

SermonIndex Announcements :: Mike and Greg meet finally :P

Mike and Greg meet finally :P - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2005/1/29 19:15

This was a long overdue gathering, I was blessed last night to pickup up mike (crssck) and drive him down to josh's house to fellowship and stay the night. He was doing work about 1 hour away from escondido so the Lord definitely worked out our meeting together. He came with me and josh to the "church in the park" where brother josh preaches to homeless people in a park on saturday mornings for the last year. Also a brother was baptized in the park (the first person under the park ministry). It was a special time and I am very blessed to have these precious experiences.

Meeting mike was something that I have been looking forward to for a long time :-P curly and mo meet finally! We had a lot to talk about and share and just to see him in the flesh was a blessing. Mike has been involved with SermonIndex for a LONG time almost since its inception and has personally been an encouragement to me throughout these 2 years. The Lord has used mike to pray for me and be a part of this ministry that I consider very vital and would not even be sure if the site would be running if it wasn't for the Lord using him!

I got some pictures of me, mike and josh and also some pictures of the church in the park and the baptism.. enjoy:

[Image: <https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/myalbum/photos/thumbs/1216.jpg>]

Re: Mike and Greg meet finally :P - posted by moreofHim (), on: 2005/1/29 21:32

Oh, man, this is not fair :-o all I did was get to talk to you for one second on the phone and now you guys all get to see each other.

seriously, now....It is so great to see at least 3 of the SI guys all together. How often does that kind of thing happen?! God is good!

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In Him, Chanin

Re: Mike and Greg meet finally :P - posted by crsschk (), on: 2005/1/30 1:28

Quote:
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So real! surreal!

O my, it may be many days before this all reaches my mind, right now I am blessedly exhausted, don't think neither Josh nor myself got much more than 4 hours of sleep, except for Greg... ;-) But he needs that extra energy I think to keep that frame up to speed when the kids want him to be Goliath for them....

So much....

It was all I could do on the flight back to just praise God and pray. Meeting up with Greg "in person" was as natural as walking down the street and knocking on his door, we met a long time ago. Chanin, *it is* amazing. Truly.

And Josh.... O... 'the head shaking' in amazement at what the Lord is doing, the bear hugs, the atmosphere.

And your family brother.

And the church in the park

And Frank...O man

And...

So much more.

I didn't think it was possible to love God more.

From some thoughts I jotted down coming back;

*I have seen things without eyesight
Heard things without a sound
Felt things past my sense's
"I delight to do thy will, O, my God"*

Re: Mike and Greg meet finally :P - posted by philologos (), on: 2005/1/30 3:33

Great pictures, even better than the san diego pigeons! :-P Straight onto my screen saver. It is really good to 'see' you. What a joy to 'see' just some our 'web-servers' together.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2005/1/30 11:59

Quote:
-----Wow, this is real guys, not just an internet thing. Isn't it amazing?

Chanin, I totally agree! there is something very special God is allowing to happen at SermonIndex and its not just a "web" thing. To meet Mike was amazing and me and josh were talking about it after I drove Mike back.. words barely could describe the blessing it was. I know the Lord has alot of plans for all of us and I am excited to see how things unfold.

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hehe I need my beauty sleep, I am sure it reflects in the photos.. :-P

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Mike I love you dear brother and I am loving God more for the amazing way that He makes us all ONE family in Christ! what a precious thing it is. :-)

For want of... - posted by crsschk (), on: 2005/1/30 13:07

Quote:
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You?
Goodness, talk about 'rummy'.... yikes! Wish I could have gone through those first... :-P

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"O"

Greg, what an incredible time brother. The Lord knows the love I have for you my friend;

And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. 1Sa 18:1

And Josh, brother! Truly the eyes are the window of the soul.

P.S. Thanks Ron

A little installment to follow...

Re: For want of... continued - posted by crsschk (), on: 2005/1/30 13:09

That I may partake in yet some more foolishness...

Just compelled to share these disconnected thoughts, written on scraps of paper, anything that was handy and collected into and out of reflections this morning.

Flying in to L.A., more precisely Orange County on Friday morning, still very much moved and overawed by the almost sheer audacity it seems to be cutting through the sky in this machine, thousands of feet above the ground. Is this lawful?

A sense of trepidation and the unmistakable reliance on the fact that, but not for the grace of God do we rise and land in safety. Thankful. Prayerful.

Am bemused by wonder, again.

Wonder that, or if, anyone else takes notice at the incredible panorama that lies below. God's land. God's dirt, formed and shaped with such majesty, the beauty and serenity, the fabric of water and greenery as if it was painted out onto the canvas in such stark and brilliant hues. And the clouds. First below them, then through them and finally, above them came forth this guttural utterance;

It's always blue sky over the cloud cover

And the spiritual significance of our lives, to that.

And I wondered if anyone cared at all. What might be going through the minds of those present. Preoccupied with their lives, their present destination, but what of the future? The pains and burdens that we carry, even us who have checked our baggage, still have some carry on we could do without. Can't fault them, no, we were all once 'them' too, caught up in all the machinery and maneuvering of this world. And it's not a we/they construct anyway, the difference is as subtle as it is a lightyears profundity away;

but we see Jesus Heb 2:9

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On the flight back, flooded with and carrying with me the spiritual atmosphere that was present in Josh's house and here I must pause to say a few things.

I don't want to embarrass the brother and with restraint let me just state that my dear people, you who come here and share your hearts and lives and what the Lord is doing through you... This is real folks. Did I expect it to be otherwise? No, of course not. Actually didn't have any expectations anyway. The ease and naturalness and that incredible "knowing" that just passes right through us, *beyond our understanding*...

And yet ... Blown away would hardly describe it. Spiritually. Without a word I have been challenged just by the example of my brothers. Let me just say, the Lord truly dwells richly in you both and what Josh is doing...  
*poured out* for the Lord.

Will embarrass Greg more a little later...

Trying to temper everything that had gone on, even with the lies trying to steal the joy, that 'you are overdoing it', 'emotionalism', blah, blah, blah. Nonsense. O for want of a spiritual vocabulary! Pray for me, please. Could not stop praising God for you all, for the privilege of being amongst likehearted brethren... " *I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now;* Phi 1:3-5

And the wonder had me asking; "God, what **is** it that you are doing?" as I gazed out over the city of lights below.

"Reconciling the world unto Myself"

Some spiritual high? Ah, well, yes and no... not quite. Not naive enough nor does the pain of sorrows every truly subside

*Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh. So then death worketh in us, but life in you. 2Co 4:10-12*

Too many lost, too many broken, backslidden, poor, naked, empty, homeless

Without Jesus

**Re: Mike and Greg meet finally :P - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2005/1/30 14:14**

Uhoh... Greg is officially starting a Sermon Index cult now :)

**Re: Cult rites - posted by ZekeO (), on: 2005/1/30 14:30**

Will we have to shave our hair and grow a beard? What will the ladies have to do? Maybe they will have to wear a covering. :-D

**Re: - posted by Gideons (), on: 2005/1/30 20:51**

Nice pictures brother Greg. Nice to see your mug up close Mike. :) Praise God.

**Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2005/1/30 20:56**

Only wish I would have powdered my nose first... :-P

A blessed time brother.

We are working on a new SI "Cult- Convention" stay tuned and start growing your beard long, ladies will be required only to wear silly church hats, other than that, nothing legalistic. :-P

**Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2005/1/30 22:15**

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**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2005/1/30 22:20**

Quote:

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I just shaved the beard so you can throw the whole "cult" thing out the window now. :-P

wow mike those comments definitely resonate with my soul! bless you brother, joy unspeakable and full of glory! praise God.

**Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2005/1/30 23:18**

About 'silly church hat's' ? :-)

Praise God brother. So much still just percolating...

**Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2005/1/31 3:25**

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This is discrimination. I love 'silly hats'!

**Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2005/1/31 8:23**

Wow guys! I wish I could have been there for this! The pictures put a big smile on my face. :-)

SI convention? When? Where?

God Bless,

-Robert

**Re: - posted by DezCall (), on: 2005/1/31 14:01**

Quote:  
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Maybe we could arrange one in Heaven...I do know some great preachers you know:

- Peter
- James
- Paul
- John Wesley
- James Hudson Taylor
- Dwight Moody
- Charles Spurgeon (The prince of Preachers)

and the most important One:

- Jesus (The King of Preachers)

This convention will continue for about a 1000 years, ok?

Alright..let's be serious. It could be really great! Who knows what the Lord is going to do in the next couple of minutes, days, months and years? This site truly is such a blessing...lets keep the focus on the Master, that He may be glorified!

And well...if I'm not able to come, I will send you all a photo of me, sitting all alone in my chamber, while you Americans are having a great time at this convention :-(-;-)

**Re: - posted by riki (), on: 2005/1/31 14:55**

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:-D:-P Wow, brother, you just gave me the best laugh for quite some time! Lovely humour. But seriously, if we have a hard time describing the joy of meeting dear brothers here, what will it not be like up there?

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Hey, Paul, what about a European SI Convention? ;-)- In that case, you can at least count me in...

**that is so cool!, on: 2005/1/31 16:36**

My brothers Mike and Greg,

I cannot tell you how good it is, to look at pictures of the two of you hanging out, and doing church in the park. for some reason, it REALLY lifted my spirits. I will endeavour to pray fervently for the both of your walks AND ministries. God bless you both.

Neil

ps. it led me to think, maybe all the "regulars", if I may counted in that esteemed group, should send photos in....hmm?

**Re: Mike and Greg meet finally :P - posted by Yodi (), on: 2005/1/31 19:06**

Great pictures Greg! Don't worry Chanin, I missed out too. The very day Mike came down I was coming back from Tennessee! Pooley! Loved the note though Mike, that you left in my car,

"Hi Yodi,

Guess who? Imagine my surprise to find out I was in Yodi's car! Praise be to God sister. Hope to be back soon.

Mike"

So that's why you shaved your beard, eh Greg? I don't know about the funky hats for the women, but I'm not opposed to a head covering.

Seriously though, it has been totally awesome how some of us have gotten to meet in real life. Greg is the only SI person I've met in real life, but I definitely would be a part of a SI Convention if God put one together.

In the meantime, being a part of this site and getting to share it with others, encouraging them to check out the sermons and join the forum has been an awesome opportunity! I look forward to what God is going to do!

**Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2005/2/1 0:02**

My, this is good...

Ron, you can wear your silly church hat too and I'll wear mine...

Neil,

Quote:

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"esteemed", isn't that like what they do to the undersides of cars?

Not a bad idea. Know Greg is going to be getting really busy here quickly, schooling starts tomorrow (Do be in prayer for him) but maybe could help out if this something that is feasible to do. Wouldn't mind substituting something a little more less haggard looking, blessedly haggard, but haggard nonetheless... And Neil, you are a blessing brother, regulars and ir regulars, kind of fond of the 'ir's' myself...

Yodi!

Haha, it was quite funny. Greg had only mentioned at some point prior that a sister from the church was letting him use her car. Mentioned at some point about how cool that was, inquiring about it and he said something to the effect of "Yea h, it's Yolanda's, she's been on the site..." "Yodi"! I said, "we are driving around in Yodi's car?!" Was just busting up, Praise God... too funny!

Hope it's still in one piece ;-)

Actually he drove quite well for such a rookie.

I tell you though, Josh just killed me...

By his life.

And the Church in the park, and Frank, (strange and wonderful sense of ...something about him, his heart...) Mike, Smile y...Bonnie, and some from the site Karyn (His4ever) we had a great chat, trading sermonettes back and forth, Samone.

Maybe a large part of all this was that I have been 'out of church' so long, maybe it was because it was the first time I had been 'in' a real church... Hope that is only taken in the sense that it is truly wonderful to hear Gods word spoken outside of four walls, without any pretension emanating from anyone, to watch in amazement as a tree nearby suddenly got very alive with bird activity as Josh was speaking...

It just seemed so much closer to what one might envision of the days when the Lord and the apostles were here.... I mean a baptism in the park!...Praise God!

You bet I will be back soon!

**Re: - posted by Mekdi (), on: 2005/2/1 6:24**

Please allow me to interfere here, I just saw your pictures and WOW! WOW! WOW! for Greg, for Mike & for Josh. I never thought I had such a wonderful brothers! seeing your faces really means so much! My heart leapt for joy for the gift my Father gave me and that is you!

I love you really and I will pray for you as I always do! You don't know how much I benefited just because you exist on the other far side of the world!

Your sis.

Mekeds

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