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Developing disciples of Jesus Christ using Biblical Evangelism methods, hosting discipleship classes and teaching evangelism training sessions.

A Weekly Newsletter

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Monday / Thursday

We will be witnessing at lunch at either Valley View or The Galleria Mall. Please pray for opportunities to share the Gospel. Thanks for praying!

Saturday, December 27

The Dallas Stars play against the Ducks at American Airlines Center. Join us for a night of witnessing. The game starts at 7PM. Leave Carrollton at 5PM. Please RSVP.

Praying for Billboards

We have heard of and seen a number of billboards that are either anti-God or pervert the Gospel. Please pray about contributing to putting www.AfterLifeCatalog.com on a billboard to share the Gospel!

Stars, Mavericks and concerts

In the coming months we will be witnessing at the Stars and Mavericks games in Dallas as well as a number of concerts. Check the schedule on www.bezeugen.org/events/. Please come and join us! Your prayers are appreciated!

Thursday night Evangelism Training

The next Evangelism Training will be Thursday, January 15th in Pilot Point. Please come and join us. In February we will have training on the 5th in Carrollton. If you would like training before then please contact me to schedule at carl@bezeugen.org

My Interview with an Atheist

"Go therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit..." Matthew 28:19

We have a DVD in our resource library called "Interview with an Atheist". Last week I got to conduct my own interview with an atheist. This is my experience. Recently I had an invite to connect to someone on Plaxo, a networking web site. I did not totally recognize the name, but decided to connect anyway. After checking his profile I saw that he listed his religion as "atheist". So I sent him an email that simply said, "Hi, we are connected on Plaxo. I am curious why you consider yourself and atheist. Carl" A few minutes later an invitation to a conference call arrived in my inbox. This was followed by a personal note from my new friend that said "I was intrigued by your question. I have asked my staff to set up a conference call so we can discuss it". So, on Friday afternoon, I placed the call. And the next thing I knew I was talking to a professing atheist in Germany! We spent over an hour on the phone. The first 15 minutes we just got to know each other a bit, talked about work and professional

Witnessing Tip



We have made a number of updates to the After Life Catalog web site. These include adding new beliefs from people we've talked too as well as pages to prove God exists, prove the Bible is true and prove that Hell exists. This site exists as a testimony to Christ. Use it to witness by sending people to the site.

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life. He told me that he was very intrigued by my question and that is why he wanted to talk to me. He said he would answer any question that I had. So, I switched the conversation to spiritual things and asked him how he became an atheist. He said he grew up as a liberal Christian. But, when he was going through "confirmation" class in the church he asked the priest why there was so much bad stuff done in the name of God. The priest could not answer the question and neither could the church provide any logical answer. So he began to doubt that God existed saying to himself, "if there is a God, why are there some many bad things happening in his name?". I tried to answer this question telling him that God allows the bad stuff because he is allowing people time to repent before they die. It is God's desire for all men to be saved. Although we know that God could crush someone and prevent anything from happening, since sin entered the world, bad stuff happens. He does not believe that Heaven and Hell exist. He believes that when he dies it will be "blackness", like a switch has been turned off. He said that this took a lot of the pressure off of his life. He even acknowledged that he has made a bet with himself that there is no such thing as heaven and hell. He then told me that he lives ethically, that he has not "screwed" anyone in business and had not committed murder. At this point, I interrupted and asked him a couple of questions. I thanked him for acknowledging that he is making a bet with his eternity. Then I asked him to assume

for a moment that the God of the Bible exists. I told him that the Bible teaches that it is appointed once for man to die and then face judgement. I explained that that judgement is based on the ten commandments. He then readily admitted that he has lied and stolen (once), hated (which Jesus calls murder) and lusted (adultery of the heart). I asked him then based on his own confession if he would be innocent or guilty when he stood before God. He agreed he would be guilty. I explained to him that God's punishment is facing His wrath with an eternity in hell. And he agreed. I then shared with him that God has provided one mediator between him and man and that person is Jesus Christ. I explained how one must repent of their sins and put their trust in Jesus. So the issue that remains is to show my friend that the Bible is true and the God exists. I talked to him about the scientific, prophetic and historic evidence.

I shared with him that atheist Lee Strobel researched Christianity to disprove it and came away believing in Jesus and writing the book *The Case for Christ* to document his journey. I walked him through the logical path of showing him that if there is a desk there must be a desk maker and that if there is a painting there must be a painter. However, when I said where did creation come from he did not follow the logic to a creator. Instead he talked about evolution and the Big Bang. I asked where the first living cell came from and the energy for the Big Bang. He admitted that he did not know. He then said it happened by accident, a series of coincidences and millions of years of constant change. I explained to him that accidents lead to disorder, not order. And that logic contradicted what he was believing. He said he was open to further discussion. We discussed how there are so many religions and agreed that they can not all be write. I told him that if he is right we are both in the same situation, the light switch goes out and we are both in darkness.

I then showed him that if I am right and he is wrong we have different eternities and he has lost his bet with himself.

He said that no one can know because no one has ever come back from the dead. However, he is wrong here. Jesus has come back. And, we also have record of near death experiences, like in the book "To Hell and Back". I think I will email him a link to a audio version of that book. I offered to send him a copy of "One Heartbeat Away" by Mark Cahill which goes into much more detail about the evidence for God. I re-iterated the Gospel to him before I signed off. I'll follow up with him in email. Please be praying for him to come to the knowledge of the truth. I am amazed (and thankful) at how God has used Plaxo and a VoIP phone line to put me in touch with an atheist on the other side of the world so I could witness to him about the Gospel of Jesus Christ. If anyone would like to borrow the Interview with an Atheist DVD, please contact me.

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Thursday night Evangelism training

Starting January 2009, we will be hosting Evangelism training one Thursday of each month. We are shooting for the first Thursday, however to accommodate schedules and holidays (New Years Day is the first Thursday in January), we will move the dates slightly as needed. This training will include the Basic Evangelism Training Seminar as well as advanced topics. Therefore the training night is both for people that are new to witnessing as well as experienced, seasoned veterans and alumni of the training seminar. We pray that this time of training will be beneficial to all who attend.

Join the Bezeugen Tract Club

Start the new year by making a resolution to share your faith every day! Join the Bezeugen Tract Club. We will send you 30 tracts each month for you to distribute one per day. On the first of each month we will mail you 30 tracts. Carry one with you every day with the goal of giving it to someone during the day. On the first of the next month you will receive another 30 tracts! To join, go to www.bezeugen.org/btc/ and complete the online form. The club is free. A suggested donation of \$5 per month is appreciated to cover the cost of postage and the purchase of the tracts.

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