

New York Colporteur Experiences

Summer 2007, part 2

Shane

I prayed that God would let me get ten books out. I went inside a building and a woman got three books and that's all the books that went out before lunch. In the afternoon I got five books on one street and I was so happy it made me walk faster. One book went out on another street, making nine books all together. I still needed one more book. But I forgot one thing, I didn't pray!! I praise God for the nine books that went out and I learned that I need to pray more. Pray without ceasing!

Melissa

My next business was a book store that sells satanic books. "Dear Lord," I prayed, "I need a special angel to speak for me and keep me safe." As I enter I felt a demonic pressure pressing down on me, But as I continued to pray it lifted and I was able to continue. The owner made fun of my books and my belief in God.

As we talked I could see that it was a devils' rabbit so I reached for my books which he had set on the table. "Wait!" he called, "I am interested in the one on prophecy." He pulled out 20 dollars and assured me that he is only going to read it in mockery. I just smiled and prayed for I knew that I had done all I can do. The Holy Spirit does all the rest. He will convict the hearts, I quickly gave him a *God's Answers* as a thank you gift. I know he will read it. I pray it will be with an open mind!

Tralina

I was in the inner city ghetto of Rochester NY doing businesses. I came to a place called White Magic Tattoo. There were 3 young men who worked there, all wearing black shirts and black pants with huge hole earrings (they had horrifying tattoos up and down their arms and necks.) One of them came up to me and I showed him a cookbook, but he was not interested. So I asked him what he read when he had the time. He responded tattoo magazines.

I showed him the *Great Controversy* and told him a little bit about it--including how much it was and quickly he pulled out 20 dollars. He said that he was definitely going to read the *Great Controversy*. It is amazing and thrilling to see the Holy Spirit move a man's heart to feel the need of such a powerful book as the *Great Controversy*. I pray that he will seek the Lord and find Him as he reads this book and continues to search for truth!

Sabrina

I walked into a very classy lawyer's office and told the security guard what we were doing. He got a Happiness Digest and said, "I don't mind if you take what you have to the other parts of the building and show them what you're doing." So I started with the 4th floor and the first room was the secretary's office. She was interested in the books and really liked *He Taught Love, Peace Above the Storm, and God's Answers*.

She started telling me about how her church has Bible Studies and they're studying Prophecy but that she really didn't get it. So I showed her the *Great Controversy*, which covers the last 2,000 years of Bible Prophecy. She was so interested, but she didn't have enough money. Finally she gave me 5 dollars and borrowed the rest from one of her coworkers to get the book.

I was so blessed how God prepares the hearts of the people. Every time I sell a book I can see that the Holy Spirit has softened the hearts of the people. I know God put me in the building to speak to that one lady who was searching for the truth. It's so beautiful how God is so real and personal in our lives today, that he can use any one if they are willing to do His work. God makes the appointments and wherever He sends me I will go.

Esther

My friend Shane and I were hop-scotching businesses together one morning. However I wasn't sure where he'd canvassed because I had been in another business for awhile. So I walked into an auto repair shop and asked a friendly looking lady if she had seen a young man come inside selling books earlier. She said she wasn't sure; no one was at the front desk so I sat down beside her and began a canvass. Just then, the owner came back to the desk and informed me that Shane had indeed been there a few minutes before. Then he left, so I went back to canvassing the lady.

She was showing some interest when the owner came back out. Somehow seeing me there with his customer infuriated him, so he told me in no uncertain terms to leave his place of business. This I would do, but the lady wanted my books! I did the fastest close I've ever done and told her that if she wanted the books she'd have to come outside to write her check. This she did, writing out enough for the *Great Controversy* and *More Choices*. Whether the owner considered it a divine appointment or not I do! Satan made every effort to make it hard for the lady to get truth, but His efforts were not strong enough to overpower angels! :)

Izhar

I knocked on one door one afternoon and a young man answered. He looked to be 18 yrs. of age. I was not sure if to ask for his parents or canvass him. I made my choice and decided to canvass this young man that was as young as me. I showed him the *Great Controversy* and explained how it showed the last 2,000 years and how prophecy is fulfilling, He told me how he liked to read and that he was studying political science in college. PTL! He bought the book. :) It doesn't matter how the person looks or how old he is because the message is for everyone who wants to hear it!

Titus

After a successful business shift, we picked up and drove to lunch. Driving there I thought back on the morning's blessing; many divine appointments, heartfelt prayers with the people, many Happiness Digests, and 9 books. It had been an exciting and satisfying time! Soon we arrived at a gas station that had a Subway inside. After we were seated and halfway through eating, a woman walked in and interrupted our conversation, asking if one of us guys would move some mulch bags from the storefront into the back of her van. Shane and I jumped up and lifted the bags into the trunk. "Thank you, thank you. She exclaimed. Those bags were just too heavy for me to lift, and you fellows are a great help! I've been driving all day looking for mulch, and I finally found it. Here take this," She gestured as her hand held out some money, "for helping me"

"No" I told her. "Jesus says 'In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me. I actually helped Jesus today, and he has paid me more way more, way more, than I possibly deserve. So since Christ has, is, and will pay me, you don't need to." Just then my friend Shane walked up and handed our new friend a Happiness Digest which she gratefully accepted. "I love Jesus too; wow this is so wonderful!" She gushed. "So what are you guys doing this summer?" She asked.

Just then at that moment I was thinking "This is really neat, but this is lunchtime and I want to finish eating" But I wouldn't dare tell her that, so she continued prying me with good questions about our student magabook ministry and sharing Jesus with people. Her excitement about Jesus right then prompted me into action. "Hey, why don't you come over to the van with me and I'll show you the books." "Sure I'd love to." She agreed, after looking at the books she picked He Taught Love (Christ's Object Lessons) As I shared with her how the book had brought me closer to Christ, she assured me that she would definitely read it too.

Pressing the donation for the book into my hand, she asked that I would pray for her ministry, that God would use and help her to show Jesus to others. Telling me that she was praying for me too, we parted. Walking back to lunch, I realized the amazing blessing the 2 of us had shared-God timed our meeting perfectly by sending us to eat there and sending her to buy mulch there, Then as I ate the food God gave to me, He sent to share some spiritual food to one who was hungering for it.

Who could have set up such an amazing appointment? Was it just chance or incredible luck? No! Only God can arrange these meetings; only He can fill ones' spiritual hunger. Our Saviour will use you to save someone from spiritual starvation if you but allow Him!

Daniel

I was about half way down the street when I knocked on this door. A woman answered the door and I started my canvass. She said that she really liked the books, but did not have the money. Then she started to pour out her heart to me. She told me about her family.

At one point in conversation she mentioned how there are so many churches. I told her that I have enjoyed reading the *GC* because of that very reason. She said she would love to have it, but because she was broke no. I told her she could have it because someone had been generous. I asked her if I could pray with for her and she said yes, after praying for her she thanked me for the book and my prayer. She was really touched and so was I.

Adam

I was knocking and praying that I could be a blessing to who ever came to the door. After a little while a kind woman came to the door, and she kindly invited me in, I showed her what I had, and immediately her attention took too *Peace Above the Storm*. As I shared with her more details about the book, she exclaimed, "Oh! I need this! Right now time's are rough my husband has cancer in the throat, he can't eat a lot or it will start to hurt." "Oh," I replied sympathetically. I prayed, "Lord please tell me how and what I should do, and give me the words to say." The Lord impressed me to show *Health Power*, a book with principles to heal heart disease and cancer. I told her, "You can have peace physically with *Health Power* and mentally with *Peace Above the Storm*." So God blessed and she got both books. Then I prayed with her and she said she was encouraged! :) PTL!

Andrew

I was canvassing in downtown Rochester on Thursday, June 21. An electrician on the other side of the street walked over to me and gave me his business card and pen. He asked me what I was doing so I showed him the cookbook and he said "I don't live on this street, I was just working on someone's house." Later when I did the other side of the street, he looked at the rest of the books and decided to get *Peace Above the Storm*.

Robert

I approached a door at the end of the week, and found Luke already canvassing a Baptist lady there. They were discussing payments when Luke introduced me to her. As they continued talking, I found a unique opportunity to interject a thought. Then she asked me where I was from. Come to find out, she had just moved from a town only a few miles from where I live in Kentucky! I was able to tell her about the similarities to the Old Regular Baptist faith. She filled out the Bible Study interest form and said she would try to visit the church we are staying at. It was such a blessing to be able to answer her questions, and Luke was able to leave her with two books. God truly blessed.

David

While I was working with a new student, we met a gentleman with tattoos on his neck. He seemed to have a gentle manner and was neatly dressed, but showed no interest in our books or services. He had lung cancer and didn't have much money, so I asked for a small donation for a Happiness Digest. After making the exchange with the man, I couldn't help but think of that tattoo and how he must have had less tamer times in his life. A week or more later, our team was working the businesses and houses of the Rochester, NY ghettos. I was picking up the last student before lunch at an auto lady shop. When I walked in, I found the student talking to a man while someone was going to get money for a book. I recognized the man's tattoos at the same time as he recognized me. "Hey I remember you!" He exclaimed with delight in his voice, "It's me, Gino—You came to my door!" When his friend returned with money, Gino helped canvass him on Peace Above the Storm and his friend bought it.

I remembered that Gino had told me he had cancer, yet I saw him smoking. He indicated that he knew which "H" he was headed to and it was too late to quit. We talked a bit more before I surveyed him. He chose the Stop Smoking classes. He used to work at that auto shop and was just visiting his friend for the day. As we were leaving, Gino expressed his deep concern for our safety in working in such an area of town, I am thankful we did for Gino now has a reading buddy for the book, Steps to Christ and is one step closer to breaking enslaving habits. Praise the Lord!

Miriam

"I can't understand why I get such low sales. I can't figure out why I can canvass all day being in tune with God, loving the people, making friends, praying, using faith and all and still end the day with two books. And the same day, someone who complained, walked slowly and hasn't had much training ends up with nine or ten!" These were my thoughts as I scurried from house to house close to pickup time one day. "How come I am always meeting either nice people with no money or mean people with lots. I don't understand, Jesus, why?" I couldn't answer these perplexing questions that rumbled around in my mind and in desperation I let out the almost half accusing questions to God? "Why?"

Then came the moment I had wished and also knew would come. It was almost as if He looked me in the eyes and said, "Are you calling me unfair?" I had to admit that was what I had been doing. With a newly humbled spirit, I quickened my pace as I neared the next house. Upon being shown what I was doing, the lady at the door said that she already had too many books. But she started asking questions about me personally. When she learned that I was homeschooled, loved God, and was out there because I love the people, she decided she would help me out. She got a Fun with Kids in the Kitchen and encouraged me to try my best at anything I did and I would succeed. Her encouragement came just when God knew I needed it most. Thank you Jesus! :)