

## STA OUTREACH REPORT FOR AUG 18, 2016

### **FROM BOB:**

Today was the first without mention of addictions in a long time...and one in which the biblical words about treating "the least among us" as we would like to be treated continued to resonate. Despite the fact that addictions were not mentioned it was clear that most of the nine S&H recipients were struggling to find a congenial place in society.

One young woman accompanied two friends over to the stand. Both of them asked for books after a brief intro; the third noted she already had the book but was quite interested in *The Ultimate Freedom* and took that. It was helpful that an older woman walking by called out, referring to S&H, "That's a good book!"

It is hot in Spokane today, in the high 90's, so many folks were wearing shorts and equivalent clothing downtown (me too). I was, however, somewhat embarrassed when a young woman wearing just enough fabric to perhaps avoid arrest, stopped at the stand and spent some minutes reading out loud from various parts of S&H. (It was one of those times when you see someone coming along the aisle and actually hope they keep on going!) There were quite a few people around and quite a few continual stares since this person looked way out of place. She did take the book without much comment from me, left, and all returned to normalcy.

An older woman wearing a HUGE sombrero walked by a few times and eventually stopped to mention her brushes with Satan himself in the form of a dog and a bird. She's a preacher of some sort and had been married to another preacher. There was no way to get in a word edgewise but her eyes lit on an older Sentinel and she happily took that away because the cover mentioned The Bible. OK!

It is such a pleasure to hear people come by and mention "It's a good book!". Those make our day. And it's a good opportunity to offer them *The Ultimate Freedom* so they can see directly how S&H has been utilized in stressful circumstances.