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He that winneth souls is wise. Proverbs 11:30

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Could I Lead Someone to Christ While Parasailing?

by Sharril Sherwood

While visiting a friend on Catalina Island, I decided to go parasailing over the Pacific Ocean. After purchasing my ticket and climbing into the boat, we were told that there was a minimum weight requirement. If you were under that limit, you had to be harnessed in with another person.

I immediately stood up and started to leave the boat. A ten-year-old boy named Max pleaded with me to stay, as I was his only hope of going on this adventure. Max was from back East—he was visiting his grandparents. I wasn't too keen on the whole idea, but reluctantly gave in to his repeated requests.

Little did I realize that this was a divine appointment set up by our Creator who knew my slight build would be used by Him in an unusual way that day!

I had no thought about sharing the gospel with this boy, due to the excitement of parasailing, but as soon as we were airborne, the Lord

took over. I was suddenly so aware of His presence in a new dimension. As we surveyed the panoramic view of the island, the ocean, and California in the distance, the reality of the Rapture (the upcoming event described in I Thessalonians 4:16-17 about what will happen to believers in Jesus when all believers will be “caught up” to meet the Lord in the air to be with Him forever) came into my mind. A voice in my spirit shouted, ***“Share this with Max!”***

Max had never heard of the Rapture (a name we have given to this “catching away”), so while explaining it, I also gave Max the whole salvation mes-

sage of how we are all sinners, how Jesus died in our place on the cross, and how we could turn from sin and receive Jesus Christ into our hearts to be able to be one of those to be raptured into Jesus Christ's presence to be with Him forever. Max said, “I'd like to be saved, so I'll pray that before I go to bed tonight!”

I then said, “Max you don't need to wait. You can pray right now to ask Jesus into your heart!” ***Max eagerly repeated after me a simple prayer to receive Jesus into his heart!*** Together we rejoiced and praised God the rest of the thrilling trip! Max said he would always remember the

place in which he opened up his heart to Jesus.

After we were reeled into the boat, as I put on my fanny pack, I suddenly remembered the booklet, *A Gold Street* that I had been carrying for a year, praying for just the right person to share it with. He eagerly took the booklet.

He said, “I'm going



Two volunteers invite people in to hear a gospel message while two groups are being counseled.

to share this at my school”—an Episcopalian school where he had never heard about the Rapture. He said, however, that

he did read the Bible. Max said that his friends at school needed to hear about this, too! Our Lord always does “ex-

ceedingly abundantly above all we ask or think...” (Eph. 3:20). This time, He went “to the Max” for a heavenly encounter!

EVENTS

- **PALM SPRINGS STREET EVANGELISM**—every Thursday and Saturday night

Thousands jam the closed-off street on Village Fest night (Thursdays). On Saturday a very attractive couple wanted to talk. The woman told me how she had received Jesus into her heart when she was only 3 years old! I then asked the man when he had received Christ. He never had! I quickly shared God’s plan of salvation with him and then I said, “Would you like to repeat a prayer with me right now to invite Jesus into your heart?”

He hesitated. I shut up to wait for his answer. He suddenly said, “Let’s go for it!” He repeated the prayer! I then gave him follow-up booklets. They are now a saved couple on their way to heaven, whereas before they were “unequally yoked” with different destinations! *The young woman seemed radiant—and so did the man.*



Eight volunteers are ready to pass out parade tracts to people waiting for the Indio Parade to begin. One volunteer can pass out 800 tracts in only 45 minutes!

- **COLLEGE OF THE DESERT SOUL WINNING**

We set up our two displays right by the dining hall during lunchtime, **every week**. Other schools and colleges are resistant to God, but we enjoy an open door and a permit to share Jesus with students!

- **YUCCA VALLEY GRUBSTAKE DAYS**

This is our 40th year there! It’s a small event now, only one day, May 24. Last time, we shared with 107 and 36 of these received Jesus in one day!

- **TEMECULA BALLOON AND WINE FESTIVAL**

This festival starts May 30 and lasts for 3 days. Last year, we shared with 209 people and 64 of these received the Lord into their hearts.

We spend thousands of dollars regularly renting space, buying tickets for our volunteers, buying New Testaments, booklets, and beaded story bracelets, so we need your help to pay our many bills. *** Thank you so much! ***

We will hear Jesus say, “Well done! Enter in the joy of your Lord!” Many there in heaven will thank you, as well as us, for bringing them to Jesus.



People attending the Riverside County Fair see our displays that catch their attention, so we can share the Jesus story with them.

- **29 PALMS CARNIVAL DAYS**—a four-day event

We share with Marines there, too! 193 people let us share the salvation message and 92 of these invited Jesus into their hearts!

The photo shows Hanna, standing by her 34-year-old Chevy. Hanna is homeless, a Jewish soul-winning Christian who loves her Messiah. Hanna is one off a kind; we have no other volunteers like her. The driver's side displays a caved-in area where the car sideswiped something.

Looking inside her Chevy, you notice that the inside of the car and inside the trunk is completely filled with her stuff. There is only one place to sit and drive and to sleep at night. You see, the car is her home.

We don't know how Hanna found out where we live and carry on our ministry. There's only a post office box address on our tracts. Just about every few months, we hear a knock on the door and guess what? There's Hanna! What does Hanna want? More gospel booklets, of course, so she can go out and win more souls.

In the photo are four bags of gospel booklets—2,000 *Know Your Future* and 2,000 *Your Final Parade*. We had to struggle to fit these four bags of tracts into her already stuffed full trunk!

You may wonder if Hanna paid for these tracts. Hannah doesn't have much. She lives on Social Security retirement. She did give us \$20. I felt guilty keeping the money and tried to give it back to her, but she insisted that we keep it.

Hanna just returned from a 4-month trip into Mexico—a fruitful harvest field. She shares with homeless as well as wealthy people—a full spectrum. She says that the wealthy people are harder to reach. After all, who needs God when you have lots of money?

Since Hanna is not shy, one time she even shared the gospel with the President of Israel at the King David Hotel! When she told me that, I wondered if security was laxer in those days!

We feel that the gospel booklets, that we funded 95% out of ministry money, was a good investment in eternal things. Thank you for the part that you had in helping Hanna! You will see the results in eternity, which is forever!



Hanna, soul winner and tract passer

FROM OUR AREA CONTROLLER IN ZIMBABWE, AFRICA:

We just finished our rounds for city schools distribution of tracts yesterday. We had overwhelming responses from children in grades 3 to 7. Our God is so faithful! We passed out about 5,000 tracts both in Shona language and in English. We might need you to send us replenishments for the agricultural shows held in July, August, September and October.

Norman Nyakudya

(Editor's note:

Seasons are reversed south of the equator.)

PRAYER

We know how important prayer is in moving God's powerful arm. When we think that our success in soul winning comes from our own ability instead of from God's mighty power, we will fail. ***Please keep praying for this soul-winning ministry.*** Thank you also for investing with us for soul winning! We are a team! *"I can do ALL THINGS through Christ who strengthens me"* (Phil. 4:13).

	Know Your Future Soul winning— teenagers and adults
	A Gold Street Soul winning— for children
	Your Appointment How to share your faith
	Treasures in Heaven Challenges Christians to do God's will
	Your Final Parade Soul winning at parades— or anywhere else



After pizza, these volunteers assembled hundreds of gospel bracelets—used to win precious souls.

----- CUT OR TEAR -----

YOUR RESPONSE OR ORDER FORM

(To view and for description of six color items go to: www.thewaysideharvesters.org)

I want to partner with you in reaching the lost! I enclose this donation to help reach people for Christ: \$ _____

PLEASE SEND ME THE FOLLOWING:

	QUANTITY	AMOUNT (\$)
<i>Treasures in Heaven</i> – English (\$14 per 100; or \$12 per 100 if over 1000)	_____	_____
<i>Treasures in Heaven</i> – Spanish “	_____	_____
<i>Know Your Future</i> – English (\$10 per 100; or \$9 per 100 if over 1000)	_____	_____
<i>Know Your Future</i> – Spanish “	_____	_____
<i>Your Appointment</i> – English (\$14 per 100; or \$12 per 100 if over 1000)	_____	_____
<i>Your Appointment</i> – Spanish “	_____	_____
<i>A Gold Street</i> – English (\$14 per 100; or \$12 per 100 if over 1000)	_____	_____
<i>A Gold Street</i> – Spanish “	_____	_____
6 Bead Color Gospel Bracelets (33 cents each; or \$15 per 50)	_____	_____
6 Color Tract for Gospel Bracelets – English (\$6 per 50; or \$10 per 100)	_____	_____
6 Color Tract for Gospel Bracelets – Spanish “	_____	_____
6 Color Bookmarks explaining each color - English (\$3 per 50)	_____	_____
6 Color Bookmarks explaining each color - Spanish “	_____	_____
6 Color Gospel Story Bag used with Bracelets (\$20 per each)	_____	_____
<i>Your Final Parade</i> for handing out at parades or anywhere else (\$4 per 100)	_____	_____
<i>Evangelism Training DVD (\$10 each, includes shipping and handling)</i>	_____	_____
For Shipping and Handling, please add \$5.00 min. or \$10.00 if over 1000 items:	_____	_____

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