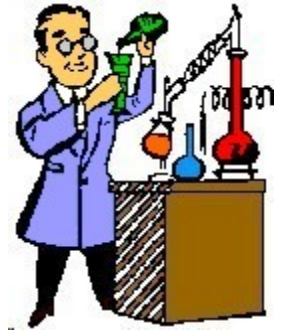


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35 Years + 8 Million + 1/2 Billion = An Awesome God + 40,000 Souls!



Dean on the coil at the World's Fair in 1974 (above left). In the 90's (above). And 2005 (above right).

Dean and Terry Ortnor are celebrating their 35th year presenting the Wonders of Science demonstrations! The Lord has been so faithful to honor His word for so many millions of searching hearts that personally experienced the Wonders of Science programs live and now the one-half billion via television. What an incredible opportunity it has been to watch the Lord work in over 40,000 first time decisions and so many other lives over the decades that we won't be aware of until heaven. Had we known of all the dangers, the incredibly long hours of driving while wearing out six vehicles over ¾ million miles, through all kinds of weather while hugging the steering wheel, the humiliating ridicule at times thrown in our faces, and the accumulated years away from the family, I might have looked for an Aaron to rescue me.

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**4,500 + 5 =
Youth/Parent
Attendance At
Phoenix
Convention**

How does one keep over 4,500 young people attentive and returning for more hour after hour after hour for two full days? Wonders of Science empowered by the Lord's grace, that's how!

We presented the programs all day long for those two days with a 30-minute break in between each presentation along with a lunch break. In my younger days I was foolhardy enough to do this kind of thing alone, sometimes after driving for several days solid just to get to the location. Today, I'm supposed to be older and wiser (yes, I'm going on 62!). Terry and I had wonderful help from several families who gave much of their time unloading the gear, setting up the equipment and then running sound and lights for two days, only to pack it all up again and follow us up to the Navajo Nation capitol in Window Rock, AZ and then to begin the series all over again for another week.

Terry was assisted by some volunteer parents in the exhibit area where we had some materials available. She was able to minister



even to those who were there to assist us. Terry is one of the most well read women I have known and her counsel is valuable. Many of those who spent time in the booth were filled with questions and timely concerns. Terry was able to help each one become more aware of how much the Lord is able to accomplish in lives as we yield to His plans.

The Homeschool crowd was very anxious to participate in the hands-on program.

One exciting blessing for Terry and me during our summer tour was the able assistance of Ted Chapanian, a young man I'd met recently after a science series presented at BIOLA University in La Mirada, CA. I'd been asked to present the programs to the annual ACSI Science Fair, a gathering of very enthusiastic youths who were representing their various schools after winning their local science fairs.



Ted and his friends helped load and unload the gear. However, Ted hung around after the others had left and began asking questions—for over two hours! I always enjoy questions from someone genuinely interested in science and spiritual things. We parted ways with the promise to stay in touch and he later graciously accepted the invitation to accompany us on tour to see all the programs in action. Ted was a big hit with the young people to whom we ministered. The value of his assistance can only be measured in heaven someday. Thank you Ted! (Photo on page three).

Dean & Terry Meet Two New



Yes, we actually did! The Navajo Nation's capitol is in Window Rock, AZ, but the nation actually encompasses land that involves four different states, AZ, NM, UT, and CO. Window Rock is about 1½ miles into AZ from the NM border, northwest of Gallup, NM. The area is known for the unusual rock formation seen in the accompanying photo.

The families who helped us during the home school convention in Phoenix also drove up to Window Rock to assist us there. On one occasion we visited the rock formations just outside of town. We had a wonderful time collecting fossil seashells as we climbed the local mountains reaching some 7,000 feet! I wonder if Noah realized the controversy he'd be causing by not burying such things out of reach for today's compromising church? Some of the fossils were so delicate that they broke apart with the slightest touch, evidence that they'd been buried in place and not thrust up from the depths.

One of the many highlights of our ministry there was to meet two recent members of the Navajo Nation's Supreme Court. What was really exciting was to learn that one of the ladies was a strong Bible believing Christian who had devoted her life to helping her people to come to know the true Great Spirit, the Creator, the Lord Jesus Christ. Louise speaks her mind regarding the things of the Lord as was apparent in the local newspaper's positive articles about her.



We enjoyed meeting Louise (left) and her associate.

We were there at the Window Rock National Navajo Museum just outside of the rock formations as the Nation's Council had just broken up for lunch. Louise and her associate were visiting the museum, wearing their formal native dress. We just had to ask about their attire and had a wonderful conversation only to learn of their recent high calling as justices. Louise honored us with her presence at our last demonstration, the "Million Volts".

One unusual thing we learned during our stay was brought to light because of our housing location. The local river had flooded and caused a very steep climb to and from our host's guest house. On either side of the road leading up from the gorge were two funeral homes. In the winter, they are unable to drive the hearse down the embankment due to the icy conditions. The only other route is longer and winds through the reservation at times.



Ted was such a great help to Terry and me this summer.

From this we learned that the traditional Navajo belief is that whenever a dead person passes by, the medicine man must be called to cleanse the land again. This becomes very expensive, so one can see the reluctance that particular native groups would have to seeing that hearse making yet another pass through their lands.

We also learned that if one mentioned death and directed that to a particular individual, you were actually putting a curse upon that person and wishing them to also die. We had to change how we talked of that subject from the stage. The words that the inviting pastor suggested we use were "passing on, going to one's reward" or even, "gathered to his people."

Continue to pray for the pastor and his family as they faithfully minister to their congregation and the local Christian school, founded as a mission way back in the mid-1800's.

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"This was our first Homeschool Convention and it couldn't have been more meaningful for us and our son that you were there. My husband attended your seminars with our son and two foster girls. It helped them so much. The media materials we bought were so good that we want to get more so that the foster girl's parents can see what their girls were exposed to."

-- Homeschool Mom --

"We have heard many favorable reports about your sessions. One gentleman from Flagstaff wrote in stating that he and his son really enjoyed attending your sessions and they thought you were "the best science guy they had ever heard."

-- Homeschool Convention Organizer --

BE INVOLVED!

- Pray for the WOS training workshops at the upcoming ACSI Teacher's Convention.
- Pray for the many school assemblies and community outreach opportunities requested this school year.
- On a personal note, pray that our youngest daughter Stacy's recent wedding will blossom into a strong Bible honoring family in the years ahead. She also has undergone sacrifice of a daddy for the ministry.

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