

Challenge Ministries

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

earnestly contend for the faith
Jude 3



December 2024

SDSU, Balboa Park, Coronado, and La Mesa

Unbelievable, the year is almost over. If you are like us it's hard to image that summer is gone and it is just a couple weeks from Christmas. In spite of the fleeting of days we can be thankful in the Lord for each one.

"This is the day the Lord hath made we will rejoice and be glad in it." Psalms 118:24

I wish we could follow each of our tracts and also each individual to whom we passionately expressed the wonderful gospel message. It actually is a comfort to know that God is directing every detail and His word will not return void. What a privilege to be called to be His ambassadors.

This past couple of months we have experienced more involvement by our own church in many areas of outreach. I think because we are simply "resting" in the Lord we can praise and delight in whatever progress we see. Actually we are hearing from other believers the excitement that seems to be growing in the one on one proclamation of the gospel. Christians that we contact each week seem to have a growing excitement about having an impact for Christ in a difficult world.

We are so grateful that so many of you have sent us words of encouragement. Your prayers are truly sensed in our lives and activities. What a delight pressing on each day knowing our family in a very real way is walking with us. Please continue to pray that God will grant us strength and time to make an impact for His Kingdom here in San Diego.

How appropriate it for us to agree with the Apostle Paul:

"For me to live is Christ." Philippians 1:21



Another first for us. These three men are all from the "Gaza" area. 2 from the Gaza strip and the third from Nazareth, the home town of Jesus. Dianna started a friendly conversation near their beach rental in Coronado which led to giving out the Million Dollar Bill. They loved them and promised to read the Christian message.



This is Julie, a member of our Church, giving out more than a hundred tracts and candies on Halloween from her home. Others from our congregation and another church near us took advantage of Halloween. With these home outreaches along with SDSU and Santee, more than 2,000 tracts went out. No wonder Ray Comfort calls Halloween, "National Evangelism Day."

NEWSLETTER

Challenge Ministries is a non-profit Christian ministry dedicated to the defense and proclamation of the Gospel and Biblical truth.

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More about November...



This is Lisa walking along side a student at SDSU. There are times that we have walked with a student halfway across campus sharing Christ with students that seem happy we have such concern for them.



Pastor Gil on the left and my Gideon brother and faithful friend Gary on the right. They both play the guitar and often and passionately sing great hymns of our Saviour and Lord. Although we don't have amplification, frequently students will stop and thank us for our bold proclamation of the gospel through song.



This is Faithful Ray talking with a student at SDSU. I am so grateful for the zeal of this brother and his faithful consistency. Ray not only hands out more tracts than any of us, but he faithfully gives them out nearly daily outside of these planned events. Thank you Lord for sending Ray to us.



This young man claimed he now is an atheist with a former Catholic background. One issue that concerned him was the relationship of faith and works. I'm reading to him from Ephesians 2:8,9 how Salvation is a gift that cannot be earned and is by God's grace alone. This is a serious error of the Catholic church that places heavy burdens of works striving to obtain God's forgiveness. I believe the truth will penetrate his heart.

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

Christmas Outreaches... The last item on our long list of Christmas treats is the Candy Canes. We are diligently shopping for them now and will report the events that will take place this month, Lord willing.

Outreaches to pray for... Starlight Circle in Santee. Lakeside Street Fair. San Diego State. Balboa Park. Please pray that God will be honored in all these events. Also, prayers for the help as well as the gifts that will go out with tracts.

Merry Christmas to all... We wish we could tell you in person and give a big hug. Perhaps one day. Thank you so much for your continued prayers and kind support.

*Blessings,
Jerry and Dianna*