

November 30, 2009

Dear Friends,

As the end of the year approaches, we see it has truly been an eventful year this year... and we want to share a highlight that stands out with you so you can praise God along with us!

You may remember us mentioning that I led 7 people to Christ during our short stay in Santa Monica this summer in recent emails. You see, relatively early in the Santa Monica Project, and I was sharing with a student at the Promenade in Santa Monica. Santa Monica is considered a hard place to share your faith because there are so many people there from a postmodern background who don't believe in a heaven or a hell or even right or wrong for that matter. It is a hub of postmodern culture. So, it was with a considerable amount of nervousness that I shared my faith there. As we walked through the center of the shopping area, I saw a couple sitting on a bench. They didn't seem otherwise occupied, so I thought they would be good to talk to. When we introduced ourselves, they told us their names were Adres and Christine and that they didn't actually live in Santa Monica, they were actually visiting from Arizona. After a few preliminaries, they agreed to do a quick survey with me.



During the survey I asked them "What problem do you think most plagues humanity?" Before answering, Andres asked me what my answer would be. I said, "I think our biggest problem is that we desire to do good but always fail. We know the good person we ought to be, but we fail to be that person. We fail our own standards." Adres and Christine looked like a lightbulb all of a sudden turned on, as if what I said was exactly what they needed to hear at the time. They looked at one another, then at me and then opened up and started discussing the deepest, most philosophical things. As the conversation progressed, I explained to them that we were there on the promenade to let people know there is a solution to this problem. I asked them if they would like to hear more and they said yes and I pulled out the 4 Laws.

Amazingly, right then, a man interrupted us. He said that he heard what we were talking about and he wanted to know if he and his friend, a woman named Anna, could listen in? I said, "Of course." The man's name was Raoul, and he was a believer, but companion Anna had yet to make the choice to believe. I shared the 4 Laws with the three of them. They tracked along very anxiously, as if they were valuing each word as gold. I explained to them what sin was, that we all have it, and that grace is the undeserved gift of Christ's sacrifice on the cross to pay for that sin. The only thing is that we must accept that forgiveness and Christ as well. The expressions on their faces were incredible, like they were hearing the most amazing thing ever. I asked if they wanted to receive Christ and they all said "Yes" and they, all three, prayed to receive Christ right then and there! After we were done, and we were heading out, Christine told me "We came here to Santa Monica from Arizona and it seemed like a random thing, but now I know why we came here of all the places we could go, we were brought here by God so that we could hear this very thing, this night."

It is amazing how the Gospel renews the mind of the believer and what a privilege it is to witness first hand! It is because of people like these that we have committed our lives to sharing the life-changing message of Christ. God is at work, drawing people to Himself and transforming a new generation. We want you to know that we are so grateful to the Lord for you. With these hard economic times that seem to be affecting so many, we remember the sacrificial gifts you make for our ministry. We couldn't do what we do without your generosity. **Thank you for helping us reach people like Adres, Christine, and Anna!**

Thank you again, for partnering with us to bring the message of hope to people like Adres, Christine, and Anna. Have a blessed Holiday season.

Warmly in Christ,
Ken & Amy