



FOLLOWING THE HARVEST

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A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM BARRY & LINDA~



Calvary Chapel Beach Side Outreach

I received a call from Pastor Chad Amico last month. He told me that his church was sponsoring an all-day concert and evangelism outreach at the Huntington Beach Pier and he wanted to invite us to participate. This outreach had much prayer and intercession for months in advance, and was a first for the city of Huntington Beach to allow a *full-on* public Christian outreach.

When we arrived, there were hundreds of people listening to the concert. People were giving out gospel booklets and were talking about Jesus Christ. If they had any personal needs they were prayed for. Many came to Jesus Christ that June Saturday afternoon.

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Sharing the Gospel

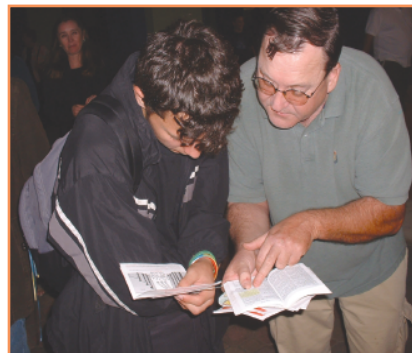
“BARRY, HOW CAN I KNOW THAT I HAVE CLEARLY SHARED THE GOSPEL IN A TRULY EFFECTIVE WAY?”

Effectively sharing the Gospel doesn't mean we edit the message to make it politically correct, or spice it up to enhance its appeal. Our responsibility is to proclaim the Gospel as its recorded and then encourage people to read the Word of God for themselves, letting the Holy Spirit do His work.

Many times this question is asked because someone has received a negative response. They wonder if they communicated properly, if there was something in their presentation that could be improved. In other words, how can they get people to respond?

In my years of sharing Christ, I have encountered every response imaginable. In all of them, my concern at the end of the presentation was this, “*Did they hear the message concerning Christ, and do they know how to receive Him when they are ready?*”

You see, the Apostle Paul was very careful to make sure a persons faith was in Christ Jesus. He did not use persuasive words, or worldly wisdom. He proclaimed the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus in clear and direct terms.



LETTING THE WORD DO THE WORK.



MANUEL HERNANDEZ MAKING THE MESSAGE CLEAR.

“And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. *I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling.* And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.”

1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-5

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CALVARY CHAPEL OUTREACH

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Our team stayed through the night painting, preaching and lifting up Jesus Christ. We handed out hundreds of tracts and the people responded in a wonderful way. We witnessed people coming to Christ as their Savior and Lord.

In the past, the Huntington Pier area has been the scene of lawlessness and rioting, but this day was different because Jesus Christ was lifted up and exalted. Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." We praise God for Calvary Chapel Beach Side Pastors Mike Harris and Chad Amico who have a passion for reaching the lost in their community.

— Barry & Linda



C. C. BEACH SIDE OUTREACH

July Outreach Schedule

July 1st	Redondo Pier
July 2nd	Huntington Pier
July 8th	Hermosa Pier
July 9th	Newport Pier
July 15th	Birch Street, Brea
July 16th	Santa Monica
July 22nd	Summer Family Camp
July 23rd	Summer Family Camp
July 29th	Huntington Pier
July 30th	Redondo Pier

All Summer Outreaches start at 8:00 p.m.
Directions call (310) 327-3134

No Fishing Allowed

"Keep the Faith"!

It's a code phrase among Christian believers. Unfortunately, the unspoken applicable parts of the cliché, "Keep The Faith by giving it away," have for too many believers "died from malnutrition," and neglect.

Today millions of Christians are doing exactly that... "Keeping the Faith" to themselves!" The devil has talked too many out of sharing their faith in their schools, the factories they work in, the post office, lunch rooms, convenience and grocery stores, laundromats, fast food joints and restaurants they frequent. For the Christian to literally "Keep the Faith" (to themselves) is the only hope that the devil has got!

God's Great Commission is to "Go into the entire world and preach the gospel." But Satan has a great commission of his own. "Keep your faith to yourself." He whispers, "after all, actions speak louder than words. Just live a good moral life in front of others and they will want what you have." It all sounds so nice, neat and unthreatening. The problem is we all know very nice upstanding people like Mormons, Jehovah Witnesses and others who are not saved at all and who do not belong to God's family of believers. Yet you could not tell the difference between them and the average Christian. How can a person tell the difference if we don't tell them the difference?

We have the cure to the worst disease in the history of mankind: worse than leprosy, heart disease, leukemia, rabies, TB, multiple sclerosis, arthritis and AIDS. The disease in sin and every human being is infected with a deadly case of it! The only cure is the blood of Jesus Christ and faith in His death, burial, resurrection and obedience to His gospel. We have the glorious responsibility and privilege of taking His heart medicine to our sick world!



SATAN'S GREAT COMMISSION

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Jesus is the One who died to take away our sins. Jesus is the One raised from the dead so that we could have eternal life. He is the object of our faith. It's through the Word that we learn of Him. Concerning Scripture, Jesus said this: "You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; these are they which testify of Me." (JOHN 5:39).

Several years ago, Nestea aired a commercial that challenged viewers to "take the Nestea plunge." The ad was basically saying, "Don't take our word for it, taste it yourself."

Now if Nestea was that confident of its product, a mere glass of iced tea, how much more confident we can be of Jesus and the Holy Spirit to convince people of the truth about the 'Good News!'

Remember successful witnessing is simply *taking the time* to share Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit and leaving the results up to God. Try it; you'll like it!

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