

# 2013 Printers Row Lit Fest Report

This was our 15th year at the **Printers Row Lit Fest**. We have been blessed with one of the best locations we've ever had. The weather was good. We have had rain a few times in the past, but there wasn't a drop of rain or any high winds this time. There were a few places where religious literature was offered. One tent had Muslims and across from them was a small evangelical church from Chicago. They weren't a factor in anything we did.

There were conversations that I really enjoyed. Samantha lives in Asbury Park, NJ. She was in Chicago for training as an intern in a financial firm. She's staying in downtown Chicago to be near her work and just walked to the fair to see what was going on. She stopped at our booth. Raised Catholic, she has just recently started looking into the Scriptures to learn more. She liked the chart, the newsletters, booklets and magazines. Hopefully with her extra time here in Chicago she'll have a chance to look it over. I think she will. She'll be here until August and has our phone number, so you never know.

A new public library branch is opening in the Edgewater area of Chicago on the North Shore. One of the women responsible for literature liked what we had to offer and took a number of pieces, DVDs and a few books. It's not always easy to get literature into a library, but she seemed very pleased with what we offered. She especially liked ***Israel, Appointment with Destiny***. She liked the DVD because of the strong Jewish presence in Edgewater.

One couple that stopped stayed for a while. I don't remember much of the conversation, but I did notice the wife liked the literature and took a Polish volume and booklet packet.

While brethren were at the booth, I wandered around to see the other booths. One booth called, **Here's the Story**. It caught my attention. It's a story telling club with an open mike forum. There are people who sign up to tell a story of their choosing...mystery, humor, history, romance, etc. They get on stage and speak for 5-10 minutes without notes. There are some from the audience that go on stage and tell their story. I thought this might be an interesting venue for telling stories with a truth message woven in. After talking to a Japanese student who was manning the booth, she invited me to come and tell a story. (I'll have to think about that.) She also stopped by and took a number of pieces of literature from our booth (maybe she'll retract her offer after she reads it...but maybe not.) She's with a small Christian group and said she'd read it. As she and her friends were leaving the PRLF, they stopped and said good-bye. So, you never know.

The tented areas that had a lot of used books on shelves drew the largest crowds. Others in table locations, like ours, were much slower, so I didn't feel too bad that we didn't see as many interested in what we had to offer...it was an experience shared by others this year.

When an activity seems to have little results, it makes me sympathetic with Elijah... after all, we are of the Elijah Class. He didn't seem to have anyone else, yet the Lord told him there were 7,000 that hadn't bowed the knee to Baal. Brother Gene Burns gave the illustration of the farmer's produce stand along the highway. Many pass by, but they notice it. When it comes time to get fresh produce, they remember where they can find it.

People do remember us from previous years and I remember their faces, too. Our presence at the PRLF has a visual, silent witness, too. Being here for 15 years, people have an ongoing witness.

More Spanish and Polish interest was noticed. That was good to see.

The brethren that served were all able and willing to share the truth with any that would stop by. Bro. Bob reminds me that if we weren't at this event in 2001, he would not have come in contact with the truth. He has volunteered to serve on the opening shift ever since. (He remembers me, *but don't tell him...* I can't remember that conversation at all!) But, that's the point. We can share what we remember, but there is a lot more we forget. The people we talk to don't forget. Now, I think of that every time I see Bro. Bob. Thank you for the reminder, Bob.

Bro. Mark Kandel

*On Saturday, June 8, I met Mark at the Printer's Row Book Fair. I've been going to this book fair for a number of years now and have always enjoyed being there. The weather cooperated with us this year, it was a beautiful day. Mark had the table set up by the time I arrived. People were curious as to who we were, some talked to us, others just looked at the material. I did talk to one person from New Mexico who seemed interested in the information. I noticed Mark had a long conversation with another couple who took some Polish literature. We don't know where these "seeds" will fall. The time went by quickly when Mark and Roberta Tabac came to relieve us at 2PM. I look forward to being at the book fair again next year, Lord willing.*

**Bro. Bob Giovannoni**

All who served were invited to share their thoughts. As comments are submitted, they will be added to the report.

Brethren who served: Bob Giovannoni, Mark and Roberta Tabac, Dan and Donna Torluemke, Richard and Suzanne Doctor, and Tom Filicky.

Thank you.

#### **Literature Placed:**

9	Divine Plan of the Ages (English)
2	Divine Plan of the Ages (Spanish)
1	Divine Plan of the Ages (Polish)
15	DVDs
68	Booklet packets (English)
31	Booklet Packets (Spanish)
5	Booklet Packets (Polish)

Not counted... Free newsletters, highlighters and magazines

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Saturday  June 8	8:30	SET UP - MARK K 847.834.1774
	10:00- 2:00	MARK K.
		BOB G.
2:00- 6:00	MARK & ROBERTA T 630.890.1918	
	SECURE FOR NIGHT	
Sunday  June 9	9:30	OPEN MARK K 847.834.1774
	10:00- 2:00	DAN T. & DONNA T.
	2:00- 6:00	RICHARD & SUE DOCTOR
		MARK K
6:00	TEAR DOWN	