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My Dear Friends and Family,

I just wanted to report to you that things look more positive for my continuing ministry than my January letter may have indicated. Although old age and medical conditions sometimes make it difficult, positive steps are in place to help me continue my ministry. Let me elaborate.

To compensate for my night blindness, Frank has graciously scheduled in some daytime at the beaches. So far, outreaches at Seal and Newport Piers have been encouraging. At Seal Beach last week, Frank and I, using our paintboard riddle, were able to talk to over thirty people about the Lord. At one point, I found myself in a discussion with six teens. One kid was kind of “mouthy,” but the others silenced him. Two, I believe, were already Christians; the others were not. They listened respectfully, and at the end of our conversation, they all shook my hand. I hope the two believers will be encouraged to talk further with their friends.

That same afternoon, I spoke with a young sailor. Brandon was confused as his girlfriend had left him because he was not a Christian. As it turned out, he had never had a clear presentation of the Gospel. He was very open as I shared the Gospel with him, and I gave him a New Testament since he had never read the Bible before. As he shook my hand, he stated that our conversation could be life changing for him.

We could sense spiritual warfare yesterday afternoon at Newport Pier, as there was little response at first because another group took our normal spot; we had to move to a less visible location. Still, we were able to speak with a number of people. Again, the younger ones seem to be more open.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for Townsend St. Kids Club. Although it is still encouraging, pray that more kids will come to hear the Gospel.
- My health seems stable at the moment. Pray that I will be free of side effects from the medications I must take. Pray for upcoming medical tests will go well.

Your prayers and support keep me going. **Thank You!!**

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