

UNIVERSITY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever. Daniel 12:3

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The Evangelism Report for February, 2018

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Dear church family,

I am so grateful to have shared in this evangelism journey with you. The time invested in San Bernardino, CA, was a product of your support. God has been by my side each step. But you have been His help to me in the seasons here. Much good has been done. And I thank God for His grace and for you.



Story-line:

This month, I spent time learning about getting permission for evangelism outreach at superstores and grocery markets. See my website for more info. David, a friend I made here, wants me to share with him Bible teachings each week via email or text. We have been talking (before the move) and this was something David expressed he wanted. This month I began and finished making the grounding materials, (I mentioned in my last report) for Ruben and Gabriella. They needed something easier to study than the materials I was using. The new grounding materials have Bible page numbers for each scripture passage and is in a very simple format. The material takes 1-2 classes to get done. Should only be 1-3 hours to finish the curriculum. The material is free and can be downloaded at <http://www.churchofchristevangelismreport.com/free-material-store-page.html>. I've also made free salvation curriculum material and a resource grounding booklet for new converts to study after being trained/grounded in Bible study, which is also on the link above. I will be moving back to Tampa, FL in a few days. This will be the last month I will be getting support. I want to express my heartfelt thanks for all you've done for me, in my term here! To Jim Kersey for being my mediator with the elders at Westside church, I want to say, thank you. I'm deeply grateful to the shepherds at Westside and to the Christian family at Westside for their support and faith in this work. I also want to say thank you to the North Blvd elders who funded the ministry in CA. This was my home church I attended, before leaving for San Bernardino. An appreciative shout out to about half the members of the North Blvd congregation. Half of the church family choose to individually, put aside funds each month to help me out. I will never forget the sendoff, the one-time donations from the NB family and all the support they have given me, not just in funds each month, but in cards from the church group, from individual members, calls, FB messages, etc. Also, to the one-time donors across the country and to my Christian friends in Tampa, FL who have been donating to this endeavor as well, you have my sincere thanks. Lastly, I want to thank the elders, (Royce Bell, Carlos Zapata, Larry Smith) at the Mt View church, (now called the University church) for inviting me to come up to San Bernardino to work. They also put together a going away party for me, which was appreciated! I want to thank two members of the congregation: (elder) Carlos Zapata for doing street evangelism with me and for

going to Bible studies with me. As well as Rebekah Caldera who would come to (female) Bible studies with me, taking her teenage daughter, pre-teen son and her baby girl with her. She helped to build bonds with the contacts and became their friends. These people were an inspiration to me and a comfort in my work, in the reliable, consistent support they gave to me, in my evangelism ministry. Working here in San Bernardino, CA, has been an invaluable opportunity. It has been an honor to have been able to serve at this congregation. I'm so grateful for the chance they gave me.

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Plans for the future...

I am going to be moving back to Tampa, FL, on March 3rd, to be near my parents/family. When I get there, I'll focus on getting a secular job. Believe it or not, it's hard to get churches to be invested in hiring a full-time evangelist. Preachers are valued, but men who devote themselves to a career in outreach, don't tend to be placed in the same light. But, my goal is the same...I will be doing secular work part time, to make enough money to get by and continue to do evangelism. I can no more stop doing evangelism, then I could stop breathing. Down the road, I hope to get a job as a full-time evangelist somewhere or as a preacher, (doing evangelism on the side). In a few years, when things are more financially stable, I want to seek to help train churches in evangelism outreach. I know how to get results and would like to show saints the methods, area's, tools, to best help their local congregation. Want to establish an evangelism training program, again down the road, when I am in a more financially stable situation in FL and have a paying job in ministry.

Please visit my site at www.evangelismreport.com to read the blog section and the report section. It details the progress for this month. I WILL continue to record the work the Lord is doing, in the months to come.

Support:

Most congregations don't support evangelist, who do outreach full time in the US. For some reason most churches/Christians, only focus on overseas outreach, while our local churches continue to wink out here in our own country. I am very grateful for the rare opportunity you gave me. Your aide in the work I did, enabled me to reach many in Jesus' name. You made a difference, thank you.

Summary of work in CA: 3 people were baptized and a family of 4 (2 parents scripturally baptized in a denominal group) came the 8 months, while I was here. These parents, wanted to come to church to better their lives. They helped me in passing out Bibles and getting Bible study signatures in evangelism work. They were interested in Bible studies, serving in the church, taking their babies to church and to spiritual outreach events. Please keep all these people in your prayers.

Hope you and I can stay connected through the journal blogs I write in the work of evangelism and in the reports, I post at the evangelism report site.

Also, for interested students of evangelism, if you still want to read helpful details on outreach, please look to this link <https://www.churchofchristevangelism.com/>.

I pray God blesses you, for all you did for me and for all the blessings you made possible. Please stay connected with me in my online writings. This is not a goodbye. :)

May God eternally bless you for helping sow the seeds of hope.

In Brotherly Love,

Joseph Sullivan

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