

2014 Printers Row Lit Fest

This was our 16th year at the Tribune's Printers Row Lit Fest. Those serving this year included Bros. Erwin Kalinski, Jeff Mezera, Chuck Maly, Dan Larson and Richard Doctor. It also included Srs. Estera Mezera, Claudia Tosa, Lynn Reeland, Roberta Tabac and Sue Doctor. I appreciate the interest and service of these Brethren.

This year we had the opportunity of distributing a new APP card with our literature. There were sales of literature, good discussions, familiar faces stopping by and a few who returned from previous years. There were long gaps of silence when we were a "gazingstock" to the multitudes that walked by, didn't stop and didn't care.

(Gazingstock - A person or thing gazed at with scorn or abhorrence; an object of curiosity or contempt.)

English Standard Version

"Sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated."
Hebrews 10:33

Those are times it's good to be with brethren and friends.

One woman did stop to pick up literature that her mother had acquired from previous fairs. She thought her mom would share, but now she returned to the Lit Fest hoping we would be there so she could have literature for her own use. She seemed happy we were still in the same area. It was the only reason she even came downtown. Then she left and went home. It was good to work with Br. Dan Larson and see Br. Chuck Maly... two good firsts for me. While we have little control over the results, it is good to make the effort to volunteer, serve and be a witness in the world.

Br. Mark Kandel

I appreciate the privilege of witnessing at the Book Fair. This year I had the opportunity of giving a DVD on Israel, to Rahm Emanuel, the Mayor of Chicago. I also appreciate selling our literature at a low cost and also offering free literature to the visitors to our booth. I want to thank Bro. Mark for his participation and storing our literature every year. I thank the LORD for this experience.

Br. Erwin Kalinski

THANK YOU very much for allowing us this opportunity.

Also, I would like to thank you personally for your tips on witnessing during our past discussions. I have much to learn...

Sr. Estera Mezera

The Printers Row was a blessing for us this year. We went with Br. Chuck Maly of Braidwood and worked with Bro. Erwin Kalinski. This gave the two of them opportunities to get to know each other.

One individual stopped by that I remember seeing a year or so before. He had family members in the Jehovah's Witnesses and had studied and appreciated the writings of Brother Russell more. He had some issues with some comments of Brother Russell that he thought were racist and had brought up some comments from the Reprints that he thought was over the top. We spoke about that and attempted to ease his mind and also discussed a little about Rutherford's illegal takeover of the Watch Tower Society and somehow got onto the subject of where Brother Russell found the doctrines that he taught. We were able to provide him with the special History issue of the *Herald* which discussed this and which he gladly took.

We spoke with another individual who stops by the fair every year. He was looking for new items that had not been on the table before. He had all of our videos and said that he enjoyed them. It was a short discussion and he was glad to take a couple of the free items that we had on various subjects.

A couple of times people stopped by after seeing one of the papers that were being offered entitled, "Left Behind Novels Seriously Flawed." We were able to speak about our Lord's *Parousia* with them by comparing and contrasting his invisible presence with their theory of the secret rapture (an invisible coming to the world). Since a new Left Behind movie is going to be released soon with Nicholas Cage as the star, it might be prudent for the Brethren to offer something new based on this subject which might discuss some of the points of the film and contrast them with the Scriptural view of the Lord's coming and coming Kingdom. This paper was the most popular of the day.

While we were there, Mayor Rahm Emanuel came to the Printers Row fair and walked by our booth (with his wife and bodyguards nearby as well as some photographers). I joked with the Brethren that it would have been something if he had stopped at our booth. Brother Erwin got the idea to go and give the Mayor and former Presidential Chief of Staff a DVD on "Blindness in Part Has Happened to Israel" (due to his Jewish background). Rahm took the DVD, thanked Erwin for it, and moved on to other booths.

It was a blessed time together with the Brethren and public and we look forward to it again next year.

Br. Jeff Mezera

"It was a pleasure and privilege to be able to participate in the Lit Fest again this year. The time flew by as I shared the experience with Sr. Claudia Tosa and Sr. Lynn Reeland. We had a number of people stop and the DVD's were very popular. One highlight was selling 3 Mandarin Chinese First Volumes. The other memorable discussion was with a young 7th Day Adventist girl. She had a lot of questions about our differences and our beliefs; just a pleasant conversation with genuine curiosity. Being able to verbalize my faith is important to me personally; so I appreciate this opportunity to talk to anyone with hearing ears."

Sr. Roberta Tabac

It was a lovely afternoon - warm weather, good company and great hope to offer to the passer-byers. I'll recount a couple of discussions that I remember. Two young Chinese looking ladies stopped by and I showed them the First Volume with the chart folded in the back and they were interested. I thought I should ask them if they speak other languages and when they answered Chinese I showed the Chinese First Volume with illustrations and one of them immediately said - I'll buy them all! And she did buy all 3 of them. A couple stopped by and the woman said all excited to her husband: "Oh, we bought some last year, remember - the one about the Pyramid?"

A young Seventh Day Adventist lady stopped and chatted with us and she wanted to know what we believe and how that was different from her beliefs. She didn't buy anything but took the free booklets which had the card with our Classes' website. Other people stopped and bought DVD's. Once again - people were amazed at the low prices of our materials.

Thank you for arranging for this opportunity Bro. Mark!

Sr. Claudia Tosa

It was a pleasure to be able to serve in the Lord's vineyard. We were able to place a number of newsletters and had a number of interesting discussions during our shift.

Br. Dan Larson

Printer's Row Lit Fest Schedule – 6.01.2014

<p align="center">Saturday</p> <p align="center">June 7</p>	8:30	SET UP – MARK K 847.834.1774
	10:00-2:00	ERWIN K. JEFF & ESTERA M.
	2:00-6:00	LYNN R. CLAUDIA T. ROBERTA T.
		SECURE FOR NIGHT
<p align="center">Sunday</p> <p align="center">June 8</p>	9:30	OPEN MARK K.
	10:00-2:00	DAN L.
	2:00-6:00	RICHARD & SUE D.
		MARK K.
	6:00	TEAR DOWN

PRLF Literature List

BOX	LITERATURE		2014	2013
5/6	7-IN-1 w/CARDS		5	-
3/4	6 VOLUME SET (INCL 1-DISPLAY)		-	-
5	DPA ENGLISH		1	9
5	DPA SPANISH		-	2
6	DPA POLISH		1	1
6	DPA CHINESE		3	-
7	HTSB PACKETS - ENG		75	68
5	APP CARDS		25	-
6	GOD'S PLAN FOR EVERYBODY		-	-
6	CHART OF THE AGES (NWIBS)		7	5
6	CBS BUS. CARDS		-	-
DVDs				
7	FTC-DVD-E		-	1
7	CREATION VS EVOLUTION-DVD		2	
7	CAN THESE BONES LIVE-DVD		-	-
7	911-DVD		2	-
7	AFTER ARMAGEDDON-DVD		3	-
7	BEREAN BIBLE STUDIES-CD		1	-
7	GOD'S KINGDOM-DVD		2	3
7	GREAT PYRAMID-DVD		2	1
7	TRUTH ABOUT HELL-DVD		1	2
7	BLINDNESS IN PART... TO ISRAEL-DVD		1	-
7	SABBATH		1	-
7	FTC-DVD-SP		-	1
7	FTC/HTSB-DVD-SP		-	1
7	DAY OF JUDGEMENT-DVD-SP		-	1
7	FTC-DVD-POLISH		-	-
7	APOINTMENT WITH DESTINY-NB -DVD		1	1

Expenses

ITEM	COST
BOOTH SPACE	350.00
LITERATURE COST	91.50
PARKING	60.00
MISC. ESTIMATE (HIGHLIGHTERS, APP CARDS, NEWSLETTERS, LIT PACKS)	80.00
SUB-TOTAL	581.50
LITERATURE SALES	-26.00
CBS PAYMENT OF SPACE	-350.00
PRIVATE DONATIONS	-205.50
BALANCE	0.00