



The Evangelism Report for the month of July 2017

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Dear church family,

This month God has placed many wonderful people in our path. It's been filled with studies and precious experiences. Thank you for making this possible.

Story-line:



What happened in July...

- In June, I met a lady on the street named Kelly Jansen, we talked about baptism and the church. She said she had already been baptized when I mentioned it was for salvation, but agreed to study with me. When I got her number, Royce Bell, (the Mt View preacher) and I texted her to ask for a good time to study. She said Monday. For our first lesson, Royce, Lee (his wife) taught a lesson on God's love. She agreed to study more, so the following Monday, we talked about salvation. I had a questionnaire sheet that had her write down her salvation experience, for each question on the sheet, she shared more about how she was "saved." She wrote it was during her confession and prayer she was saved. Then three days later, she was baptized. After asking her these questions, we all went over the teachings on what the "Bible says" on salvation. She was baptized after hearing the Word, on July 3rd. See journal page on my website for more details and for the baptism video, <http://evangelismreport.weebly.com/>. It was a day to praise God for such mercy and grace. To the Lord be the glory. These past weeks, Kelley has kept studying, and has been going to church. The picture on the right is of Kelley and Lee. The picture was taken after class, before the baptism.
- Gabby, I met on the street, where I met Kelley, (off of Highland Avenue and Arrowhead Avenue). She signed up for a Bible study. And that day I texted her for a time and day. She texted me back, a week later, asking for a study on Wednesday and also if I could take her to church. She's been coming regularly. And is studying with the preacher, (Royce Bell). Her desire is to get her life right. And wants to be giving her heart first to Jesus. Gabby lives in an apartment with 7 other people, has two children as a single mother, and lives a hard life, in a dangerous apartment complex. Yet in all that she is going through, she wants to be picked up for church, Sunday morning, Sunday afternoon, (we meet at 3:00 PM) and Wednesday evening. Its people like her and Kelley that place me in awe of the broken spirit and the power of the sharpened Word.
- Aaron, a college student at Valley College texted me for a Bible study, this Monday. We met up at the library there on Tuesday, and I asked him to fill out the salvation questionnaire, we read over the questionnaire and it said he had water poured over his head as a baby. We went over what the Bible said needed to be done for salvation. He wanted to be baptized. But wanted his church to do it. We have a study scheduled for each Tuesday, where I can talk to him from the Bible on the true church and worship.



More news...

While working this month, many interesting, humorous, and even tragic stories have taken place. What touched my heart was a humorous story, that was also tragic. I was texting the Mt View church of Christ my weekly evangelism event news and invites, when I got a text from one of them. I thought nothing of it. The text asked for prayers and conveyed an interest in the work being done. This last week I got another text, asking to meet for prayers. I agreed. We meet at Taco Bell near where I lived. Turns out I was texting a man from outside of San Bernardino, but who still lived nearby. His name was Phillip. He wanted me to pray for him, he was worried about his influence with his family. He wanted to improve, he told me he wanted to go to church and study the Bible to become strong, as he said he should be. As he asked for help in prayer requests, for himself and his family...and spiritual Bible study support, tears streamed down his face. He said he's coming to church, this Sunday and may try to bring some of his five kids. This is tragic as well as joyful. Tragic, in the things I heard of those he loved and of his family and self. But joyful, that Phillip is trying to do something about it.



People helping...

Carlos Zapata, (the Mt View elder at church) has been helping me regularly on the streets. Here is a picture of him at our canopy/booth off of Highland Avenue and Arrowhead Avenue.

The work is intensive, but rewarding in that it is productive. Yet even if it was not, those who serve are honoring God and His message to go and teach. That is what matters

I got great help from Royce Bell, his wife, Lee Bell. I also am getting help from a mother who takes her 2 young kids and her teenager, with her to do college Bible studies with me, and to study with our new convert, Kelley. Her name is Rebekah Caldera.

Support:

I love doing this work. I put in a lot of hours, but there's nothing else I'd rather do. Thank you for making this possible. I am living here, paying rent, eating food, able to work in reaching the lost, because you care enough to help me. That means a lot. This report for July, is the first report that details a full work month. Got a few more months of work here, unless I get more support, 1,000 dollars more each month. My donations equal 3,000 a month. It's tight but workable. But in a few months, (7) I'll lose 1,200 dollars. That is why I had to shorten the stay here from 1-5 years to (now) 7 months. So the option is either to get more support, that is reliable and consistent, or leave in February of next year. Just wanted to give you the reason why my time here has changed from 1-5 years to 7 months. I think I could do a lot of good here. But God is in charge. Yet if you know of churches or saints who would be interested in helping, please send them my way. (joseph.leesullivan@gmail.com)



You have made my dream come true, that of being paid to devote my energies and time in sharing Jesus. I have reached 100's on the street and at the college campus. I'm enjoying every minute of it. Thank you for helping me lift up the Word of God and reach this world's lost. I am deeply appreciative of this help. Truly.

In Brotherly Love,
Joseph Sullivan