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Dear family in Christ, thank you for helping us spread the sweet fragrance of the Gospel! “For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.” 1 Cor. 1:18

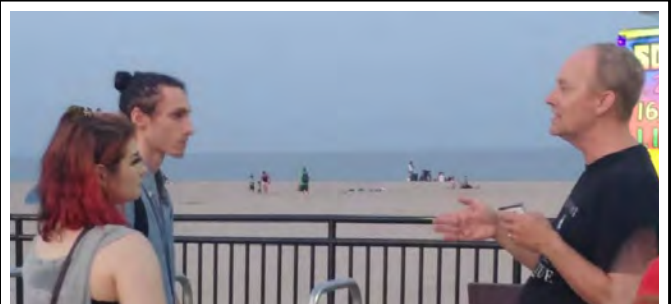


Please pray for Nawras, a Syrian Muslim who was a joy to speak with (pictured on the left). I got a chance to share the Gospel of everlasting life with him and encouraged him to repent and believe in Jesus.

I also shared my love of the history of his country as recorded in the Syrian Chronicle, a very ancient text. He asked if I had ever read the Koran, and I responded that I had read a little of it and I remembered a part that said true prophets don't lie and that Jesus was a true prophet. Nawras agreed that Jesus was a true prophet and that Muslims respect him as such.

I told him: “Jesus said, ‘I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father but through me.’ That means Jesus was telling the truth when He said He is the only way to Heaven... and your Koran says you should believe Him. The Koran also says to listen to the people of the Book, and that's me... so please give some serious thought to these things.” Chip was able to get a copy of the Gospel of John into Nawras' hands and he said he would read it.

Please pray that Nawras would encounter Christ and be saved as he reads the word of God.



Have I mentioned how much I love Hampton Beach evangelism? It seems the places where people go to walk around and hang out are becoming rarer these days. But they provide such an excellent public forum for the gospel. One summer night we had tons of people stop by the sketch board to try and solve a riddle; and we had many volunteers engage them in conversation. It's so wonderful seeing the body of Christ exercise their faith by learning to dialogue with people who don't believe as we do. Jesus called it being salt and light. **Every one of us have circles of influence and God-given Divine opportunities to shine the light of the gospel into peoples' lives. What I have found is that street evangelism is an easy and effective way to practice for those moments.** People have questions about God, and it's super fun when God uses you to answer some of those questions. Let us know if you want to come out with us.

Mark and Bailey had some very good questions, as well as some “stump the Christian” questions, but seemed genuinely interested in getting answers. This is not always the case, as some people simply thrive on creating strife and trying to produce doubt in believing Christians. But they didn't come across that way. I shared the Gospel with them and spent over an hour chatting, answering, and asking questions. Pray for Mark and Bailey, that the Word sown in their hearts will produce a harvest of repentance and faith unto salvation.

My goal as a street evangelist is different than some. I consider it a “win” if I can help people understand why Jesus died on the cross and why it applies to them today. My goal is not to get them to repeat some magic incantation; but to share God's word and let it produce faith in their hearts unto salvation. Salvation is of the Lord, and I am not the Holy Spirit. God's word is powerful. We sow the word into the hearts of people and let the Lord water it. It's quite amazing when, every once in a while, we get a glimpse behind the curtain to see how that works...



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Thank you for your prayers! We have had some amazing times of ministry at Hampton Beach this summer! So many of you have been praying for us, and it definitely shows in the depths of the great conversations the Lord gives us.

Here Mark and Chip are bringing two groups of people through the riddle we use for starting Gospel conversations. The group that Mark spoke with could use some special prayer.

The young man in red shorts is Kyler. Mark shared the Gospel with him and his friends; he professed to have faith in Christ but used a lot of new age terminology. After a long and productive conversation, Kyler expressed interest in getting together for coffee with him for further discussion. What a blessing!

While you are praying for Kyler, please also pray for his friend in the black shirt, Kaitlyn. She also claimed to have faith in Christ but exhibited very concerning fruit to the contrary. Please pray for the Lord's protection for her and that the He would bring a spiritual mother into her life to disciple her.



Travis was waiting for the fireworks one night, so I started up a conversation with him. He seemed like he was not interested, but I felt prompted to keep sharing the good news of the gospel and how Jesus changed my life. He admitted that he rarely thinks about these kinds of thing and has always leaned more toward evolution.

We had a good conversation about Darwin's doubts in his own theory and how he admitted that the complexity of the human eye alone was enough to unravel it. These days we understand that there is no such thing as a "simple cell," though some schools keep teaching this outdated nonsense. The amazing design and complexity we see around us is a daily witness to the fact that we have a Creator. I gave Travis a copy of "The Atheist Delusion" by Ray Comfort. He said: "I think I'll actually watch this. Thanks." He also received a copy of the Gospel of John. **Please pray that he reads it and trusts in Christ to save him.**

Please pray for us! We need the Lord's favor as we share His rescue plan with a lost, hopeless, and sometimes hostile world.



What an amazing week of kids clubs and evangelism we had in July! It was a blessing to be able to preach open air and pass out tracts at some very historic locations in Boston and Plymouth with our good friends the Domonts, Wilsons, Eric Briscoe and John Copell! My daughter Chloe did an amazing job sharing her faith in the streets and helping with the clubs. There were so many Divine appointments it would be hard to list them all. It was truly heavenly to get a taste of what it will be like when we are able to do this full time. **Thank you so much for your prayers and your support of this vital ministry!**



Mona walked by our literature table and I asked if she wanted a free Bible. "No thanks," she said and kept on walking. "Okay. Have a nice day," I said as she walked away. Two minutes later she came back: "Did you say you are giving away free Bibles? I think I'd like one." It turns out Mona was raised Muslim but was doing some serious soul searching and wanted to learn more about Jesus. What a wonderful conversation we had! I shared the love of the Father for her and how Jesus died on the cross to wash away our sins. She was ripe for the Gospel!

"I really want to know Jesus. I want to be saved," she said. I almost couldn't believe what I was hearing. It is so rare that we find someone so tender and ready to receive Christ. I prayed with Mona right there on the street and she asked Jesus to forgive her and save her. It was beautiful!

I gave her the name of a good Bible-teaching church in her area and encouraged her to visit. Pray today that God brings her a mighty deliverance from her troubled past and transforms her heart with His love.

We go out to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to where the people are because **people matter to God!**
With love in Christ, *Chris, Bonnie, Chloe & Bella*



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