



FOLLOWING THE HARVEST

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A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM BARRY & LINDA~



Keeping Your Eternal Perspective

As human beings we are prone to get caught up in the mundane affairs of this life. We spend much of our time and energies trying to keep up with the rapid pace of our life. Trying to get ahead, trying to stay ahead, in many cases just trying to survive! I think it's good wisdom for us to sit back from time to time and reassess what this life is *really* all about. Let me be more specific if I may.

If you really believe in your heart of hearts that heaven is awaiting those who believe the gospel record, and hell is awaiting those who don't; and that doesn't somehow dramatically impact your life-style, *something is wrong!* I want to remind you that this life is not all there is; but what you do in *this* life will have *eternal* ramifications. Just ask the fellow who sang the song, 'I Did It My Way.'

Moody Bible Institute estimates 90% of all Christians that are truly born-again will never win one soul to Christ in their entire life! St. Simon Styletes who lived from 390

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Skateboarders: Not Left Behind

AS I PRAYED PRIOR TO OUR HERMOSA BEACH PIER OUTREACH I SENSED IN MY SPIRIT THAT THE LORD WAS GOING TO DO SOMETHING SPECIAL THAT NIGHT.

One of my painting sessions is called "Left Behind" in which I talk about how sometimes in life we all get left behind. Whether it's not being picked for the sports team as a child, a husband or wife leaving their marriage and leaving their spouse behind, or being passed over for a job promotion we have all been left behind in some way. I then allude to Tim La Hayes, 'Left Behind' series of best selling books. The theme is that some day the Lord Jesus will return for his bride the church. Those who have trusted Christ will be taken away to meet the Lord in the clouds and go to heaven, but many will be left behind to endure the difficult times that will follow on the earth.

As I spoke, there were two young men who seemed especially interested and stayed after the session to ask questions. They wanted to know more about Jesus Christ and His second coming. They told me that they needed forgiveness for their sins and that they didn't want to be left behind when Jesus comes again. As we prayed the sinners prayer together I was struck by God's faithfulness and love for these two young 12-year-old skateboarders, letting them know that they will not be left behind. Please pray for Nick and A.J.



SKATEBOARDERS NICK & A.J. INVITING JESUS INTO THEIR HEARTS THROUGH PRAYER.



TEAM MEMBER AMBER FELIS RECEIVES A JOYFUL RESPONSE AS SHE SHARES THE LOVE OF JESUS AT THE HUNTINGTON BEACH PIER.

Open Door In Surf City, USA!

I'm excited to report that the Lord has opened up a wonderful new outreach location in Huntington Beach. Pastor Chad Amico from Calvary Chapel invited me to come and train 20 of their people on how to effectively share Jesus Christ with the lost. After a 2 hour training session on Friday evening we all went out on Saturday evening to the Huntington Beach Pier to share our faith in Jesus Christ. Our paintings made for a very easy transition to talk with people who stayed after the presentations.

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to 459 AD resided on top of a 60-foot pillar for 30 years without ever coming down. He believed this would enhance his understanding of God. Unfortunately many Christians have the same attitude today. They may not choose to live on top of a 60-foot pillar, but their life-style suggests the same, "I'm just holding the fort till Jesus comes back to rescue me."

Have you been crying out for the souls of lost men, women, boys and girls lately? Jesus Christ is sitting at the right hand of God interceding for the souls of men this very minute. Permit me to give you three realities:

1) An eternal, immortal soul is beyond all price.

There is no trouble too great, no humiliation too deep, no suffering too severe, no love too strong, no labor too hard, no expense too large, but that it is worth it, if it is spent in the effort to win a soul.

2) God loves the soul more than all creation.

He fashioned it after His own image, and made it like Himself. Every soul has departed from God and gone astray, and God has bought every soul back again with His blood. That blood came from Jesus Christ. God loves every soul with an everlasting love.

3) Satan on the other hand hates the soul.

In his hatred toward God he is using all his energy, using every snare, his best cunning, and employing every means with the one signal purpose of ruining the soul of man. He knows when a million eternities have past and time is no more, the souls of men will still be living in one of two places.

My brothers and sisters, we are engaged in a battle for the souls of men. The strategy of the enemy is to divert our attention off of the harvest fields and back onto the cares and concerns of this life. A good litmus test for you to see if his strategy has been effective in your life is to ask yourself, ***What has taken up the majority of my thought life over the past few days?*** Think about that. The scripture says to be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of *every opportunity*. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

WEEKLY OUTREACH

SEAN McCLUSKEY LEADING ONE OF OUR WEEKLY CHILDREN'S OUTREACHES IN SANTA ANA.

HELEN & EIBA BOTH TRUSTING CHRIST AS SAVIOR & LORD AT OUR REDONDO PIER OUTREACH.



LINDA & AMBER FELIS SHARE THE GOSPEL WITH TWO INTERESTED LISTENERS.

JUAN REYNOSO LEFT, ONE OF OUR SPANISH SPEAKING TEAM MEMBERS ENGAGED IN A MEANINGFUL WITNESSING ENCOUNTER AT THE SANTA MONICA PIER.

July Outreach Schedule

All meetings start at 7:30 p.m.

- July 2 Santa Monica Pier
- July 3 Balboa Pier
- July 9 Birch Street – Brea Mall
- July 10 Santa Monica 3rd Street Promenade
- July 16 Seal Beach Pier
- July 17 Redondo Pier
- July 23 Newport Pier
- July 24 Huntington Pier
- July 30 Santa Monica Pier
- July 31 Redondo Pier

Weekly Children's Outreaches

Wednesdays in Santa Ana at 2:30 p.m.
For Directions Call: (310) 327-3134

OPEN DOOR IN SURF CITY...

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The evening turned out to be a wonderful blessing for all of us. Many Christians effectively shared their faith with the lost. At the same time there was great fellowship going on between believers. The Lord was truly with us in a wonderful way. Please pray that God continues to open up doors of opportunity to preach this wonderful gospel message, 'that God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them'.

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