



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

earnestly contend for the faith
Jude 3

September 2023

Balboa Park and SDSU

I missed just a week of evangelism this past month as I was recovering from back surgery. I still have one more surgery on my knee scheduled for later this year making 3 surgeries in just 8 months. The Lord is good and providing strength to press on.

School has now begun with more students than ever at SDSU. Somewhere around 36,000 with a brand new 1st year freshman class. It doesn't take long where students know you have religious stuff and just simply ignore you or shake their head. In spite of this each, every time we go out there have been many conversations from a few minutes to a half hour.

Jesus said He would build His church and the "gates of hell would not prevail." (Matthew 16:18) It is as if we are Christian soldiers marching into the campus with the gospel. The powers of darkness represents the gates of the evil one trying to stop the gospel from entering and flourishing. His Word is bursting through the gates and entering the minds of thousands on campus. PTL.

We will go to Grossmont College soon as well as continue at Balboa Park. Each week we have opportunities to speak with Muslims, Jews, Catholic and others. More than ever we see the urgency of our message and that time is slipping away. We ask that you would pray that God will send more missionaries into the harvest here in San Diego. Also, that God would grant us those that need to be mentored. What a great privilege that would be.

We are grateful that God has sent a young SDSU student willing to join us in our outreaches. His name is Alex. Ray took a photo of us talking recently. Alex has already joined us three times. Please pray he will be able to continue.

Thank you for your continued prayers.



This is Alex on the left, a new student at SDSU. I asked him what is was to be a Christian and righteous before God. His answer was right on. After speaking at length I asked if he would be interested in joining us. He was quick to answer yes again. More next month.



Marc waists no time at SDSU. We have just parked (this is my car) and before I can gather tracts Marc is already speaking to a student. I am so grateful for Marc and all those who continue to join with me each week. Their zeal for God and the gospel is so encouraging. I am truly blessed.

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More about August...



Faithful Ray again at SDSU. It doesn't matter how many tracts we take Ray always runs out and asks for more. Thousands on this campus have read the gospel because of Rays zeal. PTL.



Please do NOT show this photo to Gary's wife. We went to lunch recently, the day after one of our outreaches and I ordered the "Chocolate Thunder from down under" for dessert. We shared it. Gary is trying to shed a couple of pounds but I needed help. I am so grateful for Gary and his commitment of evangelism with me now over 8 years. PTL.



Dianna and I were coming home from Costco one day this month and we saw these JW's on the street. She asked me if I wanted to talk with them and I said "Sure." After 15 minutes of sharing the real Jesus one of the men said he would like to talk with me further. I gave him my name, address and phone number. He seemed sincere but may have been warned. Perhaps he will still contact me.



I wasn't able to drive for 2 weeks last month so Dianna drove us to Balboa Park and assisted our outreach. This group of elderly tourists just got off the trolley in the midst of the park. They were all overjoyed to get a free map of the park with visitor guide. Dianna helped them with the map and locations of key points. Of course they will also discover the gospel message on the back side with contact information.

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

LDS General Conference coming soon... Reservations and air faire is already arranged for the Mormon conference in Salt Lake City the end of this month. 4 of us are preparing to be there proclaiming the true Christian Gospel.

Shopping Mall permit approved... The Parkway Plaza administration has approved our permit for a table in front of Walmart on Saturday the 16th of this month. We are approved to hand out Christian literature and speak with people about the gospel. Unfortunately, many churches are unaware that a permit is quite easy to obtain and an ideal way to reach the community. Thank you for your prayers and continued support.

*In Christ,
Jerry and Dianna*