



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

earnestly contend for the faith  
Jude 3

October 2023

## General Conference Utah, Parkway Plaza, Balboa Park, SDSU and Grossmont College

We have not had a month quite like this for awhile. Our Salt Lake City LDS General Conference event was amazing but exhausting. There were 3 sessions on Saturday for 2 hours each separated by an hour break. Mormons were always around the whole day either waiting or coming. The new Conference center holds 21,000 which was packed out each session.

Mormons are quite mellow overall and have learned to simply ignore what they call “anti-Mormons.” However, they are not hostile (generally) and can be enjoyable to speak with. The masses did not take the literature but yet several hundred did. We did some open air preaching on the foundation of the faith concerning the character of God, Jesus and Salvation. Even short sentences received can be used by God.

There were other ministries there also. Some unfortunately were not very kind towards Mormons in their signs or speech. We stayed away from those that we didn’t want to be identified with. In the many hours that we were there I can’t think of any Mormon that was unkind towards us. I had a number of delightful talks with Missionaries and others that God directed our way. We are tired but grateful to our Lord.

6 of us went to Parkway Plaza shopping mall with an approved permit. Here again we sowed seeds of truth with many tracts and personal encounters. This environment again proved that our culture has very little knowledge or interest in the God that has given them life and in whom they are accountable. Indifference and apathy seems to rein everywhere.

God will have a people and uses all these means of proclaiming the gospel to build His church. PTL.



I (in the green shirt) am reading from an LDS book as 21,000 Mormons leave the LDS Conference Center in the background. Since all are waiting to cross the crosswalk I have just a couple of minutes to point to the “unknown God” as Paul did in Acts 17 on Mars Hill.



This is Marc praying with this young woman at Grossmont College. Pastor Gil, Marc and I were leaving the campus when this lady noticed the sign under Gil’s arm that said, “Do you need prayer?” She mumbled “I certainly do” as she walked by us. Marc called to her “I’ll pray for you.” Which she gladly accepted.

### NEWSLETTER

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## More about September...



This was my favorite encounter in Salt Lake City that brother Jeff managed to capture. These 2 lifetime Mormons are engaged but were quite intrigued with what the Bible reveals about God. He also admits that this is far more than just a teaching but Mormonism clapses if it fails this Biblical test. He took the literature and I encourage him to contact me.



Brother Jeff on the far left pondering his next move near the table, "The friendly anti-Mormons." Brother Larry with shorts on the far right is talking to "Canon" a returned missionary who seemed to enjoy talking with us.



Blaine on the right is sharing the gospel with this student at San Diego State. Blaine recently joined us in our gospel outreaches. He is a friend of brother Gary and fellow Gideon and loves the one on one gospel presentations.



Dianna is sharing with this little girl the illusion tract. When you hold them near each other one appears larger than the other. When you quickly switch them the opposite color seems larger. People always smile or laugh. A great give out tracts with the gospel message to children. The gospel is on the backside of the 2 cards and we give them out for free.

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

**LDS Conference over...** Please pray for the tracts and contacts that were made. I encouraged many to contact me through the email printed on the tract which I get personally. There were quite a few Mormons that actually asked us for our tracts. I think most were genuinely curious of what we had to say.

**Halloween outreach end of the month...** We have already purchased coins and children's tracts for Halloween. Last year was the first time we took tracts and candy to Santee where we often go for Christmas outreach. In just a couple of hours about 500 tracts and lots of candy were given out. Hope to do the same in a couple of weeks.

*In Christ,  
Jerry and Dianna*