

FOLLOWING THE HARVEST

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Sharing God's Love and Mercy

Last year I had several opportunities to share my faith with others, but to be honest I didn't take advantage of many of those opportunities when I could have. I don't have any problem with sharing my faith with large crowds of people, but when it comes to my neighbors or other people I come into contact with every day, it's a different story. I know it might sound strange to you that Mr Evangelism finds it difficult to share his faith in the every day busyness of life but that's my reality.



My wife Linda on the other hand is great at sharing her faith one-on-one with people.

She can seamlessly hand a person a gospel booklet and witness in line at the grocery store or in any public venue for that matter. It just seems to come natural for her. So my challenge to myself and to you, as well is that when given the opportunity we will boldly share our faith in the gospel with others this new year. Why wouldn't we share the greatest news ever? God sent His Son Jesus Christ to earth, lived a perfect life, was crucified for our sin, was buried in a tomb, but rose from the dead three days to save us from our sins. And now lives to make intercession for us each and every day. What a beautiful story of God's love and mercy.



Barry praying for two young men



Trusting Christ as Savior and Lord

Reflections of 2017

As I sit here in the early morning of Christmas day 2017 I am thinking of how good the Lord has been to Linda & I this year. Despite having total hip replacements in both legs, Linda's celiac disease, and losing one of my brothers to an accident, God's grace has sustained and covered us every step of the way. Through much pain and sorrow we have been able to continue reaching out to the lost through pier-to-pier painting presentations, "Free Hot Dog & a Prayer" and Beacon Light Mission Ministry. Our flesh rebels at the pain of injury and loss we've had, but looking from the outside it may seem like God's promises to us have failed to materialize. On the contrary, His love for us has been magnified in our eyes. We are just so blessed to know that everything that comes into our lives has been filtered through God's love. All for our own good and for His glory. What a good God we serve.

Thought Patterns by Linda Felis

I personally want 2018 to be a different kind of year for me, however not in the usual way most people do. I want a change in the way I think, my thought patterns. A lot of people love making changes in their appearance with new diets and more gym time etc., the list goes on and on. I do need to change in a lot of areas of my life, but it all starts with reframed thinking. The book of Proverbs is one of my favorite books in the Bible and has a lot to say about our thinking and what comes out of our mouths. I am a very practical person and so is the book of Proverbs covering many different subjects. I challenge you to read one chapter a day this New Year.



The New Testament is full of admonishments to think differently. This all started when I took a good look at my thoughts and realized that they were based on fear. Fear is another subject that's talked about throughout the Bible. There are so many "Fear Nots" I many times overlook. God knew fear would be so common to all of us, that's why it would be a good idea to memorize verses like 1 John 4:18, "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love." When we know how perfectly we are loved by our heavenly Father and believe He knows what's best for us and always works for our best interest we can rest, trusting in His love.

So as I challenge myself to be less fearful and more trusting I'd like you to come along with me on this journey of new thinking in 2018. In the following months we will cover ideas and scriptures that will bring us new life in Him. Praying for you and your families for a blessed and joyful New Year!

JANUARY OUTREACH SCHEDULE

5th: Seal, 5 pm
6th: Hermosa, 5 pm
12th: Huntington, 5 pm
13th: Manhattan, 5 pm
19th: Newport, 5 pm
20th: Santa Monica, 7 pm
26th: Pray at Russ' in Fullerton, 6 pm
27th: Redondo or Hermosa (dependent on permits), 5 pm

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