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A Weekly Newsletter

Thursday, Sept 6

Craig and Carl will be witnessing at Valley View Mall at 12:15. Your prayers are appreciated! Please pray for receptive hearts and truthful sharing of the Gospel. Pray also for additional witnessing opportunities this week.

Saturday, Sept 22 We are planning a night of prayer with Brad and his wife. If you are interested in praying with us that evening please let me know. I'll provide more details next week.

Dark Funeral

Manson fans told us about the upcoming Dark Funeral (a satanic rock band) concert. Please pray for wisdom and discernment about whether we should go to this concert and witness.

Prayers for Mande

Mande continues to recover from surgery and is feeling more like herself. Thanks for your prayers. She continues class at CCCC to learn how to start a nonprofit ministry. Pray for time organization to balance this and all of her other responsibilities.



Carrollton Parks *Carl is planning to go witnessing in parks in Carrollton. Please pray for open doors to the Gospel.*

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State Fair of Texas

We are making plans to go witnessing at the State Fair of Texas -September 29 thru October 21. More detailed prayer requests to follow once we pick a date to go out there. Pray that we get this on our calendars.

Witnessing at Marilyn Manson concert

Thank you for your prayers for our witnessing at the Marilyn Manson concert. When I first got out of the car I opened the back door to get tracts and stuff them in my pockets. Someone came up behind me and asked if I was there for Slayer or Manson. As I turned around he said "... or God". I said "I am here for God" and



Carl, Craig and Brad handed out 600 tracts at the Marilyn Manson concert. The concert was attended by 4400 people meaning that nearly one in seven received one of our tracts!

handed him a tract! We experienced Manson and Slayer fans yelling at us, cursing at us, laughing at us and complimenting us. They called us "the God people" and told us that there are always God people at their concerts. One fan asked if he could take his picture with me. I obliged and held up a tract in the picture. Brad even did some open air preaching along with dollar trivia which went over really well with the crowd. By the end of the evening we had handed out over 600 tracts and witnessed to dozens of people one on one. Several of the Manson fans complimented us on how we went about witnessing to them. They also complemented us on the Ticket to Heaven tract - it was well received. They even told us about upcoming concerts that they are planning to go to an invited us to come and witness there. On the next page I am including Brad and Craig's comments about witnessing at the concert.

May I encourage you to share your faith with someone today?

Brad's Manson observations

I would say that, for the most part, the fans were more respectful and polite than I anticipated. I was REALLY freaked out at first, especially after our very first encounter. This group of 7-10 people was extremely antagonistic. One man in particular yelled and cursed at us at length. I did sense that the guy yelling at us was impacted by the fact that we would not argue with him and that we were not pushing anything or trying to get something out of talking with him. It seemed that he thought we got some kind of thrill in arguing with Manson and Slayer fans.

I believe the reason that most fans who were angry at us was mostly because of Christians who previously witnessed to them. We heard comments like, "Oh, You are the God guys for tonight's concert." Many fans mentioned that Christians who had come to past concerts were judgmental of and disrespectful to them. They appreciated our loving approach to sharing God's Law and His Gospel.

Craig's Comments on Manson

The thought that struck me the most as I reflected on witnessing last night is how effective witnessing is when you are there for the lost souls instead of for the message. I think many of the people we approached last night were expecting us to be pushing an anti-Manson message of some sort. I feel many of them were receptive when they realized we were there because they were there and we wanted to relate the Lord's Gospel. It had nothing to do with the concert. There were

two guys who got thrown out of the concert. They were obviously stoned out of their minds and screaming obscenities so bad I thought they were yelling at Carl and Brad. I started walking toward Carl and Brad and then realized they were heading toward me. I was still handing out tracks at the door and when they headed my way I started praying and decided I would skip them to try and avoid a confrontation. One of the guys actually came up and asked me for one of the tracts and in the only two words I heard him say that were not an obscenities, said "Thanks man". Lots of praise went up after that.

Witnessing at Oklahoma vs UNT Football game

I had the opportunity to go to the Oklahoma football game on Saturday against North Texas. Eric went to the game with my mom. After I walked them to the gate I set out to find a ticket ... and hand out some tracts. In less than 10 minutes I distributed 100 Tickets to Heaven. I then did some one on one witnessing with several groups that were tail gating on campus corner. One group was like "hey we know God, but his girl friend needs to hear this", so they called her over so I could talk with her. She joked about attending church at "bedside baptist". I was able to share the Gospel with them and moved on. I had several other good conversation with nonbelievers as I walked back to the stadium. I intend to go to more sporting events this fall to witness to people.

Witnessing in Malls

Craig witnessed at Irving Mall and Carl witnessed at Collin Creek Mall last week. These presented good opportunities to share the Gospel with people.

Transformed - Dallas

We use a Biblical Evangelism method that is presented by Ray Comfort and Kirk Cameron in their television and radio show "The Way of the Master". We also use a number of tracts from Their Living Waters Publications. Recently Ray and Kirk have been putting on a seminar on Evangelism called Transformed. On September 15th the conference comes to Dallas. This is a great opportunity for some Evangelism training. I am unable to attend because I will be at the wedding of two dear friends. The conference will be held at Prestonwood from 1-5PM. I understand that Ray and Kirk will also speak at the Saturday night 6PM worship service as well. For more information, please see http://

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