

2012 Printers Row Lit Fest

The 2012 Printers Row Lit Fest was our 14th year at this event. The weather was really good for the event, a refreshing surprise when thinking about previous years. Some years we have experiences that are memorable... sometimes they are less. Maybe it was the one conversation that we think nothing about that the Lord uses to touch someone. We know going in that it is in the Lord's hands... and that's exactly where the results should be left.

This year we had a few new faces. That is *always* a welcome sight. It is especially good to see interest in our youth!

I know those who came to serve could have spent their day in many other ways, but I am so glad that each chose to spend it at the Lit Fest. I am always honored to work with you.

I recognized a number of familiar faces from vendors of the past years... and they remembered us. Some were missing... like the elderly couple outside the Used Book Store that was our neighbor many times. The Tribune does a very good job in maintaining the order, cleanliness and smooth operation of this event. It makes everything just that much less stressful.

There were other competing events in Chicago, but they didn't seem to affect us. As I walked around I noticed once again that we were one of the few religious booths. There was a Muslim booth and a Christian Science booth. They were near each other, but far from us. The Children's Hospital was moving to new facilities. They had a booth and I picked up a few booklets of poems written by the young patients. They were very sad as they reflected the dismal outlook for their illnesses. In contrast, those that would find us, could find hope.

Bro. Mark Kandel

Last Saturday, 6/9, I met brothers Erwin and Mark at the Chicago Book Fair, Printers Row. This has become an annual event for me and I enjoy talking about the Bible to different people. The weather cooperated, with sunshine and mild temps although a bit breezy. This year we did not receive many visitors at our booth, while I was there anyway. Most of the people that came by took some free literature and moved on. However, we never know how that will work out; we leave it in the Lord's hands. I'm looking forward to going again next year.

Bro. Bob Giovannoni

I had an almost unbelievable experience at the book fair.

About 2-3 months ago I was reading the web sites on Jacob's Trouble. One person left his name and address at the end of his article.

I sent him a copy of the new 1st volume. He sent me some literature and I sent him 4-6 Dawn booklets.

At the book fair a man came to our booth and he pointed to the 1st volume and said that someone from Bloomington sent him a copy of this volume. I said I sent the copy to you. He stated that he read the copy and he liked some of the thoughts presented, but he said he did not agree with the volume. He said he did not throw the volume away.

We had a nice discussion on the points he did not like for about 10-15 minutes and we parted as friends.

I enjoyed passing out truth literature with Bro.'s Bob Giovannoni and Mark Kandel. I thanked the LORD for the opportunity to serve.

Bro. Erwin Kalinski

I enjoyed it and liked the conversations. I do wonder if that is the right crowd for us? It seemed like it was on the intellectual side.

Bro. Dan Torluemke

This was the first time I had the Sunday morning time slot and it was definitely slower than what I was used to on Saturday afternoons. Maybe because many Christians are in Church at that time.

Sr. Lynn sold a couple of DVD's and Bro. Mark sold two polish first volumes to a gentleman who goes to a polish church in South Bend and who said that one volume will be placed in their lending library.

I gave away the God's Grand Plan booklet to a couple of people who seemed to be quite interested in understanding the Bible better and/or said that they were looking for a new church. That made it worthwhile and pray that the Lord's Spirit will continue to work with them.

Besides that, I enjoyed the beautiful day serving with the brethren and thank the Lord for the opportunity.

Sr. Claudia Tosa

I would like to first of all like to thank you my heavenly father for allowing me to participate in yet another joyous time at Printers Row.

I also would like to thank you for all your "labors of love" and dedication to this witness effort. Your organizational skills are fantastic!

I was there on Sunday from 10-2 with Sr. Claudia who is always a joy to witness and fellowship with. Thank the Lord for beautiful weather. It was a little on the warm side, but we stayed hydrated with plenty of water. There was a lot of traffic walking by, but hit its peak about noon. We had a lot of lookers but no takers. I sold two or three CD's, but no volumes or 7&1's.

We did have a quit lengthy conversation with a man that was fed up with all religions. He was raised with Judaism, and went to a private school growing up. He said he always questioned is rabbi, but could never get the answers he was looking for. So I offered him the first Volume, but he refused. He listened to both Claudia and me, but was set in his thinking. He politely thanked us for our time and left.

All and all the day was great and the more I'm there the more comfortable I get with witnessing. I encourage all brethren to try it! When we left I had joy in my heart and praise on my lips to my father for gracing me with his plan!!

Lord Bless, to God be the Glory, Amen....

Sr. Lynn Reeland

We enjoyed the opportunity again this year to spread the Truth to any hearing ears at Lit Fest. This year the special blessing came from having several of our Teens there with us at the booth. Emilia and Sebastian Knapczynski and Ian Armstrong helped "man the booth," as well as help with the important job of dismantling at the end. We did not sell as many books as in the past, but were able to pass out a bit of free literature and say a few words to different ones that stopped by. At the end of Lit Fest, we had a wonderful time of extended fellowship and dinner at the Filicky's home; which everyone enjoyed. It was a beautiful day sharing this witness effort with our brethren.

In His Service, **Bro. Mark and Sr. Roberta Tabac**

PRLF RECAP	
COST	
SPACE	\$350.00
PARKING	\$ 84.00*
* No reimbursement requested	
LITERATURE	
7-in-1	2
DPA (Polish)	2
DVDs	4
Free Lit	50 -100 est.

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