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THOSE IN NEED

"I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me." "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You, a stranger, and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My Brethren, you did it to Me.'" Matt. 25:35-40

The Lord has put it in my heart to give to those in need that we encounter on the streets, the piers, in the parks and

Learning to Speak "FISH"

"And He said to them, 'Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.'" (Mt. 4:19)".

In order to become "fishers of men," believers must learn to speak and be capable of thinking "fish." We must learn their language, or for many of us, remember the secular language we spoke when we only spoke "fish". Love is compelling. We need to speak the language of the people to whom we are ambassadors. I do not use all their language, but I once did and fully know why they use it and what their words are trying to express. Many of their words harshly express fear, frustration, anger, injustice, and just the simple reality that life is neither fair, nor easy. I agree; so did Jesus, the

Man of "grief and sorrow," who lived in a fallen world. By way of example, when I play golf with my unsaved friend and he lets go with a spicy four-letter word I do not chastise him for it, because I can hear what is really going on inside of him. He is saying, "I messed up and I'm a mess up. I blew it and that's who I am!" I failed

to hit the ball perfectly so I'm imperfect and I'm mad about it." This is because their identity is directly linked to what they do. They do not say, "Praise the Lord anyway," because they are not children of God, as yet. Only until their identity is that of a child of God they will speak "fish," because that is who they are.

If you truly love people, you will learn their language, even if you do not use all of it. Right now is a golden opportunity for those of us who do love people, to work very hard at translating our biblical truths into their secular language. A part of my calling as an evangelist is to train others on how to share their faith, especially in these times of uncertainty and worldwide financial confusion. Beyond that, the question for all of you is, "Do you speak 'fish?'" How are you translating your spiritual love language into



Explaining the Gosepl of God's Grace

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wherever there is someone who is in need. In so doing, we are really giving to Jesus Christ. In His own words, He has told us that if we give a person even a cup of cold water in His name we have done it to Him. Jesus is thirsty, in need of food, a place to lay His head.



Leading a man and his family to Jesus Christ.



Marryellen Shares with a Young Boy.

I am asking you to prayerfully consider setting aside some money, for those we encounter on life's highway. We can buy them food or

blankets if necessary, as the Holy Spirit leads. Just put on your love gift offering envelope, the amount you would like us to set aside for those in need.

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into the language of the indigenous people who surround you? Real love is always seeking out ways and means to reach our friends, neighbors and co-workers for Jesus Christ. When we care for

our neighbors and understand their struggles, we will be able to speak their language. We are in the world, but not of it. While we are here, let's continue to connect with and reach those who do not know Jesus yet. Remember, you and I were "fish" at one time ourselves.



Prayer of Salvation at Santa Monica Pier.

TRAINING AT TWIN PEAKS

We had a wonderful opportunity in May to train and equip Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa's Children's ministry leaders, parents and children at the Calvary Retreat Center in the San Bernardino Mountains. I did my first ever ten-sheet marathon painting on the subject of "PRAYER." To be honest, it was a real step of faith for



Preaching at Newport Beach Pier.

me, because I am used to doing just one painting at a time. Teaching with just one painting would be a challenge for anyone, but ten paintings one after the other

was most challenging. The Lord knew that I needed extra grace for the presentation, and

it turned out just fine. I received many positive comments about how it blessed the people and spoke to them about their own personal lives. It may sound crazy



Russ Preaches at the Santa Monica Pier.

to you but for me it is

harder to paint for a Christian group than for a group of lost people, but the Lord used it to grow me in that area. Please be praying for me this month. I am doing another training session for the annual "Summer Fest" outreach at Calvary Chapel Beach Side Huntington Beach.

JUNE OUTREACH SCHEDULE

JUNE 5TH SANTA MONICA PIER

JUNE 6TH HUNTINGTON BEACH PIER
BEACHSIDE SUMMER FEST

JUNE 12TH BALBOA PIER

JUNE 13TH HERMOSA PIER

JUNE 19TH REDONDO PIER

JUNE 20TH NEWPORT PIER

JUNE 26TH PRAYER MEETING - RUSS
HODDERS HOME

JUNE 27TH BIRCH ST., BREA MALL

ALL OUTREACHES BEGIN AT 7:30 PM.

* OUTREACHES ARE SUBJECT TO
CHANGE DEPENDING ON WINTER
WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Outreach Schedule

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