

# Following The Harvest!

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A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM  
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## The Battle For Souls

*If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. 1 Peter 4:14*

As you may have known by now, Steve Davis & I have been in litigation with the Del Amo Mall and their Security Department this past year. We were harassed by mall security guards and banned from the mall for 3 months last year. After much prayer, I decided to pursue our right of freedom of speech and public access through legal channels. I have learned through the years to choose my battles wisely. Our rights to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ in this country are slowly being taken away, and I believed this incident was worth the fight. The following is an article that describes what happened in more detail written by our Christian attorney Dean R. Broyles.

## God Will Make a Way Where there is No Way

*"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things not seen". Hebrews 11:1*

It is one thing to say, "I live by faith" and quite another to actually live by faith. The Bible says, those who have lived by believing that God is their source and that He provides all they need, have no worries when the stock market collapses, or when they lose their jobs and have no visible means of income to speak of. This is because those who by reason of use "have had their senses exercised to discern both good and evil" Hebrews 5:14. In other words, they have experienced the reality of God's provision first hand.

These believers have seen God work in miraculous ways, providing for them what they have needed in the past, and they believe He will continue providing for them in the future. As our economy takes a dive and lay-offs are happening all around us, we believers have an excellent opportunity to show the world that our God reigns in the affairs of men, in the country and in the world. Linda and I have been living by faith for many years now. We have yet to see God fail us even one time, in the area of our physical needs being met by our



Young couple trusted in Christ at the Galleria

Please do not get me wrong when I say these things.

I have many opportunities to doubt the provision of God; however, when it seems as though all is going to be lost, He moves in and does the miraculous in the situation. Linda and I have learned that He is never too early, He is never too late, but always right on time when it comes to meeting our needs. This shows us that we are not in control of our lives, but He is. When we try and cover all of our own bases, so to speak, we often fail because we are depending on our own resources. We are not trusting in Him. When this happens and we fall short, God always picks us up and reminds us that we are loved and cared for by the creator of the universe, and that we have nothing to worry or fret about. The God who is more than enough takes care of everything, because He loves us and knows what is best for us. I like that.

As we watch what the Lord does on our behalf, the end result is that He receives all the praise and glory for it. He is exalted in our lives and we are thankful that we can trust Him in all things. A song written during the Jesus Movement "Back Seat Driver" says it well: "I was riding in the front seat,



Prayer of salvation with new brother and sister

Heavenly Father. Matthew 6 tells us "If God provides for the lilies of the field and the birds of the air. How much more will He provide for those who love Him and are called according to His purposes?"

Linda and I have been called to seek out the lost, and to share the good news of the gospel with them. You may be called to run a company, build houses, write for a newspaper or be a homemaker. The principle remains the same for all of us. We must trust in the Lord for all of our needs.



Mary Ellen Brisson sharing the love of Jesus

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# A Win for Religious Free Speech!

Los Angeles, California: In September 2007, Barry Felis and Steven Davis were harassed by mall security guards and banned from the property for 90 days. Their "crime" was sharing the gospel in a low key and respectful manner with interested passers by.

After initial discussions were not successful, attorneys for Western Center for Law & Policy took strong legal action and filed a complaint against the offending security company and the mall owner in Los Angeles Superior Court. The defendants included one of the nation's largest property owners and one of the biggest security companies in the United States. Two sizable Los Angeles law firms ably represented these defendants.

As the litigation commenced, Barry and Steve felt encouraged and emboldened by the support of the WCLP. Accordingly, they decided to return to the mall on two separate occasions to continue to share the gospel, in spite of the mall's threats and intimidation. The amazing result was that an additional 20 people trusted Jesus Christ as their Savior!

Barry Felis, who is the founder and president of Barry Felis Ministries, declares "If you have a problem involving your First Amendment rights, you really need to contact the attorneys at the Western Center for Law & Policy. They are experienced and professional, but they are more than just attorneys. Throughout the case, they provided us with much needed spiritual support and guidance."

Because of the WCLP's legal efforts, the case settled out of court just before Thanksgiving, on November 24, 2008. Although the specific terms of the settlement are confidential, suffice it to say, we made a meaningful difference and obtained a good result for our clients.

My point is this: Even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed. "And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled. But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear. 1 Peter 3:14-15

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## Outreach Schedule

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trying awfully hard to be the driver, thinking I was making real good time, but always winding up the late arriver; but now I am riding in the back sit, and I find that it's a very great relief, now I'm riding in the back sit, and I'm leaving all the driving to the chief." That pretty much says it all! He is the God who is more than enough for our every need. He is the Lord of Lords and the King of Kings. He is our Heavenly Father who cares for us in every big and small circumstance of our lives. This New Year will bring with it many new opportunities to either freak out and worry, or trust Him to see to it that we are taken care of. The choice is ours. Lets just rest in His loving care this year and **"KNOW THAT HE IS GOD,"** and that He will make a way where there is no way.



Karen Mediavilla leads in prayer of salvation

## Praise Report From Harbor UCLA Hospital

I received a phone call from an old friend who was convalescing at the Harbor UCLA Hospital last month. He told me that he had a burden for the man in the bed next to him. He put me on the phone with the man and his wife. The man did not speak English but his wife did. As we talked I realized that **this man was in very serious life threatening condition and more importantly, he didn't know Jesus as his Savior.** So I gave him the gospel through his wife acting as an interpreter.



Young soldier trust in Christ as Savior & Lord

**The end result was he trusted Christ as his Savior and Lord.** The hospital room was full of people crying for joy. I then prayed for his physical healing and total restoration from his illness. This all happened over the phone. Praise God!



Two from Brazil praying the sinners prayer

Please pray for 61 year old Antonio and his wife Donsea Catalan; for his complete physical healing and for their growth in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. Also please pray for my friend Dan McDade. He is recovering form meningitis.

Phil Marvel preaches at Santa Monica Pier

