

Challenge Ministries

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

earnestly contend for the faith
Jude 3

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SDSU, Balboa Park, Mission Beach, Pacific Beach, Mormon Battalion & Santee Christmas Lights

We are so grateful that God has granted us the time and strength to press on boldly for the cause of Christ. So much going on and yet we had more than sufficient energy to complete another year.

SDSU classes ended midway through the month so we moved to the park and beaches. We took our gift bags to three locations. About 3 hundred or so to SDSU campus and 1100 or so to Santee Christmas light display which was on two separate nights. Besides the 1500 bags, we had an additional 500 candy canes along with 500 mini candy bars. With that we included 500 "silver dollars" which had the gospel and 10 commandments as well as another 500 tracts and church invites. We had a number of fruitful talks with those interested in what we were doing.

There are lots of visitors to San Diego at this time so the beaches as well as Balboa Park are great places to talk with people.

I went to the Mormon Battalion visitor center recently. I took the tour inside and heard a history of the Battalion by a young woman missionary with her supervisor. When she asked for questions (I was the only one on the tour) I asked how she reconciled the LDS view of many Gods when the Bible says there is but one. She did not know. Her elderly assistant says that pertaining to us there was only one god. I told her further that the true God says he doesn't even know of any other gods. Again her response "pertaining to this world." Not only does it not say that but by this reasoning there is no way that God could tell us He is the only true God. Perhaps she wasn't moved but I believe the young missionary was.



Our wagon is almost empty at the Christmas Lights Santee. Debbie, in the foreground is from our church is helping. You can see that cars and people are everywhere. Can you image if one of these homes were Christians willing to use their yard to give out free gifts and the wonderful gift of the gospel during the Christmas season?



Brother Marc took care of ALL the cars that drove through at the Christmas light display. Moving from car to car in the middle of the street he made sure everyone had a gift. Plus he had fun doing it.

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 December..



This is Lisa who has started coming out with us. She and Dianna (taking the picture) are giving out gifts with tracts to SDSU students.



This is the street view of the Mormon Battalion in Old Town, San Diego. I felt compelled one Friday afternoon to go down there and try to talk to some Mormons. Notice how the name Jesus Christ is used in the name of the church deceiving many.



Balboa Park Organ Pavilion. Pastor Gil (far right) and I are sharing the gospel with this man from India. He is convinced that there are many ways to heaven and by being good all can enter. Although he did listen to us he had his mind made up and even returned the tract. Perhaps God will open his eyes.



This is the entrance to the Battalion connected to the public sidewalk. I spoke with a number of Mormons in this area including a returned missionary and her family. She claimed to love the Bible especially Matthew. I reminded her that in Matthew Jesus promised to build His church and that the gates of hell would not prevail. Mormonism has no foundation. Oddly she had no problem with this.

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

“The Narrow Path” complete... We are including our newest tract and hope you find it useful. As always, we are open to comments and suggestions. We have actually given out the first printing and have printed another. PTL.

Christmas lights Santee another huge success... We are anxious that we may see new people in church because of the invites and that many will seriously ponder the gospel message contained in the gift bags.

I am pleased that our new web site is attracting attention for tracts... All our tracts are readable online and we are offering free copies to those that ask. I desire that requests will grow at a rate that we can accommodate. I am convinced that our tracts are an excellent resource for Christians desiring to share their faith.

Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and kind support this past year. Have a happy God honoring new year and never cease to tell the world of our Great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

*In Christ,
Jerry and Dianna*