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A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM
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Christ,

the Power and the Wisdom of God

We look back at the summer season with great joy and rejoicing. The Lord has blessed us with another opportunity to travel up the coast starting from the Mexican border to the central California coast. The 2008 summer season has produced much fruit for the kingdom of God.

With the simple message of God's love as well as the judgment to come for those who do not know Christ we have seen the power of the Gospel in action. Starting at the Imperial Pier near San Diego with painting and preached to Gospel. Many of the people responded with open hearts to the message. Many had questions we answered and many still wanted additional follow-up materials, which we gladly provided. We directed the new believers into local churches and established ongoing friendships with local pastors and their churches in the areas we visited. Many were taken by the method we use in reaching the lost. They had never seen it and when they did they loved what they saw.

The Bible clearly proclaims that it is the Gospel of Jesus Christ, crucified, buried and risen again defeating death, hell and the grave that wins people to God. It declares that as believers "we walk by faith and not by sight". In Johns Gospel it is clear that even

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Equipping the Saints to do the work of the ministry

A part of what God has called us to do is to help build up the body of Christ by equipping the saints to do the work of the ministry, part of which is evangelism. Last month we were invited to Bethany Christian Fellowship in San Pedro, to share with the congregation. We had a wonderful time preaching: "Not Being Ashamed of the Gospel." My text was Romans 1:14-18, sharing the reasons why the Apostle Paul was not ashamed of the gospel, I began with one of my paintings. Steve Davis helped me demonstrate how we use simple questions to share our faith, and then how to present a clear presentation of salvation through Christ. Then I shared how to bring a person to the point of making a decision for Christ.



San Migeul Mission Youth Group

The congregation was very receptive to my teaching. Many of them wanted me to put them on our mailing list. Others signed up for our "Pray and Intercession Team". They were given our newsletters and witnessing materials, to help them share their faith with others.

Jesus said, "The fields are ripe for harvest. Pray therefore that the Lord of the harvest would send out workers into His harvest fields." Not many are called to do what we do in public, however we are all called to share our faith, whether at work, at home or school. I encouraged them to share whenever and wherever God gives them the opportunity. He has placed us where we are, so we can be salt & light in a lost and dying world. What a joy to see brothers and sisters get turned on to the possibilities they have, to tell others about Jesus and His love. We are thankful that God continues to opens doors of opportunity for us to share His life with others.

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if people see and experience miracles with their own eyes they still will not believe in Jesus Christ. It is also clear in the Gospel of John that, "Although Jesus had done so many signs and wonders before them, they did not believe in Him, that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, Lord who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm (power) of the Lord been revealed?" Paul declares, "The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

My point is simply this. Nothing can be added or taken away from the Gospel of Jesus Christ because it is all about Him and not about us. The Spirit of God uses nothing else to draw a person to Himself other than the Word of God expressed by the Spirit of God Himself to an open and humble heart. We saw this happen time and time again during our travels and we rejoice in how good the Lord is to save people just like ourselves. Just ordinary people experiencing God.

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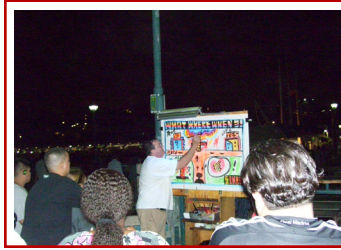
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Final Leg the of "2008 Pier to Pier Preaching Tour"



Phil Marvel Paints as interested People Look On

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not to your own understanding and He will direct your path"

August was our final summer outreach up the coast of California. While on our way to Monterey, we were invited to come and preach in the central California town of Paso Robles. We set up to share in the town square, which is a beautiful park in the center of town. It was a perfect summer evening. We were able to share with several interested people who stopped to hear the messages. One lady by the name of Martha seemed extremely interested. She asked if we could come to her church and share the gospel message the following evening. This turned out to be a real divine appointment. We went to her church, the San Miguel Mission in the small town of San Miguel. We shared with her youth group of about 25 young people that evening, and 15 of them trusted Christ as their Savior and Lord, when I gave the invitation. With Martha as our translator, we were able to share the clear message of the gospel using our painting presentations.



Evangelism Training Session at Bethany Chirstian Fellowship

Using the Summer Olympic Games as an illustration, I talked about how China had put on such a wonderful opening show, to begin the games, using hundreds of people to perform for the world. They really put their best foot forward. However as the games went on, there were indications that the Chinese team was not playing fair, by using under-aged children in competition. This caused much



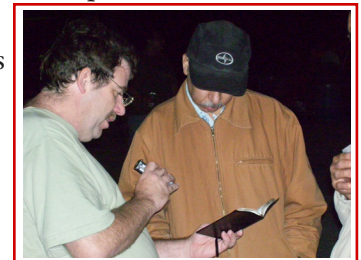
Larry Hino Shares the Love of God with Coupel

controversy during and after the games. I used that to make my point. What starts out looking good on the outside is not always what is true on the inside. This can be true of a nation, a church or an individual. The Bible say's, "Man looks on the outward appearance, but God looks on the heart". Our problem is sin and we must deal with it



Elias De Costa Shares

according to God's Word. Also that "our hearts are deceitful and desperately wicked," and that's why God sent Jesus to bring us forgiveness and new life in Him. What a wonderful time we had, with the young people at the San Miguel Mission that evening. Along with heaven, we rejoiced at what God had done that August evening.



David Drennen Lets the Word of God do the Talking