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A Seal Beach Pier Encounter

by Mary Ellen Brisson

Five teenage skate-boarders came noisily rushing by us, as they headed to a nearby hill at the Seal Beach Pier, where we were gathered to present the gospel. As one of the young men came by, I caught his eye and handed him a tract asking, "Do you have any spiritual beliefs?" He quickly grabbed it and was off, not to be "left behind" by his friends. As the skate-boarder jammed the gospel tract into his pocket, I prayed he would take some time to read it when he next came across it. Only minutes later that same young man came back with his four friends pointing at one and saying, "He wants one of those, too." I handed the friend a tract and repeated, "Do you have any spiritual beliefs?" "Yes", he replied. "I'm Jewish". As Barry and I and the five teenagers gathered together and spoke, a wonderful thing happened. What started out as a prank by a friend turned out to be a divine appointment by God. Young minds that had not really considered why they believed what they proclaimed, were opened and allowed the Word of God to penetrate their hearts. They were attentive and thoughtful, as we presented the Word with gentleness and respect (1 Peter 3:15). While none of the teenagers made a decision to follow Christ that night, we stand hopeful, knowing that His Word will not come back empty (Isaiah 55:11).



Mary Ellen Brisson Shares Jesus (left)

Mary Ellen and her husband Mark have been such a blessing to us. We are so thankful for the people that God brings our way to help in the work of reaching the lost.

If you have a desire to share Jesus Christ with the lost, we

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No Charge

One of our team members was painting and preaching at the Redondo Beach Pier, when a man walked up to him, grabbed his microphone and started yelling at the crowd, "the only thing these Christians are doing is trying to get your money." His language was filled with very colorful curse words and the incident drew more and more people to the loud yelling.

The ironic thing about it is, is that we never ask for money during any of our presentations. In fact, we tell people "We do not want your money, but we would like to give you a free booklet that might help you locate yourself in what the Bible says about you and God." This is what I say after every one of my presentations.

I love the street meetings we have, where we are seeking to reach out to the community for free. We do not take offerings. In fact we do just the opposite. We tell people not to give. I like that! We are not a burden on anyone. We just present the Word of God.

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welcome you. You need no special experience, just an open and willing heart to see lives changed. We provide training, encouragement and a place to help you grow in your walk with the Lord. Reaching out to others, causes change in our own lives, as well. It is so fulfilling to be one of God's tools in reaching the lost!

May you be blessed!



Gene Wiltfong Shares th Gospel



Prayer of Salvation at Seal Beach



Chris Dinoff Brings Two Men to the Throne of God.

OUTREACH SCHEDULE

April 3rd Seal Beach Pier

April 4th Balboa Pier

April 10th Birch St.

April 11th Newport Pier

April 17th Redondo Beach Pier

April 18th Santa Monica Pier

April 24th Hermosa Beach Pier

All Outreaches begin at 7:30 PM

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So many people say, "All they want is the money." Well, you can destroy that argument if you do not pass the plate, and there is no box to drop money in when you leave. We are just offering the gospel to people without charge. That is great news! 1 Thess. 2:9 says, "Surely you remember, Brothers, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you." Paul was rejoicing, because when he was in Thessalonica he was able to work with his own hands, laboring among them day and night, so he would not be a burden to them as he shared the gospel.

As many of you know, I do handy-man jobs and clean swimming pools during the week to help with our financial needs. I do this to help sustain the ministry of reaching the lost. The Lord has given me an opportunity to preach the gospel for free! Of course those who labor along with us in their giving, we believe, are God's way of helping us continue spreading the Good News! We are so very thankful for everyone who gives. My point is this: My desire is not to be a burden on anyone, but to be a blessing to everyone in what we do. As we go forward, God will continue to provide. It has been such a blessing to see how He does. Thank you all for being there for us in your prayers and through your financial support. The Apostle Paul said it better than I ever could in 2 Corinthians 8:7

But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving. By the way, the man who caused such an up roar on the pier that night, walked away loudly cursing, while at the same time, three people responded to the gospel and gave their lives to Christ. In addition, we had many more interested people who stayed and asked questions about God. We were able to pray for them as well as, for the cursing angry man. We all need Jesus!



Russ Prays for two Men to Trust Christ