



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

earnestly contend for the faith
Jude 3

Fishers of Men

October 2010

Luis Palau Cityfest, Balboa Park, Poway Street Fair, Bonitafest?

Luis Palau Cityfest was a highlight of the month. Dianna reports on the back side of this newsletter. We went early and were able to talk with many young people and counselors that came. I spoke with many that told me the reason they were going to heaven was they “accepted Jesus” or had a relationship with God. When asked what this meant, over half never mentioned repentance or the finished work of Christ on the cross.

One woman told me she was involved in friendship evangelism but hadn’t really shared a clear presentation of the gospel with friends yet. It was very refreshing when I met Christians that had sound answers and were actively sharing their faith.

Another new event was “Poway Days” street fair. Although it was on a Sunday afternoon it’s never wrong to do right even on Sunday. Once again we were asked to leave and not hand out tracts. I politely refused. Freedom of speech still exists on public streets and sidewalks. Police never came this time and we moved freely around for about 2 hours handing out about 400 tracts. I spoke with a young man 15 years old, a devout Mormon. We had a delightful talk for about 20 minutes as I shared with him the tremendous difference between Mormonism and Christianity. Thankfully, I had our best tract, “The Jesus of Mormonism” to give him along with my e-mail. I hope to hear again from him. Please pray for him. His name is Thomas.

Bonitafest is a question mark because it was necessary to print this before our plans on going to Bonita. More next month.



“Open Air Preaching” at Balboa Park. This message began with the words of George Witfield, “I’ve come to talk to you about your soul.”



This man I’m speaking with called himself a “theologian”. He told me that he doesn’t talk about sin with unbelievers, just tells them about Jesus. I’m trying to convince him we need to use the law of God which is our “schoolmaster” to bring us to Christ. Bill (green shorts) is in the background talking to 2 homosexual men. One happens to be the son of a very prominent pastor in San Diego. Although not very receptive to the gospel they spoke for over a half hour on many biblical issues.



The Amazing Ricky proved you *can* share the gospel with a dog. This lady dog was a catholic. Ricky being an ex-Catholic was able to share the true gospel along with the serious errors of perogatory etc.

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Dianna on Luis Palau "Cityfest"

On September 11, Jerry, our friend and co witnessing partner Bill and I went to "Cityfest San Diego" at mission bay park. Attendance was over 50,000 with some 200 plus churches involved. In the evening Luis Palau was to speak. During the day there were "Christian" bands, lots of booths with games, food and people coming to attend from all over the county.

You may wonder why we decided to go to a "Christian" event to witness and the answer is we knew there would be non-believers there and there were.

I had the joy of sharing a clear full message of the gospel with two workers from "Habitat for Humanity". John, a handsome young marine waiting for deployment and Cecelia a beautiful Spanish woman was there handing out information trying to recruit for H.F.H. A good cause for sure but neither of them knew anything about the gospel.

When I asked John where he would spend eternity when he died he said he had not thought about it. Anyway, with further questions I came to realize John had no knowledge of the Bible at all. No one had EVER shared with him. After 20 minutes I told him to count on being prayed for and I hoped so much he would give what we had talked about some real consideration because what he believes will touch his wife and children.

Cecelia soft and gentle wanting so much to help people by building houses had limited understanding of God. I had such a wonderful time opening up scripture with her and seeing the "light" go on in her head as she started to grasp the sinfulness of sin and the price that Christ paid for sin. Like John, Cecelia thanked me for talking with her as we parted she said, "I am understanding what you are saying

I never understood before." Cecelia and John exemplified the reason for us to be at "Cityfest San Diego".

I talked to a dozen (or more) men and women that told me they are Christians but when I asked them what that meant only two of the dozen told me what it meant to be a Christian. One young woman named Megan told me, "I love Jesus and He loves me." "OK, but what does that mean?" I asked. She had no idea other than what she told me so I walked her through the reason for the cross, the recognition of sin and the need for repentance. Sadly Megan attends a very large well known church in San Diego and even had attended a school on evangelism and could not convey a gospel message.

Megan was not alone. Dan and Candice told me they would go to heaven because they are Catholic and pray the rosary. Nela and Herman said they would go to heaven because they believe in God. But Donna and Pepito were the two that knew who they believed (Romans 8:38,39) with both of them taking million dollar bills (tracts) from me to hand out to others

The last man I talked to as we left the event was Rodney. He couldn't at first convey the Christian message and asked me to pray with him. He wanted to go out and tell others and he said he was now encouraged to do it. As the Word says, "...go into the world and preach the gospel." Mark 16:15 As I looked around me at Cityfest I saw the world. Just about every ethnic group was there-the world. It was such a blessed day.

Dianna

What's Coming???

5,000 more tracts... Just had another printing of our million dollar bill. Already given out nearly 1,000. We are offering 10 free on our new web site.

Halloween downtown San Diego... Last year if you recall, we went downtown San Diego and filmed some "open air preaching" and did interviews. We posted the videos on YouTube.com. Lord willing, we will do the same again in just a few short weeks.

October outreach, East Coast and Canada... This year Dianna and I are going on vacation to the east coast. Of course our (and your) ministry is wherever you are. Where you live. Work. School. Eat. And of course vacation. We are committed to handing out 500 tracts this vacation as well as share Jesus with the lost. More next month.

New web site... To promote personal evangelism we have created a new web site and domain name: fishersofmen.us. We will post our future outreaches in advance for all Christians to participate in the San Diego area. Our prayer is to build a strong "army" of faithful Christian witnesses who are active in their expression of the gospel message of the marvelous Grace of God in Christ.

Please HELP!!! Our weak economic times has greatly affected this ministry. We need about \$1500 per month for expenses but this year have received only about half the amount. If you haven't given in a while please consider us at this time. Thank you.

Your Warriors in Christ, *Jerry and Dianna*