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Hi,

Mande and I had a wonderfully blessed weekend doing ministry in San Antonio. First of all... thanks so much for all the prayers. They were truly felt.

There were over 6000 men at Promise Keepers. Mande helped with registration. She was overwhelmed by the generosity of men that would come by 2, 3 even 10 tickets, and then take one leaving the rest behind and tell her "please give these extras to the next guy that comes along". Those next men were truly encouraged especially when some were teens that barely had the money for entry anyway and then found out someone had bought their ticket for them. I was volunteering as an Evangelism Supervisor. Basically during the altar call, I was one of 13 men helping flow the men to the front of the arena and then collecting decision cards. The conference itself was excellent. Mike Silva was the Evangelist. He gave an example of odds using a couple of lottery tickets. Telling the men that on the back of the lottery tickets it says the chance of winning is 1 in 145,000,000 or something. And then telling the truth of the Bible "that if you seek Him, you will find Him"... IE odds are one to one!! After the altar call, Mande and I both helped count decision cards which were marked as "First time Decision", "Rededication" and "Other"(prayer requests and the like). There were over 700 cards received with over 250 first time decisions for Christ! Praise God!! Other speakers included Rick Rigsby and Boone Wellington. Rick Rigsby is moving to Dallas area and Mande was able to talk to his wife who expressed anxiety of moving to the big city and not knowing anyone. She gave her her phone number and said they could get together. I also volunteered at the PK Ambassador Booth and signed up several new prospective Ambassadors. Another big thing happened... Mande handed out her first tract (a pocket testament of John). A few months ago Mande had told me that handing out tracts was not her thing and she did not think she could do it. But, she got to talking to one of the employees at the AT&T Center who was asking questions about the speaker (Comedian Brad Stine). She answered his questions, then text messaged me that she needed a tract. So I brought her the last one I had left (A Pocket Testament with the air force fighter on the cover). Turns out when she went back to give it to him he was talking about his plans to join the air force!

After PK ended we headed to the River Walk. It looked like our plans were going to be thwarted as when we parked the car it began to rain. We decided to head to the River Walk anyway as I had a real hankering for some Fajitas! We walked in a light drizzle to find some food. We ate lunch. By the time we came out of the restaurant the sun was shining!! So we set off to talk to some people. There were many Air Force cadets walking around in uniform. I told them "Thank you for serving our country" and shared Gospels of John with them with fighter jets or American flag covers. They appreciated that. We talked to several people along the river walk and gave out some coins. Overall, the walk ways by the river walk were hard to engage people because they are narrow and stopping people would block traffic in both directions. I was a bit discouraged. We prayed and continued on. After making a loop around the river walk I felt lead to head up to the street level. This is when the Lord really took over the afternoon. On a street corner we talked with Oscar, a believer, who admitted to having made some poor choices that had affected his life, but he was clean and working an honest job. He shared pictures of his two children. We prayed with him and moved on. We meet Timothy and Angela at the bus stop. They also were believers. We asked how we could pray for them. They asked for prayers for a brain tumor that he had and that the Lord would provide them a home where they could see their grandchildren play. After praying with them we turned to continue down the street. Five feet away was Sabrina and her boy friend, Eric. They both admitted to a number of sins and that hell was their eternal destiny. At that point, Eric got very quiet and did not really seem to care. However, Sabrina was deeply concerned and I continued to talk with her. She said she was ready to accept Christ! On another street corner a man was trying to use the pay phone. I offered him a ten commandments coin and asked if it would help. He took it and looked at it. We had a short conversation about the gospel. Then I gave him a quarter so he could make his phone call, asked him if he would read something. He said yes, so I left him with a tract.

We spent about four hours in San Antonio witnessing. The last hour or so, Mande and I had split up so she could go sit down because her foot was hurting(a computer CPU had dropped on it while trying to clean up Registration). I met up with her at the River Walk Mall and we were headed to the car. A man held the door open for us and we thanked him and walked into the mall. Then we heard him say "I need your help". So I stopped and asked what he needed. He asked for money for some food. Since we were standing in the food court, I asked what he would like and told him I would buy his dinner. He said he would like a burger. So I took him to DQ and bought his dinner. His name is Michael. I told him that we were in town for PK and had just gotten done witnessing. I gave him a coin and a tract. He said he was a back slider, had lost his ID and was trying to get to Austin to get a job. I asked him if he had a Bible. He said "no, but I really could use one that would fit in my pocket". So I offered him a Pocket Testament of John and he was really delighted with that.

There are numerous other stories of people we met and talked to. Will leave that for another time. Thank you so much for all the prayer support. Tonight those prayers can be exchanged for praises to our God!!

We drove to Boerne to stay with Steve Fick (Pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church, Boerne) and go out to dinner him (Pat is out of town on a mission trip). We told him many of the stories I have shared here. He said he was sorry to have missed going out with us. He said

he has been encouraging his congregation in witnessing and asked if I would be willing to speak for a few minutes at his church during Sunday school in the morning to tell them what we do. WOW!! What an opportunity. So, this morning, I spoke to about 40 members of his church, gave some examples of how we use the \$1,000,000 and \$1,000,000,000 bills in witnessing and then walked through The Way of the Master Method of evangelism and shared a number of witnessing resources with the group. The group was very receptive and seemed to be interested as many people asked questions. One lady shared that her 17 year old son hands out Pocket Testaments to his friends at a local high school. We (Steve and I) encouraged these believers to use the materials they had been given to share their faith with someone this week. So, please pray that they will.

Mande, Steve and I had a nice lunch, then she and I drove to Fredericksburg, where she spent time in the past when her grandparents used to live near there. We walked around the city for a couple hours browsing in stores. Very relaxing. I talked to a few people about Jesus and handed out some coins and Gospels of John. Then we drove home.

It's been a great weekend. Thanks again for the prayers.

Carl

On Jul 12, 2007, at 9:40 PM, Carl W. Kalbfleisch wrote:

Mande, Brendan and I are headed to San Antonio on Friday morning (Eric is vacationing with my brother). We will drop Brendan off to visit his Dad for a couple weeks. Then Mande and I are going to volunteer at Promise Keepers. Mande will be working registration. I am volunteering with the Evangelism team.

After Promise Keepers ends on Saturday afternoon we are headed to the River Walk to witness. We will worship at friend Steve Fick's church in Boerne on Sunday morning before returning home.

Your prayers are appreciated.

God Bless,
Carl

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