



Evangelism Update 01-28-07

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Note From Jim:

I didn't have these last week, but a couple of seed sowers at Reignite-2 got a few pictures of the open air at UNLV. I wanted to share them with you.



Open air preaching at UNLV campus.



Casey the atheist heckles me from the crowd.



Pausing for prayer.

Scripture of the Week:

For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. (Romans 8:6-8, NASB)

Quote of the Week:

"Before I can preach love, mercy and grace I must preach sin, law and judgment." (John Wesley)

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Evangelism Resource:

Check out Mark Cahill's website: www.markcahill.org

Mark Cahill has been described as the one man that makes Ray Comfort feel lukewarm when it comes to evangelism. You'll find a number of excellent audio messages on his site. Also, Mark's book *One Thing You Can't Do In Heaven* is a must read for any serious seed sower.

Reignite-2 Update:

Doug Koch (Local Leader in Las Vegas) recently shared an update on Orlando, our new brother that came to Christ on the streets during Reignite-2. I wanted to pass it along and ask that you continue to keep Orlando in your prayers.

If you're not familiar with Orlando's story, I shared it and other stories from Reignite-2 in a special edition email of the *Evangelism Update* on Wednesday. You can also find it in the newsletter archives here: www.southernoregongnn.com/evangelismupdate.htm



Orlando is the one wearing the suit in the center.

Here's the update as Doug posted it on the GNN message board...

Sunday: After the Boot Camp, I took Orlando back to his house. When I asked him what he planned to do the rest of the day he said he planned to drink some coffee and then go pass out tracts. I was worried that there would be few people out in the wind and cold and they wouldn't take his tracts. So I counseled him on what might happen and told him that if it did that it was not a sign that he wasn't saved. Four hours later I got a call from Orlando saying that he had a great time! Not only did he give out half of the tracts (about 250 tracts) but a lot of people were asking him questions about the gospel. He said that he wants to get trained in [The Way of the Master](#). Later that afternoon Orlando told his girlfriend that he is moving out since she does not want him to talk about Jesus. Orlando also informed me that he tracted all of the drug dealers in his neighborhood that were outside. He wants me to bring him Spanish Bibles to give them.

Monday: My wife, three kids and I picked up Orlando and took him to the Las Vegas Rescue Mission. At first, the Assistant Director of the Recovery Program said that Orlando wasn't appropriate for the program. However, God intervened and the Director felt he was perfect for it. Then Orlando found out that he'd need to get there from his house three miles away each morning by 7am. Orlando vowed that he would do what it takes to get into the program, and we got a new inner tube and light for his bike. As we talked Orlando said, "Do you know when I feel closest to God? When I am passing out tracts! I think I feel closest to God because I pray the entire time." Praise God!

Tuesday: I called Orlando's home five times with no answer and then stopped by to drop off some gospel tracts and Spanish New Testaments. Since no one was at home I left the package on the porch. Around 9pm I got a call from Orlando. He didn't get to the Las Vegas Rescue Mission in the morning because he fell asleep after waking up at 6:30. In the afternoon he went down to Fremont Street and passed out tracts. When Orlando got back to his bike he had a ticket from a Metro Officer for chaining the bike to a sign post. Later in the day Orlando did go to the Las Vegas Rescue Mission for the 7:30 church service. He said the service wasn't very good because the guy just talked about himself and never spoke from the Bible. As he tried to leave, a security guard tried to stop him and even started to get physical with him. Two guards came to Orlando's rescue, but the first security guard told him to never come back. Then on his ride home a group of guys in a Bronco tried to run him off the road and threw ice and eggs at him. At one point they drove down the road and then turned back around and came at him. He jumped off of his bike, placed his bike light under his belt and acted like he was pulling out a gun. The guys turned back around and left him alone. Orlando said he was more scared then anything else when the guys were attacking him. For the remainder of our conversation, we took some time to pray and go over additional scripture. As I was getting off the phone Orlando asked me if I would explain to him on Wednesday what fasting is and how it pleases God.

I am constantly blown away by this brother and how he has come into the faith with such a desire to share the gospel. Continue to pray for him. He is going to give me a call at noon from a pay phone since his girlfriend does not want him to talk on her phone anymore. He plans to go to a different church tonight since he didn't get much out of the message last night.

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Another seed sower (Nicholas Gausling) posted that he'd visited a Calvary Chapel church in downtown Las Vegas today and he noticed Orlando across the room! Nicholas spoke to him for a few minutes and he said that he's happy to be settling into a home church. Orlando reported that he's still actively passing out a lot of tracts too. During worship, he was right up front and more lively and on fire than anyone else Nicholas I saw there. God is good!

Questions & Objections:

This Q&A comes from [The Evidence Bible](#).

Q. How does the young-earth theory explain that we can see stars millions of light-years away? How would the light have reached us?

A. Since God made the sun, moon, and stars "to give light upon the earth" (Genesis 1:14-18), those lights would be immediately visible on earth. They fulfilled their purpose on the day God spoke them into being, because He

“saw that it was good.” No doubt God also made Adam as a fully-grown man—perhaps with the appearance of being 30 years old, even though he was only minutes old. Likewise, herbs and trees were already mature and fruit-bearing, to provide a ready supply of food. That would be the case with all of His creation.

Weekly "Fishing" Report:

Praise God! We had nine seed sowers hit the streets on Saturday. Three of them (Kathleen, Donna and Natalie) were newcomers. I'm blessed to see God continue to raise up laborers with a sincere interest in seeking and saving the lost.

We started out near the post office and almost immediately picked up a series of one-2-ones. Kathleen commented afterwards that we sure didn't have to look very hard to find people to talk to. The first encounter was with two men. One was stand-offish but seemed to be a Christian or at least have a pretty good understanding of the gospel. The other man was agnostic and very cynical. The next encounter was rather nice. It started with three young people: Mike, Danielle and Monique. They each said they were attending a church in the area. However, like I see a lot of times, they had some of the puzzle pieces but couldn't really fit them together into a clear picture of the gospel and salvation. As we talked, two other men joined us. I thought perhaps they'd try to disrupt things, but for they sat down or stood near-by and for the most part listened too. Afterwards, one of the men shook my hand and said he appreciated what we were doing out there. Kathleen and Donna got to talk further with Monique and Danielle and also invited them to join in with a parenting class their church was hosting.



Kathleen and Donna talking with Monique.

We headed down 6th Street where we came across Gary, a young Christian man I've met a number of times while out street fishing. We had a chance to encourage him, share a few of our new tracts and I also gave him a CD he'd been asking me for. I then wrapped up the night with a good one-2-one with a woman named Tammy. She had just gotten off work and was hanging out with a friend taking a smoke break. I stopped to show them the [Curved Illusion](#) tracts and they got a kick out of that. Tammy's friend actually remembered me from a witnessing encounter I had with her and three of her friends at Riverside Park a while back. She had to get back to work, but Tammy wanted to talk some more. It turned in to a half-hour one-2-one. I learned that she had a Christian background. In fact, she had actually been a youth counselor at one time. She's not involved with a church at this point, but she has a young daughter and realizes she needs to get these things sorted out so she can in turn get her daughter pointed in the right direction. I pray God uses what I was able to give her.

The others had a few encounters as well. They were also armed with a variety of gospel tracts: [Giant \\$100s](#), [Million Dollar Bills](#), [NZ Smart Cards](#) and [Curved Illusions](#). People were interested and the tracts were

easily given out. Carla told me that they came across one young man named Don. As she talked with him, she learned he was a Christian. She felt lead to pray with him and encourage him to share his faith. She gave him a number of tracts and within a short time he'd already passed them out, so she and her sons loaded him up with some more. Praise God! It's my opinion that when we walk away from an encounter there's really only two outcomes that will matter for eternity: we're either sharing the gospel with the lost or encouraging and equipping a believer to be a witness for Christ.

Pray for the seed that was sown. Jesus, may You receive the honor that You're due!

One-Day Way of the Master Training:



We would be glad to host a Way of the Master evangelism training for your church or small group. This one-day seminar is a proven, effective way to empower people to reach out to the lost while helping them to come to a **full** understanding of **all** good things they have in Christ Jesus (Philemon 1:6). We will quickly equip those who attend to effectively share their faith. What makes our training unique is when the classroom training is over, you have the option to hit the streets and immediately start to use the new tools you have just learned. The seminar consists of the following activities:

- Three powerful interactive messages that will equip the attendees in how to share the gospel effectively and biblically with anyone, anytime, anywhere.
- Quick Tips on how to have fun sharing your faith while overcoming your fears.
- Quick Tips on how to effectively witness one-2-one using the Way of the Master.
- Hands-on, in-the-trenches training with proven leaders.

The One-Day Way of the Master Training is FREE for the host and to all who attend.

** The Way of the Master has been commended by Franklin Graham, Dr. D. James Kennedy, David Wilkerson, Bill Gothard, John MacArthur, Ravi Zacharias, David Jeremiah, Joni Eareckson Tada, Josh McDowell, and many other Christian leaders.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for the GNN staff this week.
 - Continue to pray for Casey, Orlando and the many others that heard the gospel in Las Vegas during Reignite-2.
 - "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest." (Matthew 9:37-38, NASB)
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Calendar:

- **Downtown Fishing Hole** (Recurring)
Saturdays
Street witnessing (3pm to 6pm) downtown along 6th Street. Meet in the Budget Internet parking lot (4th

St & F St).

- **DMV O/A** (Recurring)

Wednesdays

Open Air preaching at 8:45am to the people waiting for the DMV doors to open.

- **Team Night** **(new)**

Saturday, February 3rd - 4pm to 8:30

Come fellowship and sharpen your sword. Rivers of Life Foursquare Church - Youth Building.

If you would like to join us, [click here](#) to send us your contact info.

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