

January 2024

New!

“Pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ.”

Colossians 4:3

That’s what we’ve been praying in 2024. And God is answering this prayer. Yesterday Bob was returning on the Metrolink train after training some physicians in South Central Los Angeles (more on that later!) He began talking to Jake (name changed), a Hollywood hotel bellman, enroute to visit his daughter. They each shared about the joys and challenges of raising daughters. “What fears do you have for your daughter?”, Bob asked. Immediately Jake mentioned being concerned about his daughter’s self image. Like most teens, she spends time on social media which falsely portrays everybody else as having perfect lives.

That question lead to a conversation about the best foundation for self identity. Jake thought faith might be a good place to start. He mentioned that earlier in his life he was an atheist. Yet he had been warming to the idea of God in recent years. In fact, his son had found God and often urged Jake to consider Christ. Jake is still hesitant.

Bob shared how much of an impact Jesus had in his own identity. “Because of what Jesus has done for me on the cross, the creator God sees me in the same way he sees Jesus. That can be true for you and your daughter as well.” As we approached Jake’s stop, Bob told him about two useful resources: the website EveryPerson.com and Lewis’ book *Mere Christianity*. He also recommended the church Reality LA in Hollywood. Jake seemed genuinely grateful and perhaps a few steps closer to saying yes to Jesus.

Then Bob asked Jake about some of his more memorable hotel celebrity quest encounters. It seems Jake once helped a star of the early Star Wars movies to his room. Jake asked the actor, “Is there anything else I can get you?” As star looked down the hall, he said “No, I’d just like to find some leftover room service food in the hall and eat it.”



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Diana Cancer Update

Last month Diana had a follow up appointment at City of Hope. The news was good. All the lesions on her skin are gone and her dermatopathologist recommended that she stop her phototherapy treatments.

We are most thankful to God for this report. We’ll return in 6 months for another appointment. And though Diana’s lymphoma is manageable but not curable, we continue to pray for complete healing.

Thanks for your prayers for her. Can you also pray for Jake and for even more opportunities to share Christ?

Bob & Diana

Upcoming Events **JOIN US!!!**

- Jan 14, 2024 Anaheim, CA Speak at Cru Winter Conference
- Jan. 20, 2024 Dallas METS Whole Person Care Conference
- Jan. 26-27, 2024 Jackson, MS Whole Person Care Conference
- Feb. 3 Speak to Central Neighborhood Health Foundation Board
- Feb. 4, 2024 Los Angeles, Speak to UCLA med students
- March 1-2, 2024 Lynchburg, VA Speak at Remedy East Conference-
- March 14-16 Cincinnati Speak at CCHF National Meeting
- April 2024 Birmingham, AL Conduct Training at Christ Health
- June 16-July 13, 2024 Whole Person Care Preceptorship



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