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# WONDERS OF SCIENCE

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## ACSI TEACHER'S CONVENTION

### “Now I Can't Wait To Get Started!”

Over three hundred teachers attended the annual conferences and workshops. That excited remark came after one of the ACSI Teachers Conventions that were held in Fremont and Bakersfield, CA. She

elaborated by saying that she'd been tasked to start a summer science camp and felt overwhelmed not knowing where to begin. The subsequent workshops gave them all dozens of hands on experiments that could be

constructed using everyday items to teach simple or complex scientific concepts integrating Biblical applications to one's life. The old adage, “Feed a person for a day and they will be hungry the next morning; teach them to fish and they will feed a family, and by teaching others, feed a city.”



Keynote session for teachers (below).  
Practical workshop sessions (left).



## “We Doubled Your Chapel Time Because of Student Interest!”

What often amazes me is the attention that young people will give to science when one often hears that it is so boring. I suppose it depends on how the subject is handled. For my part at our Whittier Christian Schools Maybrook Elementary campus, I hoped to instill in the student's minds the creativity and wonders to behold through what Jesus has engineered in His creation. Just last month I received two calls from two of my former students, one is now a doctor and the other is a lawyer. They just wanted to thank our teachers for preparing them for an active role in their communities as they continue to walk with the Lord and share their faith.



There is no age limit for enjoying science!

### “Invitations Went to Gangs, the Homeless and Our Community!”

One of the most unusual presentations recently was through a local church’s outreach to the Spanish community near Disney Land. A meal was provided to many families and singles who live near the church. Afterwards a Wonders of Science presentation, simultaneously translated into Spanish, was well received, especially by the youth who’d rarely had an opportunity to experience a program quite like it. The Biblical messages really hit home to many and the Spanish pastor then asked me to return for their upcoming family series.



Anaheim Community dinner and demos (left). Plasma globes were a big hit after the demos (below).



## “A Paleoanthropologist, A World Explorer/Adventurer and Me!”

I felt a bit out of place at the 29<sup>th</sup> annual conference of the “Creation Science Ministries of Oregon” with such accomplished professionals, but their shared love for the Lord and desire to create an interest in Biblical truths put us on a common mission. My first presentation was to the youth and then two more sessions for over 2,000 attending adults.

We had an “amusing” start because the convention hall PA system was miss-adjusted and covered both lecture halls simultaneously, thus when I joked about an experience, we heard the other adjacent hall explode into laughter before my audience did and visa-versa when a joke was told on that side! The three of us became good acquaintances after that “ice-breaking” experience.

Terry received many requests for our complete, five DVD set of WOS demos (\$20 + \$5 shipping/handling).

One of the scientists speaking (the paleoanthropologist, also a pastor) invited me to his church the next day to bring the message. The beautiful historic building was the first synagogue in **Portland, Oregon** established in the mid 1800’s. The members of The Church of All Nations opened their arms to the Biblical truths God allowed me to present.



Dean at All Nation’s Church (above right).  
Creation Evolution Seminars (right and left).



## “Powerlifters, Healing Families and Those In Recovery”

Jim, a longtime friend, introduced me to Peter, the Director of The Bible Tabernacle in Venice Beach, CA. Peter has followed in his father’s footsteps exhibiting his love for what could have been a neglected community in need. Housing is provided at a mountain retreat in Canyon Country of the Sierras for 71 families who attend Bible studies daily and work in their respective communities. Peter’s commitment and humble spirit was inspiring as he shared his ministry outlook to me before the presentation.

These communities (as do many of us these days) need some hard hitting Bible truths to be moved into action through the Holy Spirit and see lives turned around (see comments). They know what it’s like to feel rejected and unloved. I couldn’t help but join in with their enthusiasm as they cheered and roared with laughter at one of their members, a six foot seven giant of a strongman, wrestling with my gyro suitcase during a demonstration of one of God’s laws. He had an impossible task of trying to turn the energized case around during the applause and encouragement shouted from his friends. They had all pointed to him when I asked for the strongest man in the audience!



The men's side of the auditorium.

I will not soon forget the polite, courteous reception and responses of “Yes sir!” and “No sir!” to simple requests I made to those helping during set-up and auditorium preparations. The godly environment experienced by these men and women can provide positive experiences that become habits in society.

### COMMENT CORNER...

*“Thank you so much Dr. Ortnor for your kind words. It means so much to me! You were the best and always made time for your students. I loved going to science class and your personality drew students into your classroom even during lunchtime!”*

-- Former student, current medical doctor --

*“Why aren’t we hearing this kind of thing in the churches I’ve been visiting while looking for the truth?”* -- First time visitor --

*“Our folks were truly fascinated with the presentation. They’ll remember this for a long time to come.”* -- Pastor --

*“I have never heard these things before! Why don’t we hear more of this? Our kids need to hear what you’ve shared!”*  
-- Attendee at the Sierra Canyon Country meeting --

*“This is the stuff people should be learning instead of what’s on the Learning Channel.”*  
-- ACSI Workshop attendee at Fremont, CA --

### PRAYER CORNER

- Praise for a short break in the schedule for time needed to work on equipment repairs.
- For continued growth toward godliness in the many decisions made during the past few months.
- Praise for God’s protection in keeping us faithful and focused these past 44 years!
- Pray that those looking for truth will be guided to churches preaching the Bible and the whole counsel of God.

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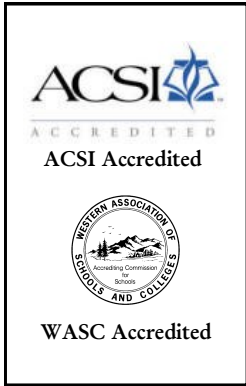
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**“The Lord’s Spirit Moved  
and ‘Bam!’ We Saw  
Decisions Everywhere!”**

After Whittier Christian School’s science camp I heard two reports of 34 and 38 decisions that were made and confirmed in counseling afterwards. What a life changing time for so many at camp this year. I go behind a wall to pray and don’t always know how the Lord has worked, but I peeked at the conclusion and saw two large groups of students being moved, boys to one side and girls to the other side of the gymnasium. Pray for the on-going nurture of these precious young lives.



Snow, experiments and fun at Science Camp.

