

2021 State Fair Gospel Saturday, September 25 Gospel Report

Rosie - SFTGO Prayer Director

Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. - John 4:36

One of the blessings of attending the State Fair of Texas is being given a warm welcome by the state fair workers. Perhaps because we had a year off, it seems that everyone was happy to be back at work.

Our shift leader, Curtis Clements, left instructions for the booth before leaving for Missouri to be with his wife, Gene, who was ill. The report on Saturday afternoon was that she was feeling slightly better. And Monday evening Curtis reported that his wife was much better. Thank you for praying for her.

The best thing about the State Fair Gospel Outreach booth is that we get to be there when people are born into the Kingdom. But even if a person does not pray for salvation, every encounter we have with those who come to the booth is a "God encounter". Every single time someone comes to the booth we have an opportunity to share the love of God with them wherever they are on their spiritual journey. I started out the day by trying to log all of the contacts we had, but it was soon too much for us to log every single one. We filled out follow up cards for those who prayed to receive Jesus and those who had specific or on going prayer requests. Because we had a lot of activity the shift went by very quickly.

Often people that stop to buy tickets at the kiosk across the street from the booth will look over and get curious about what we are doing. Early in the shift a picture perfect little girl with long blond hair was waiting with her family to buy tickets. She turned around, walked across the street and said she wanted to do it. Her name is Maddison and I invited her and her dad who had joined her to come around to the side where the sun was not so hot. Her dad was already a Christian, so I asked if I could speak with his daughter. He gave his permission and I proceeded to share with Maddison. Her dad walked off to the next booth which this year features dog accessories. While we were talking her mom came over, gave Maddison a big side hug and jokingly said, "Maddison needs to get saved!" But it was no joking matter. Maddison managed to not lose her concentration and continued to listen.

Her mom took the younger sister over to the dog booth with the dad and then eventually they all went further down the road. I wondered why they weren't worried about leaving their child. Maddison was very happy to receive Christ as her Savior and thanked me. Already a very pretty girl, the look of happiness on her face made her appear even prettier. Even though I thought she was a child, she was actually 17 years old which explained why her parents were not worried about leaving her. I was so proud of her for choosing to stay and listen to the gospel and even more proud of her for answering the call of Jesus.

Also early in our shift Elliot came over to take the test. Elliot appeared to be a slim African American teenager. He had been part of a group with a white mom and a little baby who were standing across the street. He came over to take the test and I asked where his parents were. He said they were buying tickets. He seemed old enough to take the test on his own so I proceeded. Elliot said he was going to Heaven because he wants to be a policeman when he is old enough. For a moment I thought about sending him over to Carl Breidenich who is a policeman, but decided to keep going since things appeared to be going well. Elliot prayed to receive Jesus as his Savior and while we were praying a man came up and stood next to him. Elliot said that the Caucasian looking man was his dad. It turned out that Elliot was only 13 years old. He said that he already had a Bible and that they belonged to a church. I asked which church and he answered, "The Mormon church". I tried not to show concern because the father was not upset and Elliot was very pleased with everything. The white mom and the little baby had been waiting this whole time for them. So it appears that Elliot was adopted by a white Mormon couple who had recently added a baby to their family. We should trust that if God brought Elliot to the booth and the Holy Spirit moved in his heart to receive the gift of salvation, God can also care for, protect and guide him even as he is under the care of this Mormon family.

But please pray that Elliot will not get drawn away by Mormonism.

Soon after Elliot and his dad left, an African American woman in a motorized wheelchair came to the booth and I invited her to move into the shade on the west side of the booth. Her name was Mary and she said that she had just recently gotten the motorized wheelchair and was still learning how to maneuver it. With a little bit of effort she was able to park it close to the booth. Mary received Jesus as her Savior and was so happy and appreciative that I sensed this is exactly what we have been praying for, people who are ready to be part of the double harvest. She asked for prayer for her finances and direction for the doctors that are treating her painful knees. But most of all she symbolized what we were at the fair for. We brought the love of God to her and she responded.

Around noon a man named Sergio and his 14 year old son, Jesse, came to the booth and took the Million Dollar Eye Test. They listened to the message, but Sergio said that he knew what I was talking about because he had grown up in the Baptist church and had been forced to go to church as a kid. He said he was no longer interested in religion but was more interested in spirituality which is why he was searching other religions. He said there were so many other books written that most people don't even know about.

I asked if there was any other God that had died for him. He did not answer the question but tried to focus on the books he was reading. I told him that he was not going to find what he wanted by searching with his mind. That it was not going to be something from his mind but something in his heart that would make the difference.

He allowed me to pray with him and his son. I asked the Lord to help him forgive those who had hurt him as a child. He and his son went away happy and I hope that they are closer to finding the One who loves them most.

Julio, a state fair worker and Spanish speaker, was already a Christian. He said he had started to think about Jesus when his father died. I think it was about 3 years ago. He said he had wanted the State Fair job for six years and was finally able to get it. He felt that coming by our booth was a sign that God is with him and hearing his prayers. When his dad died he started thinking about how others need to hear about God and seeing what we were doing was confirmation that he should be telling others about Him.

Jose was tall, dark, young and physically fit with a very serious expression on his face. Ordinarily, I would have directed him to one of the men on the team, but it appeared that both Carl and Neil were engaged with others.

Jose listened to the presentation and knew a lot about Jesus but was not certain he was going to Heaven. He came to the booth when there were a lot of other people, so it was difficult to hear. I told him that if he felt he needed assurance that I could pray with him, but that it was his choice. He chose to pray and left his contact information for me. But I didn't get a chance to ask him about his family situation or anything else. I will need to talk with Joanna about how best to follow up with him.

Neil is great about thanking military and ex-service members for their service and I heard him thank a lot of them on Saturday. There were many men in tan military fatigues buying coupons across the street and walking by the booth. Though he wasn't in uniform, I think "EJ" was also a service member. EJ was wearing a University of Texas burnt orange t-shirt, with the word "TEXAS" across the front, so I shared that I was a Texas Ex myself. He said he didn't go to school there; he just owned the shirt. We both thought it was funny. I looked past the enormous burnt orange shirt and gave him the Million Dollar Eye Test. It turned out EJ was already a Christian. Before I knew what was happening, his big, strong right hand grabbed my fat upper left arm and squeezed it with every proclamation of "this is good" (squeeze), "you guys are doing great" (squeeze), "thanks for doing this" (squeeze)... It only hurt a little bit, and I was happy that he was very happy that we were sharing the gospel. And the smile on his face was worth the little bit of pain. But he was very serious when he said he thought the Rapture will happen soon and that we need to be ready.

Late in the shift LaToya and her son, Trayvon (15 years old), came to the booth. LaToya was already a Christian and she gave me permission to speak with her son. Trayvon was ready to receive Jesus as his Savior and his mom said she would help get him to church and to read his Bible.

They were with a bigger group and I was happy that they waited for Trayvon while he filled out the follow up card. Trayvon lives in Shreveport, Louisiana. It is interesting to see how far folks have to travel to make it to our booth.

There were two God encounters that I believe He sent to bless me. In the morning a short, slender older woman with very long gray hair came to take the test. She was wearing an interesting hat and bold jewelry. Her name was "Key", like a key for a door. Key, an artist, was already a Christian. I told her how much I admire artists who are able to make a living from their talent. We talked for a little bit and when she was leaving she said, "It looks like you've smiled a lot today." She was right. I did do a lot of smiling because God was with us. Later in the afternoon, a young African American couple, Colby and Janice, agreed to take the test. I invited them into the booth and started to give them the test. Janice stopped me almost at the start and said, "I don't think this is for us. We're already Christians and you will want to spend time talking with those who aren't. We're not the people that you're here for." I told her that we were here for them and everyone who came to the booth. And since they were already Christians, perhaps they were sent to the booth so that they could pray for those who were being saved. I asked them to pray for the new believers so that the enemy would not bother them. They said that they would do that, but also asked if they could pray for me. I was so touched that this young couple took time to pray for me at the booth so that I could share the gospel with others.

The town that I grew up in was heavily Catholic. I grew up with a Lutheran father and a Catholic mother. Growing up many of my friends were Catholic and assumed I was one also. But the good thing about growing up Lutheran was that at around age 13 I began questioning why we were different and what the differences were between us. I came to the conclusion that God chose the right church for me to grow up in. But I still have a warm spot in my heart for those in the Catholic Church. I don't often argue with them about doctrine. I just try to show them the love of Christ.

So when a young lady named Rebecca came to the booth, she said she was going to Heaven because Jesus was her Savior and had died on the cross, but she was not absolutely sure. It turned out she was Catholic and we had a very good discussion about the blood of Jesus covering all of our sin (sins) and that no one can snatch us out of his hand. She asked me to pray for her dad, Michael (like the arch angel) who is a firefighter in Philadelphia and for her cousin's orphaned children, ages eleven and nine. They are living with their grandmother (her aunt) and the situation is very difficult. I believed she was encouraged by our time in prayer. She is working in one of the buildings at the fair and I hope I can see her again.

Another interesting encounter was when two young women, Dorena and Daisy, came to the booth. One of them, Dorena, was from Ukraine and had been educated in a Catholic school. Neither of them knew where they were going when they died. Dorena remembered most of the Ten Commandments from her time spent in Catholic school, but Daisy did not know them.

They allowed me to give them the complete gospel presentation, but they were not ready to receive Jesus as Savior. They allowed me to pray with them and I asked the Lord to bring them to the point when they would be ready. I gave them "The Million Dollar Eye Test" tract and some other materials and asked them to call when they were ready. But I also told them that it didn't have to be me if they felt more comfortable with someone else. I am thankful for the Catholic instructors that taught Dorena the Ten Commandments, glad that God brought those two women to the booth where their seeds were watered, and I believe that God will bring the fruit of faith to maturity in His time.

I don't often sit behind the desk because it feels like I am very far away from the people in front of it. But that's where I was when Alex and John came to the booth. They looked like they were both in their early twenties. And they said they were going to Heaven because they were Christians, though John said he might have to spend some time in Purgatory before getting there and Alex agreed. Carl Breidenich was sitting on the next stool and as a former Catholic, he was itching to hear how I was going to respond. I didn't address the Purgatory issue, because John asked if I would pray for Alex's dad who had been recently diagnosed with brain cancer and then he added that his own mom had just found out she had MS. I answered that I would be happy to pray for their parents, but would they answer a few questions for me. I asked if they were going to Heaven because they were good or because of Christ dying on the cross for them. They said because Christ died on the cross for them. I felt that I should go ahead and pray for their parents instead of questioning them further. We joined hands and prayed together and when I opened my eyes, John's face was beaming. He asked if he could give me a hug and I came around the corner of the desk so that he could hug me. Alex was also moved but a bit more pensive. They said that just minutes before they had just been talking about how each of them had a parent with a serious illness. They are roommates and were just about to walk out of the fair and go home when they walked by the booth and decided to stop. They were amazed by the timing, but I believe they knew it was God that made them stop.

Usually around 3:30 in the afternoon the second shift starts arriving. But the second shift team was having problems with parking passes and they were not able to get to the booth until later. Since we didn't know that they were actually at the Will Call booth getting things straightened out, I started making plans to stay for the second shift. I told the others that I would stay and keep the booth open until 10:00 pm and I was also going to ask my husband who was coming to pick me up at 4:30 to stay with me until we closed.

Carl said that he would stay too because his wife who was my roommate when we were young and single would not be happy with him if he left me alone. Even though he was leading the second shift on Sunday, Neil Leary said he would stay too. The willing sacrifice of those two men who were no doubt tired from working in the hot sun touched my heart.

It was during this time that Damian, an eleven-year-old boy, his mother Myra and his little brother about age three stopped to take the test in the afternoon. I invited them into the booth to sit in the folding chairs in front of the fan where it was cool. Myra seemed to appreciate the opportunity to get out of the sun and off her feet. Myra was already a believer and sure that she was going to Heaven, but Damian was not sure. His mom gave me permission to share the gospel with her son and Damian listened enthusiastically. All the time that I was sharing with Damian, his little brother was listening too. I'm not sure how much he understood, but he was doing his best to appear as mature as his brother. I absolutely love sharing the gospel with children and I was very happy with this encounter. Myra and Damian filled out the follow up card and then just as the three of them were leaving, Damian turned his head around and called out to me, "Bless you!" That most certainly blessed and thrilled me. How can God be so good!!!

I'm not glad that the second shift got delayed, but I am very happy I did not miss that last God encounter.

Jason Reading and his team arrived at the same time that Damian and his family were leaving. Jason and his team were eager to get to work, so after quick introductions we prayed so they could get started. I showed Jason what to do at the end of the night since it was his first time to lead a shift.

All three men were in good spirits and had great camaraderie. I felt certain God had good things in store for them too.

These reports always turn out much longer than planned and so I'll just finish with I Chronicles 16:34 –

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good: his love endures forever."

Rosie - SFTGO Prayer Director



2021 State Fair Gospel Report - Sunday, Sept. 26

Rosie - SFTGO Prayer Director

"And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Mathew 4:19

It is always an honor to serve with people who love the Lord. Our mutual love for Jesus gives us an instant bond and affection for each other. So Cooper, Tim, Jim, Anthony, Kayla and Matt are now all added to my laborers in Christ friends list.

The first group of people that I had the honor of sharing the gospel with was the Alaniz family. The mom, Maria, was the first to come over and her daughters, Camila (13 yrs old) and Miranda (7), and son, Noah (12) followed her. Her husband, Jorge, was the last to arrive but was able to join the others in taking "The Million Dollar Eye Test". They were not certain where they would go when they died, but they all knew most of the Ten Commandments and like most people living in our county had heard the Biblical account of Creation, and the birth and death of Jesus. The whole family allowed me to present the Gospel and listened intently. I got to the part where I usually say that it is the Holy Spirit that moves in a person's heart to accept the gift of salvation. And then I will often ask if the Holy Spirit is moving in their heart to accept this gift of salvation. To my surprise and joy, Maria said loudly, "Yes! Yes!". Her husband was smiling and the children all said they too wanted to pray. So we all held hands together to pray and they all received Jesus as their Savior. Throughout the Gospel presentation I had been speaking in English to tMaria and the children.

Jorge was more comfortable in Spanish, so I translated to him as we went along. As Maria was filling out the paper work, I spoke to Jorge individually in Spanish. I told him that "today salvation has come to your house" and that from now on he would be the pastor/shepherd to his family. He seemed to accept this responsibility for his family and said he would see to it that they went to church and prayed together.

Jerry and his friend, both 12 year old boys, were waiting for his friend's mom to buy tickets at the ticket booth across the street. Jerry watched us for a minute and then walked over and asked what this was about. His friend joined him and he was curious too. They seemed young, so I asked where their parents were. The friend directed my attention to a small Asian woman and a little girl. The woman came over and I asked if it was okay for me to give the boys "The Million Dollar Eye Test". She gave her permission so I proceeded. The friend already knew Jesus and he was very confident that he was going to Heaven. Jerry was not sure, so I started to go through the presentation. When we got to the Ten Commandments, his friend reminded Jerry that they had heard this in Awana. Awana is an evangelical Christian non profit organization that offers child and youth discipleship programs.

The seeds that were planted by the Awana volunteers landed on good soil. Jerry's friend's mother had been watching the entire time trying to keep her little daughter from wondering off. I asked if she wanted to join us in the prayer. No, she just wanted Jerry and I to pray. Jerry accepted Jesus as his Savior and as we were praying I sensed that the friend's mother was hovering around us. I suspect she was taking pictures of Jerry praying so that she could send them to Jerry's mom. Afterward she asked if she could get a picture of Jerry and I together and of course I said yes. Jerry's friend promised to help Jerry with follow up and it seems the mother was invested in Jerry's new faith also. This just might be one of those life long rewarding friendships that bonds families together.

Marco Vara came to the booth with his grandsons, Julian (10) and Zavian (9). Zavian was already a Christian and at the ripe old age of nine had much zeal for Jesus. He was thrilled that his grandfather and his cousin came to the Lord. Jim Rose, a friend of Tim Schwartz, came to observe how we were sharing the Gospel at the booth. He wasn't on the official roster for the day, but he seemed to fit right in with our team. I was very thankful that Jim was close by when Marco and Julian prayed to receive Jesus as Lord. When I was sharing the Gospel with them it seemed like Marco was going to cry and I wasn't sure how to address that. Jim was observing and commented to Marco about Marco's humility before the Lord and assured him that it was a good thing. Another good thing going for Marco was his grandsons. He now shares a "new birth birthday" with Julian. Julian lives with his grandfather and Marco said he would make sure that Marco attended church. I gave them each two Ten Commandment coins and told them to keep one and to give the other one away. Little Zavian said, "That's right; we're supposed to be telling other about Jesus!" There wasn't much more I could add.

In the afternoon, Liz Gilmore stopped by the booth and was interested in taking the test. She was a small Hispanic looking woman with a very kind face. She was joined by her much taller and more modern looking daughter, Marissa, who was pulling around her own toddler daughter in a blue canvas wagon. Both women listened to the Gospel and I was concerned when the toddler started to fuss. Marissa asked her if she needed to go potty and could she hold it. I thought I was going to have to fly through the presentation, but the child's dad showed up and it seemed to calm her down. Both women received Jesus as Savior. Afterwards I was able to speak with Liz for a few more minutes. Liz lives with her daughter in DeSoto, but is originally from Paraguay. There are 4,766 miles between Dallas, Texas and Asuncion, the capital of Paraguay. I'm not sure when Liz started her journey from Paraguay to Dallas, Texas, but in His time He got her to the State Fair Gospel Outreach booth to hear the Good News and respond to the call of Jesus. We hugged and hugged each other and it was hard to let go of this new found sister in the Lord.

Please keep the names of these other new believers in your prayers.

Regan - 20 years old, she was with a group that wasn't interested but she stayed and responded to the call of God, she was very appreciative and I was very proud of her

Michelle - 11 yrs old, came with her dad who is a Christian and will follow up with her

Saprina - A mom who came with her adult daughter Samantha, Saprina was ready to receive Christ, but Samantha said she needed more time

Alyssa (14), Malissa (12), Jessica (11) - This girls came together with an older gentleman who said he was their dad

There were also those who were very close but not quite ready. Please lift their names up to the Lord.

Samantha - 22 years old, Saprina's daughter, she allowed me to pray for her

Brooke - Came with her daughter Zari and her six year old son, Jojo

Zari - 9 years old, Brooke's daughter, she seemed to be sincerely responding but declined when she saw that her mom wasn't ready

The seeds were planted and the Lord will guide them to those who can minister to them when they are ready.

There seemed to be a lot more people traffic to the booth on Sunday.

No doubt that is because we had a bigger team working.

It seems that the more laborers we have, the more people come.

Please continue to pray for more workers to fill all the shifts.

And pray that the leaders and laborers that we have stay strong and healthy through the remainder of the fair season.

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send workers into his harvest field." - Matthew 9:36-38

It is with peace and confidence that the Gospel is presented at the booth because our workers are being covered by prayer. Thank you for supporting this ministry through your prayers.

May the Lord bless each of you with His peace,

Rosie - SFTGO Prayer Director



2021 State Fair Gospel Outreach Report Sept 30

Rosie - SFTGO Prayer Director

Preach the word; be prepared **in season** and out of **season**; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful **instruction**. - 2 Timothy 4:2

Thursday afternoon, Carl Breidenich, the second shift leader, asked if I could help his team even if just for a few hours. The good thing is that my job allows flexibility in my work schedule. Complications arose with having to run home to change and let my dog out and the Dallas rush hour traffic.

I didn't make it to the fair until a few minutes after 6:00 pm. Even though it was just for three hours it was well worth the effort. For one thing, it allowed some of the people who had been there since morning to take a break. It was also good to see old friends and labor together for Christ. Carl's wife, Ellen, and I were roommates when we were young and single in Dallas 1977-1979. Ellen was a Fountain Gate Bible College student at the time and I was a school teacher at Fountain Gate Academy.

As soon as we finished greeting each other, Yolanda Diaz, came to the booth with her two grandchildren in strollers. I helped her move the strollers over to the side of the booth and out of the foot traffic in the street. She needed to hear the Gospel in Spanish and as we finished praying I heard someone getting her follow up materials and speaking to her grandchildren in Spanish. My initial thought was that Ellen must have learned to speak Spanish in the almost 30 years since we last saw each other. But it was actually Joanna Whitton who was already doing what she does best, following up with new believers. In just a few days it will be a year since my sister, Yolanda, went home to be with the Lord. It was kind of the Lord to send me another "Yolanda" who will now be my sister in the Lord forever.

A young man named Cade came to the booth to take the test and his parents came with him. Carl spoke with the parents and I spoke with Cade who is nineteen years old. Cade was already a Christian but asked me to pray for the next few chapters in his life. He wants direction for his future, especially if he should continue his education. He would like to find an affordable path that will be less stress financially for his parents. He also asked for prayer for his sister, a former atheist who is now walking with the Lord. He asked for prayer for his friend, Alan, also 19, who is a Catholic. He wanted to know how to deal with the doctrinal differences or if he should even address them. And last of all he asked for prayer for a friend, Maddy. He fears she is being brainwashed by her husband who has separated her from her family and friends and believes that her husband is part of a religious cult. It took some time to get through all of his concerns, but it was a situation where evidently the Lord did not want us to rush through.

Cade's tender heart to the Lord was in contrast to the attitude of a young girl who came with someone whom I assumed was her boyfriend. Someone was speaking with the boyfriend and she was just waiting, so I asked the young lady if she wanted to take the test. The young lady was tall, very thin with pale white skin and straight short red hair. That red was the color of a red crayon not the natural redhead look. We shall call her Maddison. Maddison had no need for God. She said that was working very well for her. She said if she had a crisis in her life she would just deal with it. If she died, well that was just the way it was meant to be. I felt sorry for her and tried to lovingly tell her that God was real, just as real as me and her.

While it didn't look like her hard facade was in any way shaken or cracked, I pray that the Holy Spirit will follow her and draw her to Jesus. She is not so far away from God that His hand cannot reach her.



Toward closing time a State Fair worker named Amalia Garcia walked by the booth pushing a mesh umbrella baby stroller filled with her belongings. I asked her if she wanted to take the test and she said she only spoke Spanish. She looked very tired but happy to stop and talk with me.

I gave her "The Million Dollar Eye Test" and found that she already knew a lot about Jesus and the Bible. But she wasn't absolutely sure if she would have a place in Heaven when she died. She told me that she was 75 years old and that she should prepare herself for when death did come. I spoke with her and assured her that God would have a place in Heaven for her if she accepted Christ as her Savior. As we were preparing to pray she spoke up about her grandson, Rene, who is addicted to drugs and homeless on the streets of Mexico. I suggested we pray for her first and then we would address her grandson's needs. Amalia, was very appreciative of the prayers for her and for her grandson. We hugged each other, spoke for a long time and then hugged each other some more. She filled out her follow up card and after hugging some more she left.

Earlier in the day, Joanna Whitton had asked me to do a short video testimony about the ministry at the State Fair Gospel Outreach booth. When Robert, her son, asked if I had done one yet or if I wanted to do one with the booth as a backdrop, I knew exactly what I wanted to talk about. I pulled out Amalia's card and remarked that I wish we had gotten her picture. In just a few moments, Amalia came walking back to the booth. She had given me the wrong phone number and wanted to correct it. I asked her if she would do a short video with me and she did. Then we hugged and prayed some more before she left to go home.

We tend to complicate things to make them seem more profound. But the Gospel is very simple. Jesus came to save the lost.

Romans 10:13 - for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Thank you again for supporting this ministry through your prayers.

God is good and He has brought all these people to the booth.

He has allowed His Gospel to be presented and heard.

And people are responding to His call.

Please keep praying as the Lord continues to bring in the harvest.

Blessings of peace to each of you,

Rosie - SFTGO Prayer Director



Saturday 10.2.21 - John Rish

348 people heard the gospel, 136 of those were already saved and 101 accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior or rededicated their lives to Him.

I witnessed to 2 young couples, one couple was engaged, and the other were not and were on their first date. I was able to lead both couples to the Lord Jesus Christ and was able to minister to them about marriage and how to keep the relationship fresh and loving and share my testimony of dating my wife 50 years ago on a blind date and we are still married today.

Team Leader John Rish
President/ Field Representative
New Centurions Chapter
Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship in America

This is the day that the Lord has made. People were coming as the Spirit drew them. I was able to minister to many and lead many souls to Christ. Some for the first time and some as a re-dedication. Some come as challenging the Goodness of God, but I thank God that our labor is not in vain. I have been coming out year after year alongside of Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship in America. What a fruitful Vineyard.

Janice Ogaje

A lot of the people were in a rush however 70 percent responded to the test as Christians, 3 walked away, 2 had walked away from the church. One is in work and ready to find a Church. He has a young daughter and I will be active in helping to help him find the right church. He said she was told by her teachers that we have to shun Jesus and serve Satan to get her diploma for practicing law. Not sure if she was saved.

Charlie Brooks

I really enjoyed myself today being busy about my Father's business. I witnessed to a lot of people and prayed for them. I took a 30 min break and ate 2 corn dogs and left at 4p.m. The End.

Charlesetta Rutledge

It's so sad to see many people who still do not know God. Some Christians who have accepted Jesus but yet not sure where their souls will go. I am so grateful for this opportunity to help people to know God and be certain about their eternal destination. Praise God!

Sabrina Li

Today I had time of my life ministering at the State Fair of Texas, I experienced the joy of families, the Love of God and the opportunities to share the Gospel with the lost. I will be doing it again next year.

Mike Carleo

It's my first time here with the other Christians. The experience is awesome. The Holy Spirit brought the right people to this spot because they were receiving Jesus Christ. Definitely doing it again next year, God willing.

Oscar Montes

This was new for me. Even though it was new for me. I was glad to hear this happens every year, it's something we need to do every day. There was a lot of opportunity here with so many people. We didn't have to go look for them. Presented the Gospel at least 4 times and one woman received Christ.

Roman Castro

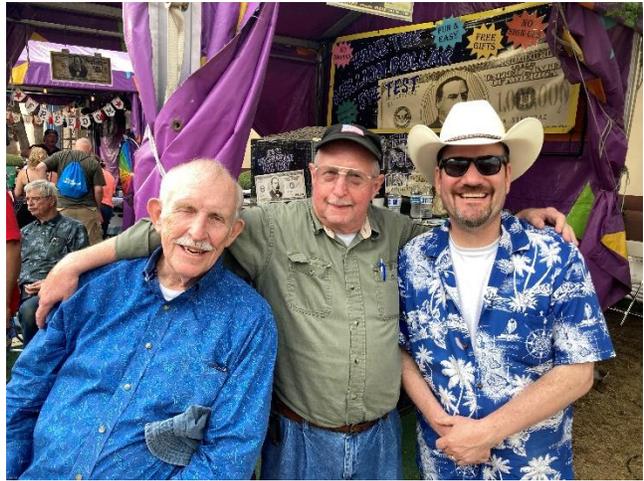
Great day in the harvest! This was a wonderful experience for me and the team from our church. We saw more Gospel shares and people giving their lives to Christ in these 5 hours than in the past month. Go God! I love to see God move like this. Thanks John! Thanks Rex. Thanks FGBMFA.

Paul Kerr

Really blessed to be able to share together! At one point today about 30 Chinese people came in a group. Some were believers and some were not. I was able to share the Full Gospel and testimony and they heard and said they would continue to consider it.

Robert Schmidt







2021 State Fair Gospel Report 10/3

Rosie - SFTGO Prayer Director

I Corinthians 1:18 - For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

On October 8, 2020, my sister Yolanda went to be with the Lord. It doesn't seem like a whole year has gone by. At the time a part of me was thankful that she was no longer suffering. Her funeral was more of a sending off to Heaven occasion and a celebration of her life. The Lord in His kindness has sent me little reminders of her. On September 30, 2021 the Lord sent a woman named Yolanda D. to the booth and she responded to the call of Jesus. And on October 3, 2021, the Lord sent Yolanda R. and her son Anthony to the booth and they were

both born into the Kingdom of God. Sometimes waves of grief still flow over me, but they are always coupled with giving thanks for where she is now. She is where many people coming to the booth wish to be someday and I am so thankful for the honor of pointing them to the cross and to Jesus our Lord.

Sunday, October 3, I worked with five other people under the leadership of Russell Wood and it really felt like it was a double harvest. The people kept coming and we kept sharing and at the end of the evening I realized that I had prayed with 16 people to receive Jesus. I will list those names at the end of the report, but I need to write in depth about two God encounters that made a big impact.

In the afternoon a young man named Luis C. came to the booth with a young lady named Genesis whom I assumed was his girl friend. They were both 25 years old. Genesis was a very pretty and thin girl dressed in a stylish short skirt and blouse outfit that exposed her midriff. She seemed very impressed with herself. Luis did not display the same amount of confidence, but had a more friendly disposition. When I asked where they would go when they died, Genesis pointed down and said hell. Luis thought he was a good person but was not sure where he was going. As I shared the gospel, Luis' face showed that he was responding to the message. Genesis seemed distracted by countless little things, but mainly her phone. When asked if they would like to ask Jesus to be their Savior, Genesis said she had already prayed to be saved, but she was still going to hell. Luis, to my surprise, said he did want to ask Jesus to be his Savior. I slapped all the materials I was holding in my hands on the counter and didn't lose any time praying with him. Genesis stood by and listened while Luis and I prayed. Luis stayed to fill out his information card and one of the other workers helped get him follow up materials. I was very proud of Luis and told him so. Not wanting to give up on her, I continued to speak with Genesis and told her that God still loved her and that I would be praying for her. She was unmoved and her hardness was heartbreaking. The two went off to enjoy the fair, but I wondered how long that relationship will last. Please pray that Luis will not be discouraged in his new walk with Jesus by Genesis, but that instead she will return to Jesus.

Very late in the shift, a man named Mishael stopped by the booth with his daughters Nancy, a teenager, and his younger daughter Naomi who was around ten years old. Mishael needed me to share the gospel in Spanish, but Nancy and Naomi both spoke English well. Mishael and Naomi were not sure where they were going, but Nancy proudly declared that she was going to hell and it didn't bother her at all. I asked her why she thought that and she answered that it was just part of her culture. That surprised me, so I asked her where she had grown up and her answer was right here in Dallas. That surprised me even more, but I did not contradict her. Instead, I went on sharing the message. As I shared the gospel, Mishael listened intently and appeared to be responding.

Nancy was impatient and felt she needed to help me with translating some words. I was trying to discern if her attitude was just teenage parental embarrassment, disdain for a woman whom she didn't know or if a darker force was in play. Little Naomi was trying to listen, but had a worried look on her little face. I decided to concentrate on Mishael since he was the head of the family and also on Naomi since she was making an effort. Mishael seemed very close to taking those last few steps to reach Jesus, but he wasn't quite ready. I thanked him for listening and gave him the Gospel of John and a follow up track in Spanish. Nancy would not take anything and in her hurry to get out of there did not allow me to give little Naomi anything either. Please pray for Mishael to find his way to the Lord and be a leader for his family.

After the Nancy encounter, with the Genesis experience still fresh on my mind, I recalled the "Maddison" encounter from September 30. All of these young ladies thought it was "cool" and very much in fashion to have very little regard for the things of God. All of these young ladies were young and confident in themselves. They had no fear of or need for a Heavenly Father. Afraid that it could be a new trend among young people, I wondered where I should look for information on this topic. Recently, a friend called me and shared that she had just returned from her tiny high school reunion. She was surprised that many of the friends who had grown up with her, had been church going people, and had heard about the things of God all their lives, now no longer believed in Him. These friends are older than the young ladies at the fair and they live far away from Dallas. Obviously, this falling away is happening across age groups and not just in our city. This is a difficult thing to wrap your head around. Could it be that Satan is making a last stand? Will more people fall away? I believe that each of those young women, Nancy, Genesis and "Maddison", was sent to the booth by God and needed to hear the message we shared with them. Let's pray that God will put the right people in their paths who will be able to reach them for Christ. Let's pray for my friend's classmates to hear the voice of Jesus calling them back and that they will respond to the call of the Shepherd.

So here are the names of the new believers.

Yolanda Rodriguez very happy and thankful

Marc Anthony teen, Yolanda's son

Dazha A. Rillian D. * Dazha and Rillian said they were roller skaters and were not
from this area; they looked like professional athletes

Fernanda (18)

Jeffrey (12)

Allyson (7) * Fernanda, Jeffrey and Allyson came with their father

Trevaughn (14) Came with his mom who was already a Christian

Brianna

Venla

David * Brianna, Venla and David were young adults 31, 21 and 21

all brought up Catholic

Carlos Gonzalez (dad)

Emily Gonzalez (7) * Carlos' wife, Diana had to take 2 year old Emma

for a little stroll because she was fussy, but Carlos

wanted Emily to stay and listen with him

Manuel E.

Yulenie * Manuel and Yulenie came together, also very happy and thankful

Luis Cardenas

At the end of our shift there was much to be thankful for, but the issues with the young women was concerning. If you have had a similar experience with friends, family or acquaintances who are no longer concerned about their eternal destination, please share that with me via email or phone call. This is not to scare or make anyone uncomfortable, but only to know what we are dealing with so we can address it.

May the Lord watch over all of these new believers and the others who have been born again this fair season. Thank you for praying for this ministry and making this possible.

Praising the Lord of the Harvest,

Rosie - SFTGO Prayer Director



2021 State Fair Gospel Report - October 7

Rosie - SFTGO Prayer Director

Romans 5:8 - But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

On Thursday, October 7, I served for just a few hours on the second shift.

Knowing that it is the Lord who brings the people to the booth gives me a lot of peace. I cannot stress enough that each and every encounter is a God encounter. The Holy Spirit dwells within us. We bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit. So each time we speak with someone, we want them to see Jesus.

The first person I spoke with who received Christ was a 13 year old named Juan. He was the first to come to the booth and he was followed by two older but still young men. Juan was the closest to me on my side of the counter. Other workers spoke with the two others in his group. Everyone shares the gospel in their own way and most likely differently each time.

I tend to take longer than others. Juan stayed with me, listened and responded to God's call even after the others left. I was so proud of him. Please pray that he finds a church and encounters new friends who will lead him closer to Jesus. He also needs a Bible and I did not get his contact information.

A blond man wearing a black fishnet tank top, white shorts and a scarf/headband in his hair came to the booth and asked what we were doing. Someone directed him over to me and told him that I could give him the Million Dollar Eye Test. His name was Bradley and once we started sharing the gospel every unconventional thing about him disappeared. He was just a lost and hurting soul who needed to hear that God loved him. Bradley said he knew what I was talking about, but he no longer believed in Heaven or hell. It seems that he was hurt as a child and a lot of pain was still present. I was able to tell Bradley that God loves him and I believe his heart became a little tender towards the message. I told him that God was calling him and that I would continue to pray for him. He had to go, but before he left he said, "Thank you, Sweetheart." He has been on my mind since then and I am indeed praying for him. Please ask the Lord to bring healing to Bradley's heart and put him in contact with those who can help birth him into the Kingdom.

There was a tall African American man named Solomon who was at the counter and one of the other workers was speaking with him. The woman who was with him was holding a beverage glass and otherwise unengaged, so I asked if I could give her the Million Dollar Eye Test. Sometimes we do this so that the other worker will have enough time to share the gospel, but once Tammy and I made contact it was clear that she was ready to hear the message. It was amazing to see the transformation from beverage holder to child of God in just a few minutes. And while inwardly saying "Way to go God!", we needed to follow through. The big smile on her lovely face and her bold "Yes!" when I asked her if she would like to ask Jesus to be her Savior must have lit up the booth. It certainly got Solomon's attention and he asked if he could get in on the prayer too. At times it takes a friend to say "yes" to Jesus and others will follow them. After the prayer, Tammy and I hugged and didn't want to stop holding each other. She told me that she loved me and I told her she was my new sister. Tammy filled out their contact info and I asked Solomon if I could send them a devotional for couples. Solomon said "yes" and it was then that I realized he was wiping a tear from his face. Confession time: I'm wiping tears off my face now too.

Just before it was my time to leave, a Hispanic family came to the booth. The parents were Oscar and Fabiola. The children were Luis (13), Annaliese (8) and their little sister about age 4. When the mother asked what this was about, I answered that we were trying to find where people are on their journey with God. Oscar and Fabiola indicated that they were already Christians. Then Fabiola looked at Luis and motioned for him to step up. Annaliese willingly took her place and their little sister stood between them. The children knew a lot about Jesus and I commended their parents for teaching and raising them right. But they really needed more direction to follow Jesus on their own. The whole family gathered together to pray and I prayed with the children in English.

The loudest in the bunch was Annaliese who proudly and loudly asked Jesus to be her Savior. After that I prayed for the entire family in Spanish and after hugs and thank you's they went off to enjoy the rest of the fair. I was touched by how Fabiola entrusted her children to me so that I could tell them about Jesus. I trust that those good parents will continue to bring up those children in the way of the Lord.

I also prayed with another Hispanic couple Ezequiel and Karla who came to the booth with their precious 2 year old daughter, Melanie. They did provide their contact information, so I look forward to following up with them.

Two young women came together to take the test and someone directed them over to me. Dianna was obviously a woman, but Kailen was dressed as a man and tried to give the impression that she was a male. Neither knew where they would go when they died. They listened to the message, with Kailen being the one who was the most serious. When the offer was extended to pray with them to receive Jesus, Kailen looked at me intently and moved forward slightly with a "yes" almost on her lips. But Dianna said "no". She was just not ready and of course I told her that it was okay. Kailen then decided she was not ready either. I asked if I could still pray for them and they answered "yes". During the prayer I could tell that their hearts were softer than at the start. I prayed that their hearts would become tender towards God so that they could answer his call. They both accepted the Million Dollar Eye Test tract and said that they would read it. Please pray that they will not delay in answering the call of Jesus.

John 10:27 - My **sheep** listen to my voice; I know them, and they **follow** me.

Thank you for "listening" to this report and thank you for praying for all of us who are sharing the Gospel at the State Fair Gospel Outreach booth.

God has done some amazing things and will no doubt continue to bring in His harvest.

Rosie - SFTGO Prayer Director



2021 State Fair Gospel Report 10/13

Rosie - SFTGO Prayer Director

Revelation 7:10 - And they cry out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

Luke 8:16 - But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Wednesday, October 13, started with Carl Breidenich as our shift leader, Terry Western, Robert Smith and myself. Then a while later two lovely ladies with Jesus written all over their faces arrived to help. Shirley Porter brought tracks to give out and Norma Morris brought candy. They were a great addition with Shirley handing out tracks which she called souvenirs and candy. Norma also gave out candy and took lots of pictures. Our shift was filled with many God encounters and there are a few I would like to share.

The first family that I spoke with was the Flores family. Alfred, the dad, was the first to be curious and ask what this was about. He was joined by his sons, AJ and Ryan, and his daughter, Emma. Finally, his wife, Christina caught up with them. They all took the test together and no one was sure where they would spend eternity. They all listened intently, but especially Alfred. When they were each asked if they would like to ask Jesus to be their Savior everyone answered "yes". I asked Alfred if he would like to take the lead and pray with his family and he stepped right up without any hesitation. The whole family prayed together to receive Jesus and it was a very moving encounter. To my surprise, Norma had taken a picture while we were praying. Then while Christina was filling out the follow up card, Norma was getting the family

together for a picture. She told them they would want a picture of that important day and remember it for the rest of their lives. Just like when a baby is born and there is excitement and pictures to share, Norma's happiness and pictures validated this rebirth experience for the Flores family.

Chatra Williams, her daughter, Shania, and her son, Junior also came as a family to take the test. Chatra was already a Christian, but like Fabiola on October 7, this mother welcomed the opportunity for her children to hear the Gospel message from me. Once again, this mother had trained her children well and prepared them for the time when they would make their own decisions for Christ. These children were ripe for harvest. They responded to the message and gladly prayed to receive Jesus as their Savior. The three of them were very happy and Norma was ready to take the family's picture.

Again, I was touched that Chatra entrusted me with the honor of telling her children the message of the Gospel, and I was very happy to pray with them to receive Jesus as their Savior, but she had actually done much of the work ahead of time in preparation for the day of their rebirth into God's Kingdom. Norma being there to celebrate with this family and give thanks to God for these rebirths was a great encouragement for me. Chatra asked that we pray for them to receive guidance, strength and financial stability.

Jose and Jaycee came to the booth together. Jaycee was a pleasant young woman, 25 years old and modestly dressed. She appeared to be African American. Jose was a 25 year old Hispanic man with gold decor on his teeth.

Jaycee was certain she was going to Heaven and I believe she was a Christian. Jose said he was going to hell because he was a criminal. I asked Jaycee's permission to speak to Jose directly and she was good with that. So starting at the beginning in the Garden, I went through the entire message. Jose listened for the most part, though he did look at his phone once or twice. I tried not to let that distract me from presenting the Gospel to him.

I told him that I didn't know what crimes he had committed, but that the blood of Jesus covers all of our sins. When it came time to respond he said that this was all good but that there were other things out there. I asked if there was any other God who had allowed his only Son to die for him. He said "no" but like there were other things. When I asked like what, he said like this and he turned his arm so that I could see the tattoo of what I believe was an image of Santa Muerte on the inside of his lower arm. This horrible image was clearly demonic and my husband says it is very common for gang members to have an image of her. Jose said that she had been with him since he was a kid. Not wanting to touch the image, I just hovered by right hand over his arm and said, "Go back to where you belong and leave Jose alone. In the name of Jesus you have to go!" At that moment, Jose's arm swung back away from me. It was only then that I realized I was holding his wrist with my left hand, but not touching the image.

His arm twisted around violently, so that the image was no longer facing me and I let go of his wrist. I told him to stop listening to her and listen to Jesus because Jesus was calling him. He turned down the Million Dollar Eye Test tract offered to him. He said he would not read it and didn't want to throw it away. I thanked him for his honesty. Jaycee who had been silent all this time gladly accepted the tract. Please pray for Jose to break away from the influence of that horrible image. And please pray for Jaycee's protection.

Faith and Jessica were two teenage girls who came to the booth together. Faith was already a Christian, but Jessica wasn't sure where she was going when she died. Jessica listened to the Gospel and responded to the call of Jesus. Faith said she would help her friend and follow up with her. Jessica took the Book of John and the Following Up tract we give to new believers. Very soon after the two teenagers left, a woman named Yvonne came by and took the test. She was already a Christian and was very excited about what we were doing. I told her that she could do it too and gave her two Ten Commandments coins that we give away at the booth. One was to remind her that Jesus paid the price for her sins and the other was to share the Gospel with someone else. Her face lit up with happiness and her smile went from ear to ear. She was overjoyed that I was sending her out to tell others and she gave me a big hug. She told me she loved me and I told her that I loved her too. Then I asked her to pray for us as we shared the Gospel at the booth and for the people who were new to the faith. She was happy about that also. When I assigned her to pray for new believer Jessica who had come to the booth just a few minutes before her, Yvonne's face beamed with happiness even more.

Late in the shift, a man named Anthony came to the booth with a woman named Wesam. She went by the nickname "Sammy". Anthony was a Hispanic man who was already a Christian. Sammy was wearing a mask and 1950's style dark green sunglasses with brown rims. It made it difficult to see if she was responding to what she was hearing. Anthony had to repeat a few phrases for Sammy and then he explained that she was a Muslim from Egypt. Later they said she had only been here for six years. So I agreed to speak more slowly and went on to present the Gospel. Sammy has been attending church with Anthony and when I offered to pray with her to receive Jesus as her Savior she looked over to him. I explained that neither Anthony, I or anyone else could make that decision for her. It had to be her own. She nodded, said "yes" and moved slightly forward. Anthony was very pleased with her response and was eager for all of us to pray together. I led them further into the booth, closer to the counter where I put down my giant million dollar bill that I use for a prop. This freed my hands so that we could hold hands and pray. Sammy prayed to receive Jesus as Savior at the booth, but it was Anthony who had done the preparation for Sammy to receive salvation. Anthony agreed to follow up with her. Please pray for Sammy as she adjusts to her new found faith in Jesus.

Here are some other new believers to pray for.

Carlos Flores teen, came by himself

Alex 17

Abigail 13

* Alex and Abigail are sisters their dad was present and gave permission for them to pray and ask Jesus to be their Savior. Please pray that they find a church

Here are two people who felt they needed more time.

Alex

Ashley * Alex and Ashley came together but were not ready to take those next steps, but they allowed me to pray for them

I Corinthians 2:9

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

Please continue for all of these new believers. God has some wonderful things ahead for each of them.

Praising the Lord of the Harvest,

Rosie - SFTGO Prayer Director





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Rosie - SFTGO Prayer Director

I Peter 3:15-16 - But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

The last day of the 2021 State Fair of Texas was amazing and most worthy of giving thanks to the Lord for the wonderful things He did. The first team was under the leadership of April Willrich. Since we only see each other at the fair, it was good to see her again after missing last year. The weather was absolutely lovely, sunny and cool for Texas. There were many fair goers and many of them stopped at the booth to take "The Million Dollar Eye Test".

One group that stopped very early in the shift was Tami Yarborough and her two children, a girl about 8 and a boy about 7. When she realized what we were doing, she was happy for me to speak to her children. It always touches my heart, when parents entrust me to share the Gospel with their children. When we were talking about ways in which we have broken God's standard of righteousness, I asked them if they had ever disobeyed their mom and they both nodded yes. When asked if they had ever told a lie, "Volvanca" lifted her hand as if she were in a classroom. Then she looked over and saw that her little brother had not responded, so she took his arm and lifted it for him. April teaches second grade and I am a former teacher, so this made our teachers' hearts smile. The brother was more honest in his responses after that. These children were certainly prepared to hear the good news and respond to Jesus. Again, Tami had done the hard work of preparing her children and I trust that she will continue to train them up in the Lord.

Often multi generations of one family come together to the fair. Johnny was a tall, very thin and well mannered 15 year old young man who was eating a corny dog when he came to take the test. While I was talking to him others were speaking to his grandparents who were already Christians. We had to wait for Johnny to finish the last bite of his corny dog before he prayed for salvation, but I didn't mind at all and his grandparents were patient also. I am trusting his grandparents to follow up with him, but he did say he would like a Bible that is not a children's or teen's Bible.

The people who come to the fair and to the booth may appear to be diverse, but they share one thing in common. The Lord brought them there to hear the Gospel message. Alex and Brenda Cantrell from Wilson, Oklahoma responded to the call of God and hope to attend a Cowboy Church in Ardmore, Oklahoma. This couple was humble and kind, and ready to receive Jesus. After they left, I was telling the others in our group that I am a

Spanish speaker and a couple from Venezuela arrived in time for me to share with them in Spanish. These new believers, Luis and Erica Gil live very close to me and our church. They are interested in taking the English as a Second Language classes that POPLC offers to the community.

Carmen (11), Tiana (9) and Adriana (6) came to the booth with their family. April spoke with their 14 year old sister and I believe Cooper Stewart spoke with their Mom. We don't always separate families, but in this case it was the right thing to do. I heard the dad say something about the game, so I don't think he was receptive, but at least he allowed his family to stay and listen. Little Adriana was the most outspoken. Carmen tried to keep her younger sisters in line and Tiana just tried to keep everything going. But they all listened attentively and responded to the Gospel. For once, I finished before the others, so I had a little time to speak to the children about their fair experience. They said they had not been there long and were still planning their activities. I suggested the petting zoo and they were excited about petting the animals. Tiana asked if there were any tigers at the petting zoo and I had to say, "No, but they do have cute baby goats". Adriana wanted to know if they had bunnies.

Leticia and Alfonso Martinez brought their children, Anthony (15), Emily (12) and Kailen (7) to the booth. These parents were already Christians, but they allowed me to speak with their children. Once again, the parents had done all the preparation. They joined in the prayer as the three siblings responded to the call of God. And though the parents will be there to continue to walk with their children as they follow Christ, they did leave all of their contact information so that we can follow up with them.

In the late afternoon, Preston came up to the booth and asked if he could do the "Million Dollar Eye Test". He was much taller than I, and though he seemed to have a lot of self confidence, he had a very young look. When I asked how old he was, his answer was twelve. Preston was soon joined by his friend, Nolan. I told Preston he was very young and then asked where his parents were. He said they were at the fair not too far away and pointed in the direction of the buildings next to the wine garden, and he also said, "But Nolan is thirteen". Well since their parents considered them old enough to roam the fair grounds on their own, I thought it would be okay to let them take the test. Not surprisingly, Preston was certain he was going to Heaven because Jesus was his Savior. Nolan was not sure where he would go when he died. I asked Preston if he would give me time to share with his friend and he smiled and nodded yes. Nolan adjusted his cowboy hat and prepared himself for what I had to say. He listened to me as I shared the message of the cross and Preston was there for his friend. When I got to the part where I told Nolan that Jesus died on the cross for the sins of the whole world and for him in particular, Preston added, "And then He rose again!" I couldn't help but be happy to have such a knowledgeable helper.

We all took off our hats while we prayed for Nolan to receive Christ as his Savior. And Preston promised to make sure his friend went to church with him.

When it was getting late in the shift, I was physically tired and had to sit down for a few minutes, drink some water and rest. It was just enough down time to keep me going for the next group that I got to speak with. I was standing on the east side of the booth enjoying the little bit of shade when a sweet young lady came up and asked, "Do we need tickets to do this?". It feels so good to tell people that they don't need any tickets because what we offer is free. Nayeli said she was 14 years old and her sister, Alexandra, was 12 or 11. Again, I asked where their parents were and Nayeli pointed in the direction of the food lines across the street from our booth. As I shared the gospel with them they were joined by their little brother, Martin. Martin was only seven years old, but he listened with much intensity. The older girls said that they wanted to ask Jesus to be their Savior. Then I looked directly at Martin and asked him if he wanted to ask Jesus to be his Savior too. Martin looked right back at me and solemnly nodded yes. After we prayed, Nayeli filled out the contact form and then they happily went off to join their parents.

As often happens, just before the shift ended the Lord surprised me once again. A family walked by and a man named Heriberto asked what we were doing. I usually answer that we're trying to find out where people are on their journey to God. Heriberto needed me to speak with him in Spanish. But Jennifer, the woman who was with him, 14 year old Gael, and eleven year old "Gabriel" preferred English. It turned out that Heriberto knew he was going to Heaven because he knew Jesus was his Salvador. The others were not sure where they were going and they allowed me to present the gospel message to them. Jennifer and Gael said they were not ready to move forward, but little Gabriel said he wanted to ask Jesus to be his Savior. I was so proud of him and I think his dad was too. I told Heriberto that he had done a good job of preparing his son and thanked him for bringing him.

In past years, we sometimes had time to take a lunch break, but this year every shift I worked on was very busy and we only took short breaks to grab a snack. In the morning I saw a little girl dressed like she was going to perform in a Mexican dance and asked where she would be performing. Her family said that it would be at the Women's Building at 1:00 pm. So at about 12:55 I thought I would run over there right quick to watch the performance and then run right back. But I didn't make it to the performance. Something told me to go look for Amalia Garcia, a fair worker I had prayed with on September 30. At that time she said that she was 75 years old and needed to prepare herself for when she would die. She had come by to see me earlier in the day and we had prayed for her grandson Eric who is in the Texas prison system. She also has a grandson Rene who is in bondage to drugs and homeless on the streets of Mexico. We were very happy to be reunited and were glad for the opportunity to pray

together for her grandsons. I was able to find Amalia in the Grand Place building by asking one of her coworkers if she knew where she was. Her coworker led me to the women's bathroom and then all the way to the back of the bathroom where there was a small door that led to a closet. Amalia was in the closet and a woman was talking to her.

I apologized for the intrusion and explained that I just wanted to "saludar" which means to check in and say hello. That is not unusual in the Mexican culture and the woman was impressed that I had come to "saludar". Not wanting to get her in trouble I gave Amalia a quick hug and asked if she was alright. She said she was okay, so I gave her another hug and left. As I was walking back to the booth, I kept thinking about how much more frail Amalia looked than on September 30. Perhaps concern for her grandsons had caused the change in her physical appearance. Then I remembered that in my purse there were ten tickets that I hadn't used and Amalia might be able to use them to purchase something to eat. I hurried back to the Grand Place building and decided that even though I didn't want to get her in trouble, it was the last day of the fair and they probably weren't going to fire her with just hours left in the season. Ignoring the looks of the women who thought I was cutting in line to use the bathroom, I went directly to the back of the bathroom and knocked on the closet door. I interrupted once again and gave Amalia the tickets which she seemed very grateful to receive.

Please pray for Amalia and her grandsons, Eric and Rene. The one thing that is encouraging to me is that in the past God has done some amazing things in answering prayers that seemed impossible. Yes, God has freed people from the bondage of drugs and he knows exactly where Rene is at. Let's believe that God can send someone to reach Rene. Prison Evangelism is a ministry whose goal is to reach the two million people behind bars. Let's pray that Eric has a bull's eye on his heart.

At the beginning of this fair season, we believed that God would send a double harvest. Personally, looking back at the people I prayed with it was easily a double harvest in numbers. But the other thing that I believe will add to the harvest are the many people who came to the booth who were already Christians who were motivated to go tell others about Jesus. Let's ask the Lord to give every one of them opportunities to tell other's about what Christ has done for them and what He can do for others.

Psalms 65:5 – You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds, God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

Thank you again for supporting this ministry through your prayers. May the Lord of the Harvest grant each of you overflowing blessings.

Praising our Lord and rejoicing in His goodness,

Rosie - SFTGO Prayer Director

