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## A Life Changed for a Gang Enforcer (“hit man”)

### Prison Ministry Update

“It was my job, so I wacked them! I didn’t care what color they were or how tough they pretended to be. Was I sorry then? Of course not! It didn’t matter to me anyway. So they left a wife or kids behind, so what! They dissed us so they get wacked! Besides, nobody argues with a guy six-six and built like a refrigerator.”

The graphic conversation continued with the Bible study leader (the first inmate to respond to the Lord through WOS after we made contact in that prison). He had been witnessing to LaMar (not his real name) for several months. LaMar confessed to have thought about “shanking” (death by homemade knife) the Bible study leader to shut him up, but was first curious to see if he “walked the talk” or was a fake. Prison “conversions” are not always genuine, even if claimed.

Later LaMar’s world was shattered when news came that his little brother was killed in a gang retribution hit. He was so angry he began beating up the guards, ending up in SEG (solitary confinement), and only released one hour a day. After six months in the “hole” he had mellowed enough to join the main population again and finally sought for answers the Bible study leader had talked about.



LaMar wouldn’t yet talk to “a Bible thumping white guy,” but in God’s timing another inmate had come to faith in the same Bible Study group and was known to him. That new believer was naturally

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## Calvary Chapel, Whittier

### No Longer an Atheist!

The auditorium was very close to a local college and various groups of students came together to check out Wonders of Science. There were a good number of professional engineers and technical types who joined in conversations after each presentation. The programs lasted a full week, Sunday through Saturday so crowds could return as they were able. It only took the Lord one night to turn this young college atheist around! (see comments)



After returning several nights, another man confessed that the first night’s subject really had an impact on him. That presentation illustrated that the light of Christ’s character should be reflected from a follower of Christ to others so that they may see God working. Though highly qualified for an earlier promotion, he was passed over, angered and discouraged. He said that he felt it was a coincidence that I’d spoken on the light subject that evening.

He returned the second night as we spoke on the colors present in the light itself, reflecting its inherent beauty. Now he was convinced the message was meant for him. The jealousy and anger he felt was totally removed and he actually congratulated the promoted person and genuinely meant it. He returned every night but one due to a prior commitment with his family.

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terrified of LaMar, but then had the amazing experience to see the Lord using him to reach out to this gang enforcer feared throughout the prison system and lead him to the Lord.

His conversion was so startling and life changing that the guards, formerly reluctant to deal with him, began to take notice. One guard, aware of LaMar's past troubles, asked him what had happened since he was now behaving so differently. He told of his new faith in Christ and was amazed to see the guard "get saved." Other inmates began to respond as well. Later, LaMar told the Bible study leader, "Keep preachin' that stuff 'cause I got your back!" Nobody messes with the Bible leader any more.

LaMar is now a regular member of the Bible study group and growing in the Lord through the materials and Bibles that Wonders of Science provides. Truly, no one is beyond the saving grace of Jesus Christ! The Spirit draws and then provides someone to come along and disciple them. Over the years these inmates eventually mature and have started eleven other Bible studies of their own as they get transferred to other units while maintaining contact.

## Vietnamese Science Camp



While presenting WOS at our school's winter science camp, a group of leaders from the Vietnamese community was touring and asked if I would present a concentrated two day summer series of demos and teaching on the creation/evolution challenges young people face today.

After a full day of setting up followed by two grueling days of programming, I was concerned that so many youth and leaders had seemingly accepted today's secular philosophy regarding origins. Right in the middle of the third presentation I was interrupted by two leaders and asked to stop so the students could break into groups and ask questions directly. So, after about 10 minutes delay, we started in again.

What totally surprised me was that the students asked the same questions I had just gone over the previous day and was about to expand further prior to being interrupted. Then I remembered the crowd's texting and showing videos to each other during the presentations. All they wanted were "sound bites" for quick answers to common issues. They weren't that interested in building a foundation to learn the *whys* of the proper answer. Unfortunately, I'm finding this is all too common these days. They will be totally unprepared for any counter arguments. I feel compelled to mention this, since our sound-bitten, share-a-phrase-out-of-context-on-Twitter/Facebook/texting communications culture could cause valid inquiries as to our position on Scripture to be met with derision, dismissed without further investigation!

The bright spots during the series were the few highly motivated students who came one on one to really dig into the questions they had regarding the issues I presented. Each thanked me for pointing them more clearly to the reasons behind the hope they can have in the truth of their Biblical positions.





The exclamation “I’ve rarely seen squirmy preschoolers sit still for 30 minutes!” from one of the teachers present spoke volumes. I was also excited to watch such focused eyes, huge as saucers, intently wondering what was going to happen next. I think the biggest reaction came from the class when volunteers came up to launch

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the rocket balloons across the room. It was a practical lesson on what controlled forces can do when engineers figure out some of God’s laws and apply them constructively.

WOS was immediately asked to return for three more assemblies in the near future. The principal of another campus happened to be visiting and requested assemblies for this winter as well.



**COMMENT CORNER...**

“I came the first night after my classes and had so much rethinking to do that I couldn’t sleep after what I’d heard at your show. Then during the second night’s presentation I was so convicted and God totally changed my mind and I committed my life to Jesus!”  
--University Student Atheist

“This is exactly what I’ve been looking for—just what I’ve needed! I need to follow the true God, Jesus. Now even my mother is reading the Bible.”  
--Inmate, born and raised a Muslim

“‘Thanks for the sermon,’ I needed it!”  
--US Air Force B-2 Stealth Instructor Pilot

“I’ll start by saying that you have been the most influential teacher in my life, and I mean that truthfully. You have impacted me in so many ways, my faith primarily, but what you ultimately did was give me a passion for learning and excellence.”  
--Former student, Jet Propulsion Labs, CA

**PRAYER CORNER**

- ◆ Pray for the transition for WCS and Carnegie schools and our move to Calvary Baptist Church.
- ◆ For open requests locally and out of state to minister to schools and communities
- ◆ For finalizing work this fall on the new DVD taping of our program series and necessary support
- ◆ For many unusual and moving decisions made recently to move on to greater commitment

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## Some Exciting Changes...

Many Christian schools are closing all across the US and particularly here in California. The Lord brought Whittier Christian Schools to the attention of Carnegie Schools, an organization devoted to preserving and promoting excellence in private schools known for their solid spiritual and educational goals toward Christ-centered, college preparatory education. WCS/ Carnegie Schools just added a high school this year!

Wonders of Science is now under the school's sponsoring church so there will be no change for us and we look forward to an even broader outreach that will now include more local presentations added to our world-wide opportunities.

Our forty-fourth year of continual ministry is coming up next year and we thank you for the tremendous, faithful support. The Bible assures us that any who partner with a fruit bearing ministry will share in the fruit it brings through the Lord's blessing (1 Samuel 30:24) such that we will all have something to present Him on that day.

## Whittier Christian School, A Carnegie School

**Nogales Community Programs;** please pray for the Spirit to move in the hearts of the people in Nogales Arizona  
Monday, Oct. 24th—Desert Shadows Middle School  
Wednesday, Oct 26th—Challenger Elementary  
Friday Oct. 28th Pierson Middle School  
Wednesday, Nov. 2nd—Little Red School House

Tuesday, Oct 25th—Sonshine Christian, 6th—Preschool  
Thursday, Oct. 27th Nogales High School  
Monday Oct. 31st FBC Nogales "Light Night" Outreach  
Thursday & Friday are open, Sundays preaching at FBC