

Lawrence DuBois Evangelism Newsletter

Good News Will Travel - Summer 2007 Edition

Dear Friends in Christ

The coldest winter I ever spent was a summer in San Francisco. This quote attributed to Mark Twain has been proven true. I have been praying for global warming to affect us here some days. It isn't all that bad. I have 3 umbrellas in the closet and haven't any use for them. Well, the last few months have proven to be very good for my personal growth in the Lord, as well as, the ministry of preaching the Gospel. It has been said that people fear public speaking even more than death. After rising above my timidity in the strength of the Lord I have proven you can overcome these fears. The thing I didn't consider in all this was I needed desperate work on how I handle adversity and opposition. I grew up for the most part mild mannered and easy going. A person never knows for sure how they will react to something until it happens, until it is tested. I didn't realize how much hostility and a revenge attitude I had until I started preaching in public on a regular basis. The good news however is the Lord is chipping away and making me into His image. The scriptures that talk about how Jesus was reviled but didn't revile in return, are now coming alive and I find myself putting them into practice. Great experience in living out God's Word. It's like sports conditioning class.

High School & College Campuses

In the month of May we went to many schools around the Bay Area. There are so many stories I will just give you a few highlights. In San Lorenzo, we found favor to preach at a pizza parlor across the street from the school. We had many conversations with the students (and free pizza). Despite opposition, crowds of hundreds would stand and hear the Gospel at most of the schools we went to. Police were sometimes called but would actually come and defend our right to free speech, awesome! On college campuses there is a free-speech area that most people are unaware of and this was very fruitful. Like Paul said, "There is an open and effectual door, but there are many adversaries". Remember down here, along with other places in the country, many students and staff are homosexuals. Most homosexuals are against the Gospel and in many cases militant.

Bay Area

Some of the places we have frequented around the bay are; San Leandro, Hayward, Fremont, San Jose, Palo Alto, Los Gatos, and Santa Cruz. We go about in a circuit witnessing in these places. Most of the areas are not use to seeing anyone preaching in public. Street preaching was common place a century ago. I think of Edwards, Wesley, and Moody to name a few. Nowadays people think it is outlandish. It amazes me how many of our young people have not heard a clear presentation of the Gospel. They have no idea that they are lost. I certainly know I am called to this but not every Christian is, so I encourage you to find out what the Lord wants you to do and then do it with all your might. Don't waste years fooling around like I did. We can avoid harsh discipline if we obey, Amen?

San Francisco

Now that summer is near there are many opportunities in the heart of the city. Where they turn the cable cars around at Powell & Market streets is one of my favorite places to go. This has a large tourist crowd and a turnover of people. I have met many Christians from around the nation and world here. It is a great place to hand out tracts and preach openly. At Fisherman's Wharf there are many tourists as well. One night a man threw some bread (sourdough) at the little maxie-mouse speaker I was using. He seemed to be under the influence or demonized, maybe both. It wasn't until he produced two bottles of wine from under his coat that I got afraid he would throw those next. I prayed and the man left the scene. The way we handle situations can prove to be a witness to the surrounding crowds. We recently have obtained permits in some of the more popular parks and centers in downtown.

Fruit of the Month

In each newsletter I try to include a detailed story of some divine appointment or fantastic experience. This time is no different. We were in Los Gatos on a Friday night and many young people came to here us preach in the open square. This particular night was special, there were four of us and we all had chances for small group witnessing and interaction with the people. It all got started when my friend Kevin was preaching and out of the crowd a teenage girl said she was a Christian and didn't think we should be preaching openly. As Kevin dialogued with her she started getting foul mouthed and hostile. Kevin pointed out to her about her indecent clothing and a Christian should not reveal herself in this way (I'll be honest, she looked like a harlot). She left very angry; however, she returned in an hour or so with more clothes on and apologized to Kevin for her actions, comments, and attitude. She said the Lord had convicted her and that she was glad for the rebuke. She repented and it started a small stir. At that point everything changed for the better as the Spirit brought a calm and teachable atmosphere to that park. It was very awesome to say the very least. I Peter 4:17 "For the time has come for judgment to begin in the house of God...

Until next time may the Lord be with you. Remember to pray for me!

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