



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

earnestly contend for the faith
Jude 3

November 2023

Santee Halloween Night, Downtown near Midway, SDSU and Grossmont College

I'll start from the most recent event and work back for the last month. Yesterday was Halloween, and although there are evils associated with it, we as Christians can use it for the glory of God. In years past we've often gone downtown San Diego for the proclamation of the gospel mostly to college age individuals. For the second time, this year we had an outreach in east county on Halloween night.

Mostly children and families filled the streets at Starlight Circle in Santee where we also go for Christmas. Literally, thousands came to show off their costumes and go door to door for treats at amazingly decorated homes. We set up where we usually are at Christmas time just off the sidewalk, literally in the gutter in a prime intersection. We had three lights illuminating over a thousand candies, silver dollar coins with the 10 commandments, gospel tracts designed for children and the gospel of John.

The masses of children dressed as such things as princesses, spiderman, dinosaurs, and a ton of fun stuff. It was such a delight to hear the squeals of joy from kids picking through the candies and grabbing coins and tracts. Lisa, Marc R. and myself watched as hundreds of kids, with parents as well, devoured everything we had in just a little over 2 hours!

I gave a gospel of John to a man who said, "This is wonderful, my daughter is getting baptized this week in the Mormon Church across the street from where we are standing." Of course I was able to speak with him of the danger of the LDS church. In God's providence an hour later they came by again and we continued our discussion. Pray for Franchesco and his daughter April. I gave him my email.



Brother Marc (another Marc from my church) is on the right and is helping Lisa (also from Grace Church) give out candies and tracts from the wagon in the middle. If it looks as if a lot of people are here for Halloween that is an understatement. You can see it's not even dark yet and people are everywhere!



Sorry the image is a little blurred but the Halloween outreach in Santee was amazing. I'm standing near our wagon to take the photo, which is just off the curb. This photo is actually of the intersection. Cars are crawling through the crowds which fill the streets. It's only about 7 p.m. in the photo in this friendly neighborhood.

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More about October...



This is Alex in the blue who is a Christian and first year student. He takes the time every week on campus to join with us and hand out tracts.



Brother Marc at SDSU. Because students are often in a hurry, it is a plus when they slow down a bit. Many will take the tracts and I'm convinced will at least browse through them. We scatter the seed and God brings the increase.



Lisa is sharing Christ with a young student at SDSU. These precious moments are desperately needed in a world which has lost sight of God.



Alex (on the far left) is with me at SDSU. These 4 that I'm speaking with are by their own word "Ministers of the Gospel." They told me that they would go to heaven. When I asked if everyone went to heaven they said yes. I reminded them that Jesus said it was a "narrow path" that led to heaven and few would find it. Since I had their attention I would further explain the gospel. They listened carefully and seemed genuinely engaged. God knows.

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

John & Romans... We have just ordered 1,000 Gospel of John & Romans. 500 Christmas Edition and 500 Lighthouse edition. These two Bible books are foundational to understanding the heart of the Christian message and they have been printed together for our use. We are excited to have these soon and distributing them.

Christmas outreaches... We are going to try and have our greatest Christmas outreach events ever. We are searching for the best price on 6 inch candy canes. Lord willing we'll try and purchase around 2,000 to be given out in the month of December. We'll also get our gospel coins and tracts to go along with them. This is a great time of the year to show kindness and proclaim the reason for the season. Thanks for your prayers and financial help if you are able.

*In Christ,
Jerry and Dianna*