# WONDERS OF SCIENCE

"... bringing life to science"

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## "A Professional Skate Boarder, A Professional Break Dancer...and then there was Me!"



"The head principal was grateful for the event"

This was an unusual outreach for a public middle school's Christian club! Decision Point ministry was contacted to bring in three unusual programs for students over lunch hour while their parents attended teacher conferences. Each of the speakers offered their

"Enthusiastic attention"

presentation on separate days and I was given the finale, perhaps in case I blew up the school's auditorium that Friday.

WOS was given a "bonus" opportunity since the two physical education classes were rained out and required



"Dean 'pitching' ping pong curve balls"

to stay in the auditorium. I was asked if I'd present a secularized portion of my presentation (the teacher was an outspoken atheist) and I agreed, thinking many of those



"Attempting to catch the curve balls"

students would then be curious enough to attend the full program during the following parent/teacher conference.

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## "A Professional Skate Boarder, A Professional Break Dancer...and then there was Me!" (Continued)



The other two speakers are well known in their fields and outspoken in sports for their faith in Jesus. At each day's conclusion an offer was made for personal commitment to Christ for salvation. Those who desired were called to come up front, pray out loud repenting of sin, accepting Jesus' promise of forgiveness and committing their lives to Him. Others remaining in their seats privately filled out response cards for the same decisions.

Each day dozens of students publically making a profession was a blessing to see, especially for the volunteers following up the decision cards.

The following week, WOS received requests from four schools (scheduled April, July and August). Then a Spanish church also requested WOS to conclude their June VBS youth program ending the school year and also inviting their parents to a Wonders of Science presentation.



"Each three day program drew dozens of students up front to pray!



"Students filling out decision cards"

### **"A STUDENT INITIATED REQUEST BRINGS TWO ATHEISTS"**

The following April program was entirely planned by public high school students. They heard about a program we presented at their school before the Covid closures and asked the Decision Point representative, Luke, a former student known for his faith, if he would contact "that science guy" to do another program. The new challenges are that no teachers can be involved as before, so students must carry the program alone.

It was an interesting learning experience for the students in charge. The necessity of prior planning and organization is paramount! The crowd grew slowly so I began some demonstrations using popular students as volunteers. The leaders realized they needed to do more effective promoting for next time. However, the Lord may have brought two particular students to whom He was reaching out for anyway!

Luke and I had interesting discussions with two atheists and the transgender students who remained afterwards, some accepting copies of the New Testament. Continuing contact via email to answer their genuine questions will provide further opportunity for the Lord to work in their lives. Please pray for these spiritually hungry students. Subsequent crowds did grow to over 200 with many decisions! Humanly, this is a tough campus.



"Arriving students at a public high school"

 For upcoming program requests at three summer school programs in La Mirada, Brea and Chino Hills, CA through August.

 For the many who prayed to trust Christ for salvation that they will grow in their new faith as the Decision Point staff and volunteers provide ongoing instruction in God's Word.

• For continued prayer support to finish out the year.

Wonders of Science Counts on You!

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[The public school you were just at] "The vice principal is interested in coming to Christ now as well."

--Text from school volunteer--

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"The atheist student I was talking with while you were talking to the other one, who took a Bible, said he was coming back again to our next program!"

--Youth leader report--

"Your program is exactly what this school needs during these days of student confusion."

--Public school head principal--

"I am so excited to see your programs here again at our high school."

--High school teacher in attendance--



#### <u>Alert – New local bank filing rules:</u>

Due to the current banking disruptions and because WOS is under the umbrella of Calvary Baptist Church of Whittier, WOS is now required to accept donations **only** made **Payable to "Calvary Baptist Church of Whittier, or, Calvary Baptist Church."** Then make sure the **account or memo line only** is filled out with **"Wonders of Science."** For any questions, contact us by email or phone. Thanks for your understanding.

We especially thank you for continued interest and partnership with WOS as we endeavor to reach this generation with the truths of God's Word using interest in science to demonstrate His creativity, laws of nature and care for His creation. Especially His most precious creation, a human soul!