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Dear Saints,

I am about a week behind on getting Bro. Jed's Journals out. Our evangelistic team of Bro Jed, Martha, myself, Priscilla, Sis. Pat and Dave and Doris Metz had a truly fruitful week in Lubbock, Texas. I will try to get that journal out in a few days so that you can read the details. Lives were changed thanks to your prayers!!! We are now in Oklahoma. Please pray for our daily ministry and for warm weather. Also if you would like to give a special offering to finance the

added expenses of this trip, see the info at the end of this e-journal. Thank you fellow laborers including those who have already given! *Sis. Cindy*

# MOVING TESTIMONY FROM A GIRL

**Long Beach State, March 14, 2011**

I got things straighten out with the Office of Student Life and Development [Diane] that I could preach anywhere on the green. A policewoman had moved me the last time that I was on campus to the free speech platform, which is somewhat hidden by some merchandise tents.

The police did not show up today. I had a good location with a cross walk that had a lot of passage. I immediately had a few people stop and ask about my sandwich board sign. I did not take long to gather a crowd that reached up to fifty at times. The students were generally attentive and mostly courteous.

The first 40 minutes was "Sex Ed with Brother Jed," but after that sex was not the issue. Repentance, faith, Jesus death and resurrection, and holiness were the major issues, as was socialism vs. capitalism.

Some of the Christian love bugs who opposed me last week had a better attitude today. One even thanked me for coming at the end of the day.

A mocker sat beside me with a sign which said, "You do not have to believe in God to be good." He would say annoying and stupid things. I ignored him. But in mid-afternoon Robert Ramos began talking to him and Robert kept him preoccupied for the rest of the day. Another mocker was moving through the crowd holding a sign with an upside down cross drawn on it.



***"A mocker sat beside me with a sign which said, 'You do not have to believe in God to be good.'"***



Two distinguished looking men about my age or older were listening at a distance. They finally came closer so I began questioning them. The father of one of them was a Presbyterian Chaplain, who buried many men at Guadalcanal. When I heard that, I became more concerned for the man's soul. He confessed that he had done a lot of bad things in his life. But that he had embraced the evil as a part of

him. He did not know about life after death. I spoke to him how Jesus had bore his sins on the Cross. They both thanked me for talking to them.

Martha was a hit with the boys today. Five of them were trying to get her attention and make a date. One was flashing notes to her from his tablet. She did manage to witness to several others including a homosexual. She enabled a few Christians to better understand our approach.

At the end of the day I asked a girl who walked up if she feared God. "Of course," she answered. Then she began teaching, preaching and testifying. Her message was moving and the spirit of the Lord was upon her and she was very sober and spoke quietly. It looked like she would wind down. So I would ask a question which would get her going again. She must have spoken about 30 minutes. Students were listening carefully through it all. It was one of the better testimonies that I have heard from students over the years.

# **MARTHA DRAWS THE CROWD BEFORE ME**

**Long Beach State, March 15, 2011**

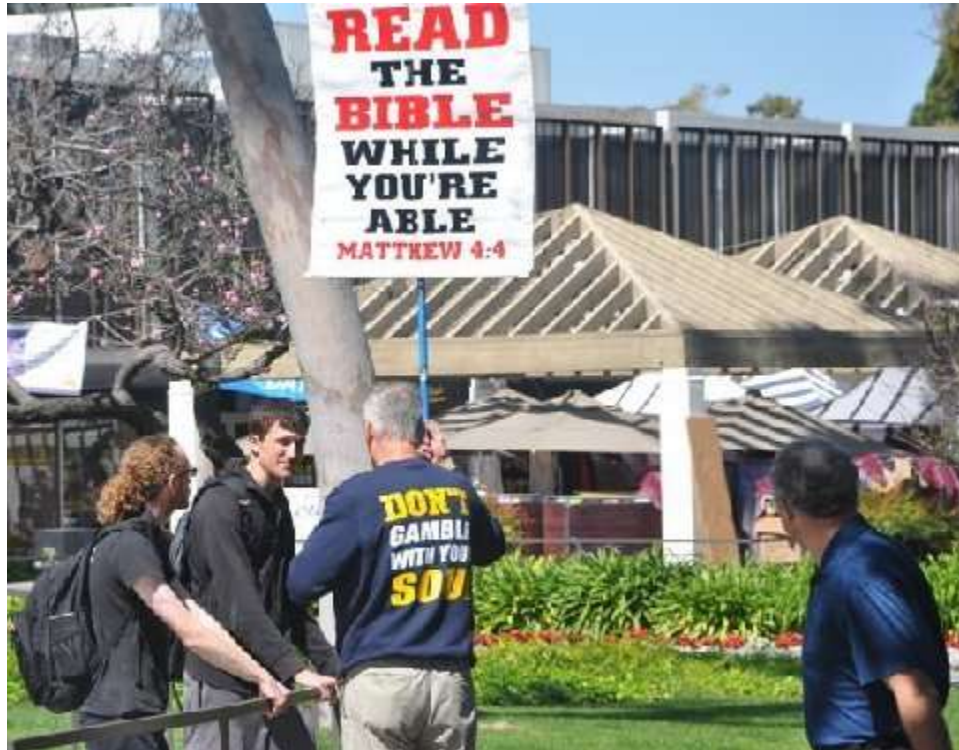
Martha gathered the crowd before me today. This was a first for her. I preached for about 30 minutes and no one stopped to listen to me even though my picture was on the front page of the student newspaper. Martha was wearing a sandwich board with various sins colorfully and disparagingly pictured on the sign. Students came up and started asking her about the sign. They did not like it and considered it unloving. Too bad it has become unloving to portray sin unfavorably.



**Martha Draws a Crowd at Long Beach State**



Bill, a friend of bob BIBLE, was down the green a piece from me. He was holding a banner which also drew several around him. Signs are very effective for drawing attention. Bill wore a shirt which warned, "Don't gamble with your soul." Bill gives credit to the Jehovah Witnesses for getting him interested in Christianity and headed in the right direction. However, as he studied the Bible he discovered the JW's were wrong on their belief that Jesus is a created being. bob became a great influence in his life. They both worked at a Long Beach oil refinery. Bill was a big time gambler. Once in Las Vegas he was having breakfast with Bible Jim Webber, who said he was going to make Bill a gospel t-shirt to wear when he played poker. Bill answered that he could not use the name of Jesus and take people's money. Webber answered, "I will make the t-shirts; I expect you to wear them. Bill started wearing the shirts but he never gambled again.



## Bro. Bill, a Former Gambler

About 1 PM bob arrived on the scene. bob is the type of personality that when he enters the room or a stage he soon becomes the center of attention. One never knows what he might say. He has a different take on just about any Christian issue you can imagine. bob built up the crowd. He called on Martha to do her sorority girl who met the devil skit. He gave Martha a generous offering for her witnessing, which was a big deal to Martha and perhaps her reward from God for drawing the crowd today.

As bob was speaking, I was talking with several students and was asked about the issue of homosexuality. A boy asked if he could say something. He proceeded to give his testimony of his deliverance of this sin through faith in Christ.

As I gave my testimony, bob interjected colorful quips. bob left about 2 PM. From 2-4, I had profitable dialogue with students. At one point a big mouthed black woman objected to my message. I said, "Martha, this girl is too much for me to handle. I want you to take over." So Martha faced her down for about 15 minutes. Martha was interviewed by a class concerning free speech on campus.



## **bob BIBLE (street preaching 43 years)**

One Asian fellow who has been following Martha around asked me for her hand in marriage. I said, "He could not even qualify without letters of reference." He even followed us back to the car. Later, Martha told me that he is a Buddhist.



# UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

**Cal State Fullerton, March 16, 2011,**

I asked a girl who was attentive to the preaching for about an hour, "What do you think of the message?"

"I am a Unitarian Universalist. I do not believe in God. Jesus is my brother. I believe in love and being good?" She answered.

I inquired, "What is your standard for goodness?"

"Whatever feels right," she replied.

"Others may feel differently," I countered. "You claim you are a Universalist. Is there not some universal standard to which all men are accountable?"

She also claimed to have been baptized. "Into what were you baptized?" I inquired.

The conversation continued. I asked her if she was familiar with William Ellery Channing, who was the leading Unitarian of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. She seemed impressed that I know of his name. I suggested that she studied his writings. He believed that there was a universal moral standard taught by Jesus Christ.

Before she departed, she commended me for my message and intelligence and expressed her disappointment at those who had been opposing me.

Early, I gathered a small group, including a tattooed philosophy student who questioned his own existence. I was beginning to draw a crowd with him when Christopher butted in and wanted to address his points. His answers were good enough but later I reproved him for his rudeness in trying to take over my witness. After he thought about it for a while, he apologized.

From about 1 to 4 I had a nice sized crowd. I had a long discussion concerning holiness and eternal security with a sin excusing Christian. The issue that built up the crowd was capitalism vs. socialism.



## **Good Crowd at Cal State Fullerton!**



This morning Martha had an interview with the top photographer in Orange County to do an internship this fall. The man accepted her. She will be staying with a friend of the ministry and his wife in Fullerton. In the evening we visited the Praise Chapel which is the church she will be attending. It looks like the Lord is bringing it all together; her home, work and church are all within two miles. Of course, I will miss my personal assistant, armor bearer and photographer. It has been a memorable year together.

# **THE IRISH SAINT TAKES A BACKDOOR TO MUSLIMS**

**Cal State Fullerton, March 17, 2011**

Muslims from Iraq were having a festival on the quad with Hookah smoking and belly dancers. Except for some students wearing green there was apparently no celebration of St. Patrick's Day. I was rather perturbed that Muslims were co-opting a Christian holiday. They want to take over our culture. I was not so much disturbed at the Muslims as I am the indifference of the Christian community to our Christian heritage. Of course, I figured many would be using St. Patrick as an excuse to get drunk tonight. I stood quietly and soberly watching the celebration wearing my sandwich board sign. Evidently, I made some of the celebrants feel uncomfortable. Several came up and asked what I was doing. "I am just watching," I replied. Others were taking pictures. A friend of Ruben's, Mark, joined me carrying a banner. The music was too loud to do any preaching with my voice. And I do not like to interrupt other's events. Besides, my silent witness seemed convicting. At one point the female dancers danced around me.



***"A friend of Ruben's, Mark, joined me carrying a banner."***



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The music finally stopped around 1 PM. A few students asked me about my sign. One fellow who claimed to be a Christian, who had only given up some of the sins listed on my sign within the last month vehemently, opposed my witness, as did a female. The female was so disorderly that I eventually called upon Martha. Martha is at her best when the battle is raging. I prefer that she handled the contentious women. When I took over again a fellow wearing a big cross and baggy pants who had been dancing with the Muslims, opposed me with cursing. When he began to write with a marker upon my sign, I kicked him away. Of course, my armor bearer jumped up beside me and rebuked the cross dangling sinner. He threatened me but left shortly after perhaps fearing that he had gone beyond the law. Soon I noticed four policemen in the area but they stayed at a distance. Meanwhile, the crowd had swelled to over a two hundred. Most of the students were relatively quiet. There were only six or so troublemakers.



***"...Martha is at her best when the battle is raging..."***



Eventually, things quieted down when the trouble makers left. Mark and I alternated the preaching. Eventually, Christopher, who had butted in on my witness and later apologized yesterday, acted up again today. He passionately opposed the feminists and socialists being listed on my sign. He claimed Christians should not care about money; we should be willing to let the government steal all of our money with their wealth redistribution programs. To prove his point he threw 26 dollars at my feet. Eventually, some other student picked up the bills. I explained as Christians we are to be good students and have respect for the property of others which is the point of the 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> commandment.

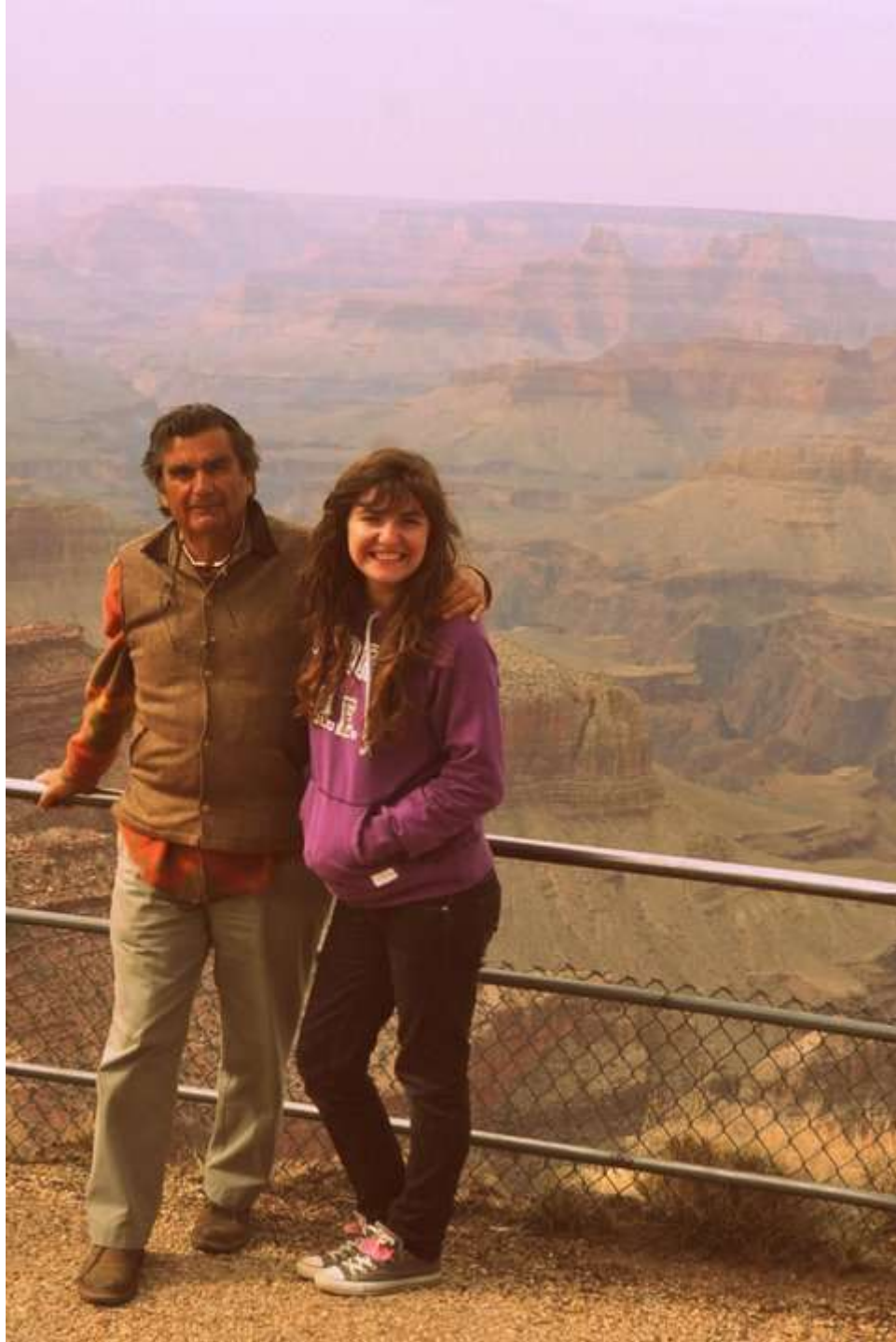
While Mark was speaking an Asian asked to testify and he tearfully shared his testimony. After 4 there was a group of about 25 students heatedly discussing with one another the issues we raised. We left campus about 4:45.

Mark, who earns a living as a car salesman, told me that he knew of me before he met Ruben. He had seen a copy of *Who Will Rise Up?*. It is notable that he admitted that he did not read the book but seeing some of my preaching poses impressed upon him that the Word of God should be delivered with authority. I was glad to hear this since early on the Lord taught me to put my whole body into my preaching.

Over dinner Martha remarked that the Lord had answered my morning prayer that the Lord would give us a grand finale in the last day of our three week California mission. It was our largest California crowd this year. It is always bittersweet leaving California. I love the state and have good friends here and churches where my ministry is well received. I love heading west but it is good to turn our faces towards home. Next Monday we will be joining Cindy, Priscilla and Sister Pat at Texas Tech for a week, then a week in Oklahoma and then home for the month of April.



This marks the end of the 10 weeks Martha and I have had of traveling alone. Over dinner she expressed an interest in joining me next year for the winter tour after she finishes her photography internship. That would make me happy.



## **At the Grand Canyon**

My old friend Robert Ramos repeatedly has been asking Martha which of the girls will take my place on campus when I am gone.



**Robert Ramos**

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**Bro. Jed and Martha Marie's**

**Schedule**

***The following is my tentative winter/spring schedule. I encourage Christians to arrange to meet me on campus for a day or even week or so. It will be a life changing experience if you have never been on an open-air campus outreach. If you would like to arrange for me to speak in your local church, I would be happy to oblige. Or maybe some of you would introduce my ministry to your friends in a home setting. If you would like to provide hospitality while we are in your area either call or email me. Also, since some of this schedule is subject to change, if you would like me to come to your campus instead of what I have planned please let me know. I may be persuaded.***

***March 28-29 University of Oklahoma (With Sis. Cindy, Sis. Pat, Priscilla )***

***March 30 University of Central Oklahoma***

***March 31-April 1 University of Oklahoma***

***April 4-29 Missouri campuses***

***May 2-June 3 to be announced***