grateful. I recall each week sitting in church next to my dad. I was permitted to read from the Bible during the sermon or even read tracts from the vestibule. No drawing or playing in church. Either listen or read.

Churches used to have large selections of tracts in the entry. Most had the gospel in one form or another. Each week I would grab a handful and read or review what I had read the week before. Over the years I learned to love to hear or read the gospel presented in so many different ways and environments. Often the preacher would compliment the message of the tracts. This became so much a part of me that hearing the gospel was something I never tired of. I believe God had saved me years earlier and this was the fruit that he was producing in my life... a love for the gospel.

To this day it still exists, except now the true joy comes not only in dwelling on the gospel but boldly telling the world. I continue to thank our great God and Savior Jesus for the work done in behalf of sinners at Calvary, and also ask that He would grant the time and strength to proclaim Him. PTL.



L-R. Jerry, Marc, Gary and Lisa. It's been a while since Marc was with us and we are delighted that he came this weekday morning. What a great day in the Lord we had at Balboa Park.



Faithful Ray and Pastor Gil were working together at Balboa Park and ran across this young lady from Cambodia who likewise was handing out tracts. Although they did not remember her name it was such a blessed occurrence that encouraged us greatly. Praise the Lord.

NEWSLETTER

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More about August...



Lisa is sitting facing the camera here at Balboa Park. The conversation began with a comment about our tracts. Then they invited her to sit with them and a conversation continued on spiritual truths. You might think this wouldn't happen often but the fact is we often progress with a talk where we sit with our new friend or friends and share the wonderful gospel.



This is Ray approaching the JW booth at Balboa Park. Once Ray got over the formalities he told them he wanted to show them his t-shirt underneath the red checked shirt he was wearing. When opened up it read, "Error will always run from truth." Once they read it they didn't want to talk any more. Perhaps I'll get a picture of it soon. If you recall it was "Peter Barnes" favorite expression to the JW's when they wouldn't talk to him.



Pastor Gil is on the far right and Marc (with the black hat) is handing a map (visitor guide) to a tourist at Balboa Park. Although there are not really large crowds we are often able to plant a seed with a tract with tourist visiting the park. You have probably heard a Christian testimony how he or she heard the gospel and then was saved. Most will probably admit that there were a number of times where they heard the word a number of times before they were actually saved.



After a week day outreach we shared a meal together at "Golden Corral." I tricked Gary into posing with this cookie to prove to his wife that he never eats sweets without permission. HA! How sweet it is really, that we can enjoy the company of fellow believers.

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

One month progress on new hip... I am now able to get around with my new hip with just a cane. I feel good and blessed that God is able to use us even in the midst of our difficulty. Thank you for your continued prayers.

SDSU is here... Actually, Lord willing as you read this we have begun a new year at SDSU. We are planning most days this month to talk with students at State two times a week, Tuesday and Thursday. Please pray for these outreaches.

Octoberfest La Mesa coming soon... This is the largest street fair in east county. Lord willing we will be there again this year. First weekend of October. Attendance 125,000.

*Blessings,
Jerry and Dianna*