



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

earnestly contend for the faith  
Jude 3

May 2023

## SDSU and Panama Canal

We have been focusing on SDSU this past couple of months. The school basketball team, the Aztecs, went all the way to the finals of the NCAA championship where they lost the final game. Lots of school spirit on campus which gave us many opportunities to comment on the Aztecs and a job well done and the wonders of the gospel.

I so look forward to our outreaches to SDSU. God plans numerous encounters each week with those He is dealing with. A priviledge indeed to partake in these events.

We both recently retired from full time work. Dianna helped her employer sell the business before she left and was given a nice bonus which paid for our trip through the Panama Canal. We flew to Florida and would cruise 17 days back to San Diego. We enjoyed it immensely but are glad to be home.

Since none of the ports of call were in the U.S. we had to be a little more discrete than when we just hand out tracts on street corners. Some stops had police with AK47's on the street. We still had many one on one talks with ship personell and passengers. Dianna made a number of love packages with an Almond Joy candy bar, tract and silver dollar gospel coin along with an additional tip that were well received.

We were able to give many of these out along with million dollar bills and the gospel coin to ship staff and pasengers. Most of the crew were from the Philippines and Indonesia. I was surprised that a number of crewman said they were Christians and were delighted to talk about the Lord.

What a privilege to share Christ where ever we go.



This photo was taken at Seaport Village this past month. The gentleman was a long time Jehovah Witness. I shared with him many serious errors of the organization. I was shocked that he let me lead the conversation with no resistance. As if he were absorbing all I had to say and perhaps even agreeing. This was one of those rare opportunities where he actually took a tract with my name on it. Perhaps God will save him and his wife.



This was the best picture of our entire trip. My beautiful wife on the beautiful sandy beach of Aruba. We were able also to hand out a couple of gospel silver dollars here and on board.

## NEWSLETTER

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## More about April...



A hundred years ago this was a swampy Malaria infested marshland. Now a beautiful lake between the locks of the Atlantic and Pacific ocean to be enjoyed from the dining room aboard ship.

### *A Couple of Letters:*

Dear Jerry & Dianna.

It is a pleasure to read about all the soul winning that both of you do. This world is getting so bad with all the crime etc.

Tomorrow a former JW couple will stop by to meet me. They left the JW's one and a half years ago. They have been traveling all around the U.S. meeting former JW's. All 4 of their kids shun them since they left. This is so sad. They are from New York.

Soul winning brings so much joy and happiness to me. I always look so forward to going out. May God bless you both forever.

Thomas and Leticia  
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**Thank you very much for the brochures. May God continue to bless your Challenging work!**

Carl  
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Thanks! For your prayers to the Lord Jesus about Barbara's eyes.

The problem appears to be scar tissue that just lately developed from Lens Replacement from 4 years ago.

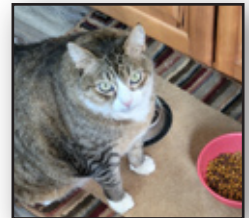
Laser treatment scheduled for mid May.

Psalm 16  
Dave and Barbara



This was a church service on a Sunday morning onboard ship. About 75 filled this room to sing praises, read the word, and hear a sermon on the "Holiness of God." This special assembly was the best part of our trip.

Special thanks to Brother Gary and wife Charlyn who fed our Kitty, Frito, so we could vacation!



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

**Balboa Park and the beaches...** Just a week or so left in the school year which brings us to more opportunities in the summer months here in San Diego. What is really great about our summer outreaches is that most every outreach we will speak with individuals from places outside of the U.S.

**Eclipses coming...** October of this year will be a rather unique eclipse called an "Annular" eclipse. The closest to us will be in the center of Utah. The moon actually crosses directly across the sun. But because the moon is farther away the sun will not be entirely shielded but will have a ring of fire completely around the moon. We would like to experience this and hand out tracts as well. Will keep you posted. (BTW a complete eclipse will also be in Texas 2024)

*In Christ,  
Jerry and Dianna*