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A helping hand to those affected by counterfeit religion


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Bumper Stickers Paying Off But...

More Bumpers Needed


We only have bumper stickers in 24 cities and towns, so far, but they are paying off in witnessing opportunities and sending people to the "WhatMormonsDontTell.com" web page to see several brochures packed with knowledge that Mormons don't want outsiders to have.

We've received feedback from several people already, telling how others are asking about the bumper sticker which leads to conversations not only about Mormonism but also about the true Christian faith. Here are just a few of the testimonies:

 "Today, my wife Joyce and I stopped by Wendy's to get a burger. Just as I was about to sit down a

lic missionary to Chile) mentioned the Mormons, half the class turned and looked at me. You see, they all have seen my bumper sticker [WhatMormonsDontTell.com] at sessions and have asked about it."

— Bob Deemer, NY

 Right before Christmas is when I put the yellow and black bumper sticker "WhatMormonsDontTell.com" on the back on my car and it wasn't long after that I got a response to it. I was leaving one of my many Boy Scout meetings, when I was approached by one of the adults in my troop. He asked me, "Were did you get that?" and "Is that a real site?" Assuring him that it was a real site, I encouraged him to check it out. He then shared with me that in his youth he was raised a "Mormon" but is not a practicing Mormon now. He also told me in his youth, he always had questions regarding the Mormon faith and when he would

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from Evangelical Church of Fairport, Brad White, from First Bible Baptist Church in Rochester and Bob Deemer from Calvary Chapel Fingerlakes in Canandaigua.


Need Help for the (Mormon) Hill Cumorah Pageant July 12 - 21

Last year we did not have quite enough help at the Hill Cumorah Pageant. If you are looking for a short term mission trip with free room and dinner, please contact Tom Jones at 727-214-0586 or tjrc@jj.net.

The outreach will consist of handing out CRC literature appropriate for each of three Mormon sites: the Joseph Smith Farm, the Book of Mormon Printing House (Grandin Building) and the Hill Cumorah Pageant. Those with little or no experience will be assigned an experienced partner.

Some of the time we will be limited to simply holding signs which say WhatMormonsDontTell.com. The signs were very effective last year, driving people to the web site where they can print any brochure. At other times, we will have opportunities to answer questions from Mormons and non-Mormons alike.

Special Training: This year we will again be using Greg Koukl's *Tactics in Defending the Faith* (interactive DVD workshop from Stand to Reason.com) for our training. But this year I hope to have the interactive exercises tailored to Mormonism.


Application Form: If you do not automatically receive an application form for this year's pageant, please e-mail Tom Jones at tjrc@jj.net to request one. Filling out the application helps to make sure we have enough T-shirts, dinners, and places to sleep for everyone. 



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young blond headed lady came up to me and said, "I am a Mormon should I go to that web site?" I thought a second and said, "I don't think we should ever be afraid of information." She said, "Thank you" and went to her table. I could hardly eat my burger without thinking about what she asked. My wife said, "That was a good answer." She had seen the bumper sticker on my car. Anyway, I hope she checks you out. Blessings!" — Pastor Allen Harrod, KY

 "My trip to Chile leaves on February 10th, and I return on the 18th. When one of our speakers at my LEAD session (a former lay Catho-

CRC Board Expanding

Christian Research & Counsel's Board of Directors recently voted to add three new directors in the area of Palmyra, NY, the birthplace of Mormonism. This is a purposeful expansion of the leadership of CRC into the geographical area of our most important (annual) outreach, the Hill Cumorah Pageant. They all worship at different churches which gives us relationships with three more churches in the area. The new directors are Bob Kilpper,

Note: some of the names in the following notes may have been changed for privacy's sake. Many of the letters we receive cannot be shared at all due to their sensitive nature.

Dear Tom,

"My brother-in-law, Sam, was raised in a Christian home but when he went off to college got hooked up with such "nice Christian-like" people and totally fell for Mormonism. Ended up at BYU for a masters and that sealed the deal. He'd grown up in a Christian home, knew his Bible backwards and forwards, went to every Bible camp, Vacation Bible School, etc. His parents couldn't believe it, they thought HE would convert THEM - what a shocker. That is the short version. I like to tell people that story because so many Christian parents think, "That would never happen to MY child", etc."

— Julie, Texas



Tom,

"Please send two [bumper stickers] in case a friend of mine wants one. With other sites I might be reluctant because of being disrespectful or overwhelming but yours is simple & respectful.

Both Christy & I really like your PDF pamphlets..."

— Darren,
New York

Dear Tom,

"...Your article, "Hill Cumorah Pageant was Full of Surprises" was thrilling. I am reminded that we are to be faithful to God at all times, as God is in control.

I would like to see more articles on your witnessing experiences, so that I gain insights from you and develop effective methods to reach out to Mormons.

— Etsuko, Australia

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ask the Mormon Bishop, he would never get a straight answer. He was always told, "We will get back with you." But they (Bishops or the elders) never did. They would avoid the answer or maybe they really didn't know the answer. Anyway, we talked for over two hours on the topic of who Jesus was and why was He baptized and what is required to receive salvation-is baptism part of the requirement of salvation? My new-found friend was very curious on the subject and I again told him to check out the site and if he knew anyone else of the Mormon faith, to please share this information with them. I encourage everyone to check out the site. — Patty Greco, FL

Visits to WhatMormonsDontTell.com

For the few bumper stickers we have placed on cars around the country, the number of hits on the web site directly related to the bumper stickers looks very good. We can't be precise as we don't know

exactly how many people have actually put their bumper sticker on their car. But we do know how many hits come from the bumper sticker outreach in each town. Last week we averaged a little over 12 hits per day (That's about one hit on the web site every other day for each bumper sticker). Most of us don't have an opportunity to inoculate someone against Mormonism every other day. So, in my book, that's a pretty good return on my investment of 2 minutes to place a bumper sticker on my car.


Now that we know the bumper stickers are working...


Wouldn't you like to protect a family from falling into this false religion every day or two? Please consider ordering a bumper sticker for your car so that you can help increase the number of people who are being inoculated daily. If you have a


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We deeply appreciate your letters offering encouragement or requesting information or counsel concerning false religions. They both, sustain us, and call us to action.

The ministry of Christian Research & Counsel is fourfold:

 Educational material and counsel given freely to families affected by false religions.*

 Educating the church about false religions and equipping them to defend their faith.

 Intervention between proselytizing false religions and their prospective converts, exposing and comparing the (usually hidden) beliefs of the false religion to the Bible, enabling the investigator to make an informed decision.

 Educating members of false religions about the errors which prevent them from realizing their rightful relationship to God through Jesus Christ.

*Main focus, Mormonism (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints) and Jehovah's Witnesses (The Watchtower Bible and Tract Society).

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situation where you need to take the bumper sticker off for certain occasions, ask for a magnetic bumper sticker. They are more expensive but if that's the only way you can participate, we want you to have it. By the way, the stick on type of bumper sticker has been easy to peel off, even from plastic bumpers. If you're still uncomfortable, you can always put it in the rear window near the bottom where it won't obstruct your vision.

Before ordering your bumper sticker, why not ask some others in your Sunday School class or other Christian group if they will join you in warning the public about Mormonism by putting a sticker on their car. Then just tell us how many you need. There's no cost or obligation on your part. (We do encourage folks to make a donation, if possible, to make sure that we can continue to provide quality materials to all who need it, free of charge.) ☺

Mission Opportunity Postponed for Revamping

Hundreds of ministries across the nation and around the world have been gearing up for a one-day outreach to protect whole neighborhoods from being deceived by Mormon Missionaries and, at the same time share the gospel.

I was all ready to redo a training workshop at Calvary Chapel (only two people showed up for the first one, possibly because the announcement was rather vague. We are trying to keep the exact nature of the outreach confidential until the target date.) when it came to my attention that there were several complaints from other ministries citing errors in the material we were to use.

I e-mailed my concerns about the materials and have temporarily withdrawn our order of those materials until I see whether a solution is offered from the authors and/or producers.

For now, I'm continuing training and organizing volunteers for a door-to-door outreach using a simple door hanger which I have been working on for some time. This door hanger will be a respectful warning to our neighbors about Mormon missionaries with a simple comparison of LDS teachings to the Bible.

Those of you who live in the St Pete, FL area,—for more information or to register by phone, please call Tom Jones at 727-667-4112 or e-mail to tjrcr@ij.net.

***If you'd like to organize a team at your church or just cover your block...** please contact Tom Jones to obtain a sample door hanger. Then tell us how many you will need to cover your area. There's no cost to you. ☺

Practicing "Tactics"

by Tom Jones

Last July, during the Hill Cumorah Pageant, we used Greg Koukl's interactive DVD workshop on *Tactics in Defending the Faith*. Greg teaches that one's point can be made better by asking questions than by making statements. It's simple but it does require practice in order for the tactics to become second nature to us. I was so impressed by Koukl's approach that I'm compelled to work on it every chance I get.

Recently, a Mormon Missionary called from West Virginia. He had witnessed a Christian outreach during a public open house at an LDS Chapel and wanted to inform me that CRC pamphlets were being handed out "to try and antagonize us" and "prove us wrong." Thanks to Joyce Wickland and a team of evangelists from Simpson Creek Baptist Church in Bridgeport, WV, they had seen signs that said "WhatMormonsDontTell.com." The signs, he protested in so many words, were a form of persecution. He also hinted, in typical LDS fashion, that Mormons respect all other religions and allow them to practice as they will.

So I ask the young Elder if he was familiar with Joseph Smith's testimony in JSH 1:19 in the Pearl of Great Price:

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Please pray for...

S. L. - OREGON - Has boyfriend who was a Mormon as a child and whose family is all LDS and now wants to know the differences. Pray he'll not be lured back in.

J. R. - ARKANSAS - Son, secretly married to a Latter-day Saint in spite of Christian upbringing and a vow to reject Mormonism, now seems to be cooperating with and even defending the LDS Church. Pray we will be able to arrange a video chat with the son to discuss the Mor-

mon deception.

R. D. - COLORADO - Was being pressured into baptism by Mormon Missionaries. Has received material and counsel from CRC and is now considering her response to the genuine gospel. Pray she will be able to continue to resist the LDS and find a good Bible believing church.

S. W. - Tennessee - Salvation for LDS husband and two inactive LDS children. Pray they will be able to attend her church so that the Word of God will have an opportunity to prevail in their marriage.

Thanks!

Thanks to the Lord for all of you who have supported CRC prayerfully and financially. May He bless you!

Please pray for additional pledges of financial support from those who can offer a gift of \$5 to \$100 or more, monthly, to help with printing, operations, counseling, missions, etc. If you feel compelled to help, please fill out the form on the Equipping List and send it with your gift.

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I was answered that I must join none of them, for they were all wrong; and the Personage who addressed me said that all their creeds were an abomination in his sight; that those professors were all corrupt...

He was familiar with that quote, so I asked him if he had found anything on the signs or in our literature that was as blunt and abrasive as the words Joseph Smith used to describe Christianity and it's followers.

From that question, he evidently realized the hypocrisy in his complaint—without my having to say it—and decided to try another approach. He said, "well it goes deeper than that," and changed topics to suggest that to know the truth about the Book of Mormon I should study it and pray to know if it's true.

So, I asked another question: "Is there a biblical instruction to pray for a confirmation of the truth of a matter?" He said, "Sure, James 1:5" which tells us to ask for wisdom. So I said, "Ok, it's good to ask for wisdom. Wisdom is what we do with knowledge, once we have it," and asked the question again: "Does the Bible say to pray to find out if something is true?"

"Well," he said, "obviously, I'm only 20 years old and I've only been studying the scriptures for two years so I'm not as knowledgeable as you. But I've got my testimony and no one can take that away from me."

He then had to go as he and his partner had an imminent appointment (as usual when they find someone who has questions they cannot handle).

Had he not had to leave so abruptly, I'd have asked him if his testimony trumps the heartfelt testimony of a Muslim who is willing to die for what he believes, or a Christian martyr.

But, as he was saying goodbye, he said, "I would be interested in receiving your topical notes on Mormonism." (which I had offered earlier) So he gave me his e-mail address and I sent him my topical notes on Mormonism.

Pray that the Lord will tug at his heart as he explores those notes. If anyone would like a pdf file of my topical notes on Mormonism, just ask and give me your e-mail address. ☺

New Tools for Inoculating the Public against Mormonism

We are in the process of producing "WhatMormonsDontTell.com" ballpoint pens, and possibly coffee mugs for distribution around the country.

The ballpoint pens will be free for the

asking. Here are some suggestions we've gathered from CRC supporters as to how the pens might be used to inoculate people without having to speak to them:

- Keep a few pens handy to hand out when someone asks to borrow a pen. And, of course, tell them to keep it.
- Leave pens on the counter the businesses you visit (Bank, school, vet, etc)
- Ask your doctor's receptionist if you can put a couple of pens in their pen cup.
- Send pens out of the country where LDS missionaries are proselytizing.
- Leave pens at the computer kiosks in public libraries where the missionaries e-mail home and non-Mormons surf the internet. Since they are already on the computer, it'll be quick and easy for them to go right to WhatMormonsDontTell.com and print out a brochure or just read it online.
- Leave pens in various waiting rooms in the hospital. (right beside the Awake magazines!)
- Leave pens in the post office on the table/counter where people prepare their packages.
- Gas stations/quick marts

- Trade shows
- BYU libraries
- Give pens away in Trick-or-Treat bags
- Give a stash of pens to your hair-dresser for customers to use.
- Use a pen, and leave it, whenever you sign a credit card receipt in a store restaurant, etc.
- Put pens in the reception/ welcoming center at church (with permission of course).
- Hand pens out at a mission fair.
- Provide a bunch of pens to the local Christian bookstore to hand out to customers.

- Leave a pen at a Mormon friend's home.
- Send pens to school with your children to give them to friends.
- Hand them out to churches to use as guest pens.
- Take on a mission to hand out to the locals who may also be confronted by the LDS.
- Leave a pen lying around at work for co-workers or at school for staff members.
- Use the pens yourself and be prepared to answer questions when asked.
- Pass out pens at malls.
- Hand them out instead of, or in addition to, literature at the Hill Cumorah Pageant.

I see this as a potentially more efficient handout than any of our literature as it has a practical use, giving the recipient a good reason not to throw it in the trash. In addition, the amount of material placed at the recipients fingertips is greater.

See the Equipping List to order some pens today! And please don't forget to fill out the order form giving your contact information. If you don't and somehow your order form gets separated from the envelope with your return address, you won't receive anything. ☺

