

# Challenge Ministries



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

earnestly contend for the faith  
Jude 3

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## Merry Christmas!

Praise God we still have the freedom in America to proclaim loudly and passionately, "Merry Christmas."

We are also free to associate the cross with the Christmas season. Although you may not get a card that contains the cross it is never-the-less closely associated with the message of Christmas. The virgin birth of Christ as truly human (God in the flesh) would obey the law perfectly. Now a suitable sacrifice to rescue us from the penalty of our sins through the blood shed at Calvary.

A beautiful song penned not long ago entitled, "It's about the cross" says it clearly. Ponder these words from the first verse:

**It's not just about the manger  
Where the baby lay  
It's not all about the angels  
Who sing for him that day  
It's not all about the shepherds  
Or the bright and shining star  
It's not all about the wise men  
Who travelled from afar  
It's about the cross  
It's about my sin  
It's about how Jesus came to be born once  
So that we could be born again**

(please listen to the song on YouTube by searching: "It's about the cross by Go Fish")



We are so grateful to all of you for your kind prayers and faithful support this past year. We are so looking forward to finishing another year strong in the Lord, and continuing a new year proclaiming Him from the mountain tops and looking forward to His glorious coming.

We pray that our Lord will continue to grant us strength to proclaim the precious gospel and that His Kingdom might flourish. Until He calls us home we are your servants,

Jerry and Dianna

## 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...



I told Dianna I'd like to hand out 2,000 candy canes this year with tracts. She suggested we do 3,000. So I multiplied boxes times number in cases. Without thinking I only counted the "top row." Which means we have exactly double what we wanted, 6,000. So each kid now gets 2, one for a friend. Pray we get the help we need to get these out.

A large high school was at SDSU recently checking out the campus. On their lunch break they sat here and behind me. It was a perfect opportunity to do open air preaching. I began with the freedom we have in America and on campus to share our views. Then the gospel. I was surprised that at the end many of them clapped. Apparently they were listening. PTL



Dianna and I shared with this young man at Walmart recently. He helped me load the car. I gave him a tract and a brief overview of the gospel message. He promised to read it. There are opportunities everywhere!

Try as I might I was not able to share the simplest of thoughts with this JW couple at Carlsbad street faire. They admitted that they were "warned" with a phone call from other JW's on the other side of the event that I spoke with earlier. He refused to answer the simplest of questions, "How long have you been a JW?" They quickly loaded up and left. Even though I told him I was not an ex-JW he refused to dialog. Amazing Watchtower control!

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

**Ready for Christmas...** We have all our tracts, candy canes, silver dollar 10 commandments and gospel of John/Romans ready to go. We decorated our wagon as a candy cane complete with LED lights. Pray for this very busy Christmas outreach.

**Your Prayers needed for Christian family...** Brother Marc, a consistent warrior for Christ on our outreaches is again in the hospital. He has just barely recovered from Gall bladder removal and now his heart rate and pressure is in the danger zone. Pray for a speedy diagnose and recovery. A friend of the ministry and a courageous witness needs your prayers for returned kidney cancer. Please pray for Jeff H. and family in this battle for life.

*In Christ,  
Jerry and Dianna*