

Evangelism Newsletter – Summer 2009

Major Changes

Dear Friends in Christ

It has been nearly three years since I have been in California doing evangelism and this August marks the second anniversary of being a part of Calvary Chapel of San Francisco. This September I will be leaving SOS Ministries to take on the role of evangelist in my local church. This is something I have been praying for and considering for quite some time.

When I brought it up to my Pastor, Ron Sharp, he responded by saying that, "he was way ahead of me and had been praying that I would come to this decision".

I am very thankful for the opportunity to have been a part of SOS Ministries. God had used my time with them to get me out there actually preaching and has developed me in that gift these past 3 years.

My desire is to continue preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ on the streets of San Francisco and to train other men to do the same. We probably will re-establish the small group that went out from our Church faithfully each week one-on-one witnessing and handing out Bibles.

Farewell to SOS Ministries

Reading over my first newsletter I wrote since leaving the Seattle area - Newsletter - Fall 2006, I noticed I made the comment on how I was going back to San Francisco and get as much preaching experience as I could and then take it to other cities. Well I certainly have gotten plenty of experience, however, for the time being I am staying in San Francisco. It could be the only way I can reach the other cities of the US is to reproduce myself in other guys that will become preachers. I am very grateful for the opportunity to be a part of SOS Ministries for these last three years. I will have some fond memories of my time here and have made friends for eternity. Below are some photos that I have of the past three years I have been here. Some have been in the newsletters before. I haven't taken very many pictures. I guess the camera bug I had in me is gone.

Fruit of the Month

I was on the BART train one day awhile back, it was rush hour so I was standing in a crowded car. There were two guys next to me that were very obviously a couple. (That's SF) I overheard them talk about Gospel music. So I offered them each a pocket Gospel of John. They said that it was ok - that they went to Church. I said, "well then, you would certainly find this to be a great asset to your faith". I explained why the Gospel of John was written; "These things were written that you may believe that Jesus is the Son of God and by believing have life in his name". One of the gentlemen took the book and said he would check it out. I found it easier to witness to homosexuals by not bringing up the subject until they do. In this case they didn't bring it up. Even if they were not homosexual they would still die and go to hell without Christ.

Pray for me as I endeavor to enter into more of a stronghold regarding the homosexual section of town. I have the power of God and the authority of Jesus Christ to witness to anyone. (not in my own strength) however, In the natural realm I have been exposed to HIV and AIDS both through needle sharing behavior in my past, although I do not have either after being tested twice. On a similar note; I met a doctor a couple of years ago that was a liver specialist. He also was a believer. I told him what he thought of me sharing needles with addicts that were known to have Hepatitis C, the most common disease for IV drug users, and that I didn't contract the disease. He said it was a miracle. I think so too. I must tell this story of God's mercy and grace, that he has raised me from the dead in a figurative sense. Thanks for your prayers and I will keep you posted.

Yours in Christ,
Larry