

# Challenge Ministries



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

earnestly contend for the faith  
Jude 3

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## Balboa Park and more Balboa Park

It has been a difficult last couple of months. Last month I announced that 3 of our friends were in hospice, 2 died last month and the third has now gone to be with the Lord. Our brother in Christ, Dale Rose, returned from a cruise in the Caribbean only to be diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer. Just 2 weeks later he would go to be with the Lord.

Life is so fragile and we remind people weekly, that our enemy, death, is just a breath away. Often people will agree that they have had experiences where a loved one was here one moment and gone just a short time later.

Our Eternity tract makes the profound comment on the front cover, "It is appointed unto man once to die, then the judgement."

It is an unpleasant thought but we all must address this from time to time in life. The good news is there is "good news." God rescues sinners for Himself. We can know God through the Son by faith in Christ. Life with meaning and more, eternal life.

It has been well said that Jesus didn't come to make bad people good, but rather Jesus came to make dead people alive!

I have more good news in that I now have a full hip replacement and am in the recovery mode. It has already been a week and each day I'm getting stronger.

I truly appreciate all your prayers and words of encouragement, and look forward to recovering in what ever way our Good Lord directs.

PTL.



Just hours before the Pride Parade would begin we displayed this sign just a couple of miles from this event. We pray some will be awakened.



This is Mario who is a homosexual and been with his "partner" for over 30 years. For some reason he felt compelled to stop and talk with Dianna about God and sexuality here on the overpass. He was very moved that Dianna listened to him at length before speaking the truth to him. He so sensed our genuine compassion for him that before leaving he gave Dianna a hug and kissed her on the cheek. I don't know what the result will be but God is at work.

## 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 July...



Generally I am pleased with our many Muslim conversations. However, this Muslim man refused to accept any explanation of the trinity or the Christian scriptures. He had his mind made up and there was no reasoning with him. I clearly told him he was not asking honest questions if he would not honestly listen to my answer.



This is Ray struggling to hold the LGBT sign up. This the first year we had an issue with any sign. The Highway Patrol told us we couldn't mount the sign on the fence and demanded it come down. I did reason with them if the sign wasn't mounted to the fence could we hold it up. This seemed to be agreeable so we mounted it on some poles that required a strong arm to work against the wind which wanted to blow it over. Ray worked hard for nearly 2 hours to keep it. Thank you Ray.



Again at Balboa Park, Brother Gary and Lisa are sharing the gospel at the same time. We often have such occasions where each of us is involved with the gospel message in the same area at the same time. PTL.



Next to our sign on the Freeway overpass is a JW Kingdom Hall. This is Jacob who was late for a meeting but still gave me some time.

I think he was a new convert and didn't know much at all. I gave him a quick review why JW's weren't Christian and challenged him to ask questions and demand good answers. He seemed genuinely troubled and that he would find out why Jesus was an angel and did not raise bodily from the dead. Jesus is called God over and over in scripture but witnesses reject these Christian doctrines.

I am sure this meeting will have a tremendous impact on him.

Please pray for Jacob.

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

**New Hip now in place...** After waiting for over a year, I've finally had the socket portion of my hip replaced. It's been just a week, so the hip is still tender but progress is being made every day. I look forward to joining the team once again, Lord willing with much reduced pain. Thanks so much for your kind prayers and words of encouragement.

**There is much work as the masses visit San Diego...** With Covid gone there is a great interest here in San Diego as tourists from everywhere visit our beautiful city. I'm overwhelmed as we share Christ with people from all over the world literally each week. Sadly we also are reminded of the secular nature of our culture as religion of any kind is practically extinct.

*Blessings,  
Jerry and Dianna*