

## STA OUTREACH REPORT FOR OCT 15, '15

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Enjoy!!! Theodora

Also, free books are still available.

**From Tina:** On my way to assume the outreach shift from Theodora, I crossed a skywalk (there are several in the core area of downtown). A little boy in a stroller was whimpering with fear at being so high up off the ground, with motorized traffic seemingly disappearing under his own mode of transportation. His father was trying to ease his fear by pointing out the other skywalks to his son to show him that he really was safely suspended in mid-air. The logic was over the child's head, but the love and caring of the father was not. The whimpering ceased. Seemed like a good lesson for us all – a tender loving God upholding His creation...

A sign clipped to our table cover states, "God's Health Care Plan is Free to All." A fellow read it and chuckled and said, "I like that!" We had a good conversation yet I have noticed repeatedly in these conversations that there is a type of parroting of "Christian" theology which points to indoctrination instead of inspiration.

We have several different translations of Science and Health available. A fellow named Elyson was asking me, "What is God to you?" It was easy to share my ideas with him. He told me he has only been in Spokane for one month and that his homeland is northern Brazil. He was in the middle of

examining a copy of the book when I remembered our Portuguese (the language of Brazilians) translation and offered it to him. We were both so happy we could have danced the samba together right then and there!

**From Theodora:** This was the first time I had done the Outreach by myself and it felt strange at first. And, as a result of that slight discomfort, no one came to the table. There was actually lots of foot traffic by people who studiously looked the other way. Then as I prayed to bless each of them and to just reflect God's Love my discomfort left and, not surprising, a man came up to the table. He was very friendly and wanted to know what I was giving away. After a short explanation I suggested he read the back of the book. He did, smiled and said he would read it.

Then, right on his heels a man came up to the table and said he needed prayer. I told him God's loving presence was surrounding him right now, healing, soothing and protecting; that God made him in His image and likeness and, as such, he could rest assured that all is well. I shared other ideas and he liked them. He said he is called Reverend Rick, but even so he needed prayer too. He happily accepted a book.

A couple more books went out as people took them with a smile and a thank you.

It was a good experience and Tina was right about not being distracted by talking at the table with her.