



The Evangelism Report for the month of August 2017

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Dear church family,

This month has been filled with invaluable experiences, lessons learned and inspiring examples and stories. Thanks for all your help. Truly...



Story-line:

What happened in August...



- In August, this young lady in the picture above, has been helping me pass out Bibles. She goes up to people and asks them for a Bible study and signs people up. She just started doing this work with me and is new to all this. Yet she would put most Preachers to shame in her zeal and boldness. She brings her son to join us. I met her in July. She's been studying with the Mt View church of Christ Preacher weekly and has been coming to church, (as has her family). In her studies, she says she has already been baptized for salvation. Gabriella's zeal means so much to me. I work alone most of the time, but since she has been coming to church and doing weekly studies, she wants to help me to "serve Jesus." Her boyfriend and two kids have gone through a lot and are still going through a lot. But despite the harsh circumstances she lives in, she is placing God first. As you know from my past report, the crime and poverty level here is extreme. Not a day goes by when driving down the street, I don't see someone insane doing heartbreaking things, grown man directing traffic in little boy's fire man hat, naked older lady screaming at the traffic, etc. It's not safe to walk around past 8:00 PM. Some examples of "harsh."

Insights

I learned a lot this month. Made mistakes and found better ways to do things. The experiences of my monthly work can be found on the journal section of my website and the statistic page.

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I refer you to this link, for the reason, I don't have the space to share all the data here.

More news...



It's hot in San Bernardino, in August, usually 100 degrees'. Which for me is not too bad. I moved up from Tampa FL, where the weather has 80 percent humidity most of the year around. But the high crime, the trash laying everywhere, high number of mental illness and homelessness is new to me. The danger level takes getting used to, as well. But I love being here, for the simple reason, those who hurt the most need hope, they need to know this world is not all life has to offer. Whether it's a drug addict, a gangster, a homeless person, a person who is just in poverty, yet still has a place to stay, or a regular Joe or Jane, or a college student, they need to know the love of God. It can be hard work, but this work is rarely vicious. This month however, I got heckled at Valley College for a few hours by a college student who was actively trying to undermine me and my work. Still got 10 signatures in 3 hours and a follow through text for a Bible study. But every blue moon opposition comes to those who do this. You may be wondering why I have a picture of Huntington beach. It's a 2-hour trip from San Bernardino CA. The place is next to the beach, the people are wealthy, the weather is crisp, the place is safe, clean and beautiful. I came up to Huntington beach, to go to a Gospel Meeting and to do some evangelism training with some Preacher friends who were in that area. One of them said I should try training others in the faith, regularly. These two Preachers are an inspiration. Their zeal in the work we did, was amazing. The character of these men refreshed me in the Lord. It was a blessing working with them.

Support:

I've got just a few months left in San Bernardino, unless I can gain 1,000's dollars more in monthly support. I want to personally thank each of you who are helping. It's lonely work. It's hard work at times. But it's such a wonderful honor and blessing to serve Christ here, in this manner. I could not be up here sharing God's Word without you. Kelley would not have been baptized, without your help. Gabriella (Gabby) and her family would not be with this church, without the help you have given. I am making a point to record all my stat's, materials, experiences at my website, www.evangelismreport.com. I hope and pray I can do full time evangelism here for years to come. However, whether I can or I can't...being up here is an invaluable experience. During the time I'm in CA, I want to make it a point to share what I have learned.

Please share what I am doing with those who you know in the faith.

**In Brotherly Love,
Joseph Sullivan**

