

Following The Harvest!

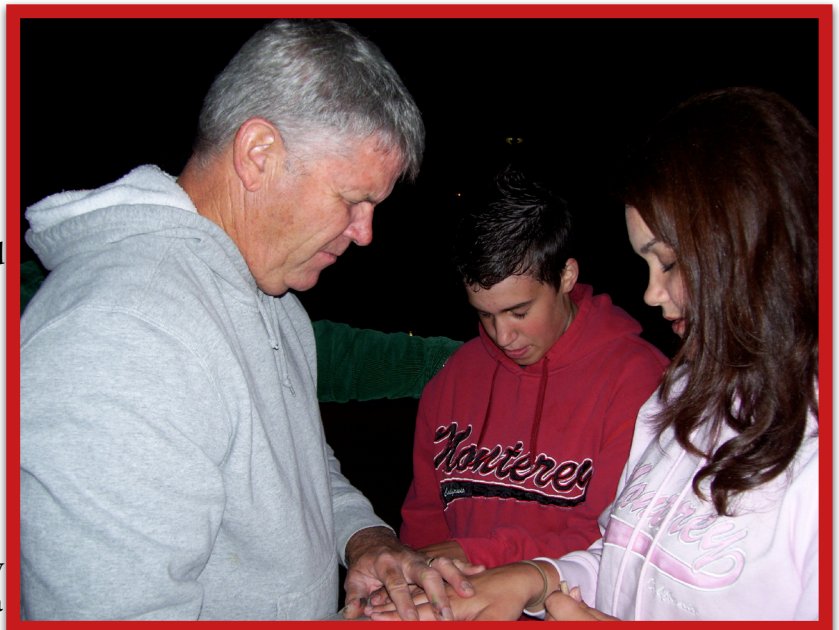
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"ARE YOU THE MAN WHO LEADS PEOPLE TO JESUS?"

We were painting and preaching at the Monterey Wharf on a warm summer July evening. We had just completed our meetings of sharing the Gospel and I was taking down our equipment when two young girls approached me. One of them said, "Are you the man who leads people to Jesus?" I said yes! Their names were Sara & Daisy and both looked to be in their early twenties. Apparently Sara a born again Christian had seen me doing a Gospel presentation earlier that evening. She went to tell her friend Daisy about the painting and preaching and wanted to introduce me to her friend Daisy so she could be saved. I explained the gospel message to Daisy and she gladly bowed her head and prayed the sinners pray with me. It was a wonderful experience for all of us and I'm sure that the angels in heaven rejoiced with us.

As I thought about Sara bringing her friend Daisy to meet me I was reminded of Andrew bringing his brother Simon to Jesus for salvation. Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus. John 1:40 There is an old song that came out of the 'Jesus Movement' revival of the 60's that says, 'With One Hand Reach Out to Jesus and With the Other Bring a Friend'. That is what Sara was doing that warm summer evening. She was doing what Andrew had done with his brother Simon. She was being used by the Lord to facilitate Daisy's salvation. What a wonderful thing for her to do.



Sarah Brings her Friend Daisy to Jesus

"The Body of Christ is awesome in the way it works"

We all have different gifts that God has given to us. One plants, one waters and one reaps the harvest of souls who have been served, taught and prayed for. The Body of Christ is awesome in the way it works. I thank God He has given me the ability to reap the souls of those lost ones, just watching God touch lives in His miraculous ways. Just as Andrew brought his brother to Jesus we too bring people to Jesus in our own special ways. I want to encourage you to ask the Lord how He wants to use you in His BIG LOVE PLAN. Planting the seeds, watering the seeds, serving, teaching, giving and loving people into the kingdom. The bottom line is that we are really all called to be "The man or women who leads people to Jesus", in our own unique ways. Be encouraged God is using you right where you are. He is up to something wonderful in and through all of us. I just wanted to remind you.



LIFE BEHIND THE CROSS

I know that God is always speaking to His children, but for some strange reason I can hear Him a little more clearly while I'm traveling on the road sharing Jesus through our presentations. This year as we traveled up the coast He spoke to me and said, "Some live in front of the cross, I want you to live behind it". I know this could be offensive to some but I will say it anyway. If the shoe fits, wear it. There are those who love to be seen and heard by others. Is that a bad thing? It all depends. What I mean is that some ministries are all about promoting the ministers themselves rather than allowing the Spirit of God to do the promoting. I looked up the word exhibitionism. It means a tendency to display one's abilities or to behave in such away as to attract attention. The latest Christian fad or technique you might say is the in thing to be doing. It makes people think that God has a special program, method or technique of ministry that really works. But God is not a formula or a method. The Apostle Paul said, "May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world". Galatians 6:14

The fact of the matter is that we've all been ruined by Jesus Christ. By that I mean that when you and I came to know Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior you died to this world's way of doing things. That means



CCBC Student Kevin Prays with New Christians

we died to exalting ourselves our techniques and methods and replace them with the Spirit of God who convicts and leads us in His own way. Philippians 2: 7 say's, "Jesus made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men. In the kingdom of God the way up is down. We are to humble ourselves under the might hand of God and in His own way and time He will lift us up. Living behind the cross of Christ means we take no glory for ourselves, in fact we intentionally stay out of the limelight and

only do those things that the Father tells us to do. This life is not meant for us promote ourselves and be pleasing to man. Our Father's opinion of us is the only one that really counts.



4 Young Men who Came to Christ

So the thing for us to do is simply continue to abide in the Vine, and the Vine who is Jesus Christ will manifest Himself in and through us as He wills. He is always the initiator and we are always the responders to His directives. The lesson is that if your out in front of the cross trying to make a reputation for yourself,



4 Young Men that Linda Led to Jesus Christ

your not going to impact the world for Jesus Christ at all. In fact people will be turned off. But if you simply abide in Him and allow the Spirit of God to do the initiating, your fruit will remain and people will be blessed.



Sharing Jesus Over Salvation Army Meal

Anyway lasting faith doesn't come from experiencing the spectacular. That is shallow faith. Lasting faith comes from trusting Jesus when we don't see what He is doing. It is the "evidence of things not seen" Heb. 11:1. Let's make it our goal to live, not in front of the cross, but behind it so that only Jesus Christ receives the glory. Thanks for letting me get that off my chest. brother barry

AUGUST OUTREACH SCHEDULE

AUG. 1ST BIRCH ST. MALL

AUG. 7TH SEAL BEACH PIER

AUG. 8TH MANHATTAN BEACH PIER

AUG. 14TH NEWPORT PIER

AUG. 15TH SANTA MONICA PIER

AUG. 21ST PRAYER MEETING

AUG. 22ND BALBOA PIER

AUG. 28TH HERMOSA PIER

AUG. 29TH REDONDO PIER

ALL OUTREACHES BEGIN AT 7:30 PM.

* OUTREACHES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Outreach Schedule

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